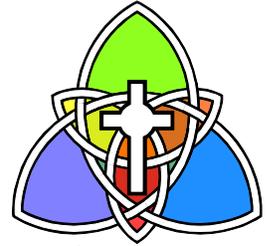




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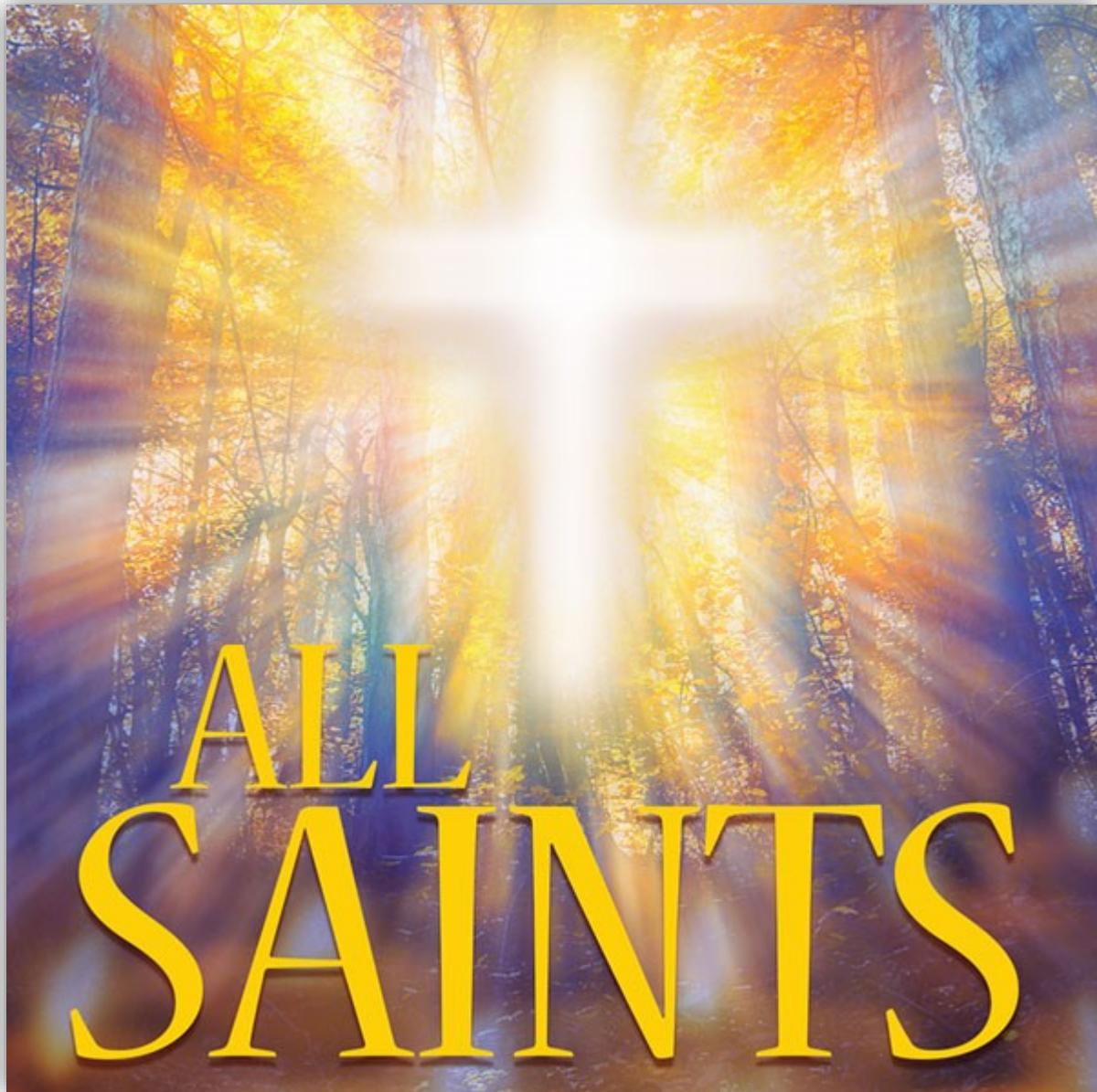
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Worship Grow Serve

November 7, 2021



***They will receive blessing from the Lord and
vindication from the God of their salvation. Psalm 24.5***

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world
as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. Please take a moment and sign the red friendship pad and let us know you joined us in worship today!

PRELUDE

“Poeme Mystique”

Richard Purvis

*** PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

“Give Thanks”

Smith

(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
Let the poor say, “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us; *(repeat)*

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Isaiah 43:1

One: He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

One: I have called you by name, you are mine.

*** HYMN 463**

“How Firm A Foundation”

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

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"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

God who redeems, ground us in your ethic of love, tune our ears to voices long silenced, open our heart to each other and particularly those who suffer, and help us attend to the many extraordinary ways you are present to us in this world. In this moment of prayer, we pause to give thanks for our lungs that fill with every breath, reminding us we are alive in this beautiful world that you have given us. Our hearts that beat within us, leading us to love and relationship with you and with our neighbors. Our hands and feet that guide and support us in work and service to our neighbors and all who are in need. Our minds that contemplate your great mysteries through Word and worship, prayer and study. God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember: Those who are overwhelmed by the burden of leadership. Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change in the world around us and in this time of corona virus. Those who are ill and their caregivers. Those who are in need of courage to embrace change and move forward into the new world on that path to which you direct us. Merciful God, empower us to love and minister to all who are suffering. Break into our lives to reveal your eternal wisdom and your path of righteousness. Call us to journey together in common purpose and common mission, to be the body of Christ in this, your world. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

"We Are The Body of Christ"

Brown/Hampton

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ;
One goal, one vision To see You exalted,
We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives
to see You glorified.

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One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise You,
We are the body of Christ;
One goal, one vision To see You exalted,
We are the body of Christ.
We are the body of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is the word of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

As each person is prayed for the minister will say: Lord in Your Mercy, and the people will respond: Hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE/GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true,

Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise :

**All Sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
HYMN 565 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.

One: You are holy, O God of Majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen...
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All : Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

During our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, we will lift up the names of those who have entered into the life eternal this past year. We will also have a time of silence to remember others as well.

Betty Bergendahl, Phil Brighton, Glenn Brewer Sr.,
Elton Brewer, Mary Brewer, Joan Franklin,
Elizabeth Goddard, Louis Goddard, Harold Lewis,
Anne LeBelle, Marianna Lewis, Twandra Lewis,
Gary Linwood, Bob McAlpine, Ron C. Myers Sr.,
Dick Prettyman, Rachel Lovett, Orval Lovett,

Barbara Seibert, Rebecca Wilburn, and all others who have entered into life eternal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SACRAMENT OF GOD'S GRACE

The table of the LORD is open to all believers who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and all children who have been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament. You may partake of the bread when you are ready; please hold the cup, and we will share it together.

Today we begin offering communion by intinction. You may come forward to receive your bread as served and dips it into the cup, communing individually. The cup contains grape juice. We ask you wear your masks to receive communion. Those who are not coming forward should have picked up their cup at the entrance. You may partake your elements at your seats.

Communion Anthem

"O Lord Most Holy"

Dietrich Buxtehude
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in F Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship credit given to Teri McDowell and the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Announcements:

We welcome **Rev. Cindy Kohlmann**, Connectional Presbyterian and Stated Clerk for New Castle Presbytery and also is the wife of Eric to the pulpit today. Cindy serves as Connectional Presbyterian and Stated Clerk staffing Leadership, COC, COMC and CPMM. She provides pastoral support to NCP ministers and serves as Co-Executive with the Missional Presbyter.

Important Trustee Update!

For the safety of our buildings, if you are the last one leaving, please be sure to lock all exterior doors. We now have a lot of portable electronic equipment in our buildings and we want to ensure they are all kept safe. If you don't have keys or need special arrangements, please contact one of the trustees for assistance. Thank you.

Ron Olson, Trustee President

Grief Support Group



Whatever loss you are grieving your Deacons want to help. **Please join us at 11:30am, Sunday, Nov. 14th in the parlor in Memorial Hall** to find out if this grief support group can help you. For more information, contact Nancy Boulden 302-383-7469 or bouldennancy@gmail.com.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86489317426>

Bible Study in Memorial Hall following worship.
(around 11:15)

In person and online!

Join Study using link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82450506872>



Our **"Tree of Thanks"** is in the narthex!

Stop by, grab a leaf and let us know what you are thankful for!

All month long we will be filling our tree with thanks during this Thanksgiving season.

The children will also be filling their own tree in the lower sanctuary.

All Saint's Day— Sunday, November 7

Today in worship, we will pause to remember the roll-call of the saints during our communion.

Veteran's Sunday—Sunday November 14

We will be honoring all that have served.

Please inform the church office of your service branch in our military if you wish to be listed in the bulletin as part of honoring the Veterans that morning.



The deadline for the December newsletter is November 12th! Please be sure to have all articles to Cindy by that date. Thank you.

Confirmation Class



Pastor Eric is planning a Confirmation Class this fall. If your child is in middle or high school and is interested in attending, please contact Cindy at the church office. More details will be coming soon!

The Little Free Food Pantry is here! Many thanks to Sandy Wenner who built it, Scott Sheldon who installed it, and the Dorothea Bernhard account that funded it. Please help support this worthwhile ministry by donating non perishable food items such as canned food, boxed food, rice, toiletries, cat and dog food, small packages of diapers, etc. All members of our community are welcome to use it—college students, recovery community, church members and neighbors. PLEASE, if the cupboard is full, do not take your donations to the church office. Just keep it for a later date. Thank you for your consideration. *Stephanie Birdsall.*

Prayer Concerns/Praises.....

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the church office and let us know. Prayer email: prayers @firstpresnewark.org.

New names are listed in bold.

Praise:

Dinanga Parish-11 students (out of 12)received state diplomas

Our music teams at FPC

All our technology and ways we connect

First Responders

Sean (friend of Carolyn Morton)-home

Pastor Tshibuabua and Douglas joined our prayer group this week on Zoom.

Rick and Judy Agnello's loving care for Carlton and Martha Tappan

Healing:

Heather and Ellie Agnello

Kelly Boulden's parents and sister

Rob Linwood

Garrett Norman, Sr / Answers

Kelly Lovelace Soliman

Brian Wenner (Bob and Sandy's son)-home

Fiona (Jan Fickeissen's neighbor)-cancer

Bob Wenner

Susan Holt (Jerry Holt's sister-in-law)-memory loss

Bill Lewis-recovering from surgery 11/2

Pat Steele-beginning chemo next week

Anne Wolfe (friend of Nancy Boulden)-cancer

Alex Boulden-wrist surgery and healing

Jason-healing and relief from pain

Rob and Holly Hodges (Friends of Crystal Norman) -cancer, limited treatment

Grief/Sympathy

Kathy Farnum and family

Family of Tyler Lampe

The Family of Shawn McNeely (Jim and JoAnne McNeely's nephew) who died 10/21

Our Christian Sympathy to the families of:

Myles Stiefvator -(son-in-law of Rhetta Brighton)-who died 10/30. Services will be at FPC on Saturday, November 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Alice Young (Larry Peterson's Mother In law)-who died 10/30

Comfort and Protection:

All Teachers and students

Afghan families resettling in the United States

Health care professionals and all essentials workers

Farah Soliman

All struggling with mental health issues

Pastor Tshibuabua and the Dinanga Church-Our Dinanga Family

Garrett Norman Jr.—student teaching experience

Wisdom:

Pastor Eric

God's Guidance for Our Church

Grief Group

For all members to work together for the good of the church with Grace and Respect for each other

Our Session: Melody Bock, Greg Hills, Nancy Lewis, Pat Nelson, Jim Newsom, Jim Pierson-Perry, Don Tancredi, Bob Wunder

Long term prayer:

Marian Bowen

Doris Brewer

Rhetta Brighton

Lea McMurtry

Crystal Norman-upcoming corrective surgery

Esther Reutter

Carlton and Martha Tappan-back at Summit together

Stephen Thachik

Evelyn Hayes-completed radiation and chemo

Update from Dinanga

Hi all, I hope you're fine. From our side we can only point out that the Lord gives us grace every day.

Yesterday Sunday we celebrated and had a great time of joy and testimonies during worship.

More than three weeks ago it was the celebration of the 11 students who finished the 6 years of secondary school.

Yesterday Sunday, it was the turn of 4 students who finished the University. They are among those who have benefited somewhat from the assistance of FPCN our sister church whom we thank.

Glory to God!

Grace and peace to all.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tshibuabua



USHERS: Bob and Sandy Wenner
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner, Kevin Thomson
LITURGIST: Nancy Lewis
CLOSER: Wade Catts
NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LINE UP—NOVEMBER 14, 2021
LITURGIST: Jane Moore
USHERS: Ron and Carol Olson
COUNTERS: Matt Reyne, Kern Piser
CLOSER: Rick Agnello

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY:
Pat Steele in memory of my daughter Amy
and my son Chris.

Special flowers on the organ are in
memory of Becky Wilburn
from her family.

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