



First Presbyterian Church

ALL SAINT'S DAY AND COMMUNION SUNDAY



LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, 2011

Service for the Sabbath

9:30 a.m.

November 6, 2011

+All who are able are invited to stand.
Unison readings and responses are printed in **bold face** type.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome

The Greeting – Ringing of the Tower Bell

Prelude “Andante” with Variations Mendelssohn

Introit “Come into God's House with Joy” Grotenhuis

+Call to Worship

We remember in every time and place the saints who have shown us the way to God.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy and confidence.

+Hymn 526, *verses 1-3*

“For All the Saints”

Sine Nomine

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to Your will. You call us to proclaim Your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In Your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in Your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served You with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the holy community You promised in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Response 526, *verse 4*

“For All the Saints”

Sine Nomine

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Lesson

(Pg)coming

Time with Our Children

Peggy Casteel

(Following their message, children preschool age through 6th grade may proceed to their classes)

Musical Offering

“The Souls of the Righteous”

Marchant

Remembering Saints

Merciful God, we give thanks for all Your saints – the courageous, the faithful, the bold ones and the shy ones – all those who loved You each in their own way.

By the providence of our grace, they shared time and space with us, and have now left this earthly life. But death is our last enemy, for You have sent the Christ whose powers are stronger than death, whose resurrection lights up the vaulted spaces of eternity.

We thank You, God, for everything in these saints that was good and kind and faithful.

We praise You for their loving relationships, their good works, their benevolent influence upon the world, and the uniqueness of their personalities. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Amen.

The following names are deceased members as well as others whose services our pastors celebrated.

Henry W. “Hank” Abts (11/7/10)

John T. Hackett (11/18/10)

Vince Hruby (2/8/11)

Jeanne Thompson (4/24/11)

Mildred E. Koons (8/19/11)

Elizabeth K. “Sukey” Nie (8/13/11)

Marguerite Huggins Sawin McMurray **NEED DATE**

+Hymn 364

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Grand Isle

Gospel Lesson

(Pg.)coming

Communion Meditation

Rob Craig

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 364, verse

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Grand Isle

Moment for Mission

Rich Stenner

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”

L.J. White

Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew and pass it on.

Many people contribute generously annually or monthly.

We recommend that those givers place a coin in the offering plate as a Sunday symbol of the offering of their lives to God.

Prayers of the People, the Lord’s Prayer (“*debts*” and “*debtors*”) Hymnal, p. 16

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise You...

And with all the faithful of every time and place,

Who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

+Hymn 581

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup....

We praise You, eternal God, through Christ Your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion of the People

(Believers of any age and any denominational background are invited. In order to

symbolize the offering of ourselves to God, we will come forward and receive a large

cube of gluten free bread and a small cup of juice which we may partake immediately

or take to our pew and partake when ready. The sacrament will also be offered to those who remain seated.)

Prayer after Communion

