

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 5, 2023
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday



Preparation: “On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own.” -- Pastor and Author Frederick Buechner

Prelude

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit

For God Alone

PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Lucas Meland, Liturgist

One: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

All: we are here to thank you.

One: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

All: we are here because we trust you.

One: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

All: we are here to praise you.

*** Hymn #731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm, vs. 1-4

[Reston]

Prayer of Confession

Lucas Meland, Liturgist

One: God's table is for everyone, no matter how old one is, or young; for those we think of as saints, and those we know are foolish because we look in the mirror. For God knows that we all try, and no matter how many times we mess up, God will forgive us with mercy.

All: Merciful God, you surround us with saints in every moment, even these uncertain, confusing times, if we but open our eyes to see. And yet too often we look to the powerful as role models rather than the whisperers of hope. Forgive us when we have looked for saints in the shadows of fear rather than a neighbor with a candle. Forgive us when we have failed to offer gratitude for the saints who surround us. Open our souls to pay attention and open our hearts to see. (Moment of silence for personal confession)
Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Lucas Meland, Liturgist

One: Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. We are a new creation. All things are new - including us!

All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Rebecca Mattern

Anthem

In Paradisum (from Requiem in D Minor)
PCO Chancel Choir

Gabriel Fauré

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Holy God, we know that our own words lack knowledge whenever we try to speak of you or to you. Yet we are drawn into your presence and desire to understand all your mysteries. So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, speak your words and we will listen carefully, responding in gratitude. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Scripture

Psalm 107:1-9, 33-37

Sermon

Future Saints
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Minute for Gratitude

Gratitude for the Future Emily Conroy-Krutz & Jeff Arbour

Offering

Invitation

Rebecca Mattern

Offertory

Father, We Thank Thee
[Rendez a Dieu]

Louis Bourgeois

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rebecca Mattern

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Prayer

Pastor Lisa Schrott

All Saints Day Litany

Rebecca Mattern & Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe. We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

All: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you. Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime. We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, siblings, husbands, wives, and partners, and parents whose lives ended too soon:

All: Family of our faith, we remember you. Those close in our heart, we remember you.

One: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost from our lives, knowing that they are with your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life. *Reading of the names.*

One: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

All: We remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

One: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn #326**

For All the Saints, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Sine Nomine]

Dedication of the Doemel Music Rooms

Doug Paterson

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postlude on Sine Nomine
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Charles Callahan

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Adult Ed: Journey to 2030. We need your input for our Journey to 2030 visioning. What are your dreams for PCO as we look ahead? How are we called to serve God? Our strategic visioning

committee will be facilitating a conversation on how our ministry will be shaped in the future.
Add your voice to the conversation.

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Catherine Holdway for providing snacks and to Tom Schaberg, and Barbara and Wayne Scott for preparing and cleaning up the coffee.

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Jack Harkema

Next Week November 12, 2023

Dedication Sunday – We will be dedicating our tithes and offerings to the church. Please bring your Pledge Cards and your Time and Talent sheets to the service. We will ask you to bring them forward and we will pray over the gifts.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Education Hour: PCO Out on the Town. Join us as we attend the lecture at The Peoples Church by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. Her lecture is titled 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning. Du Mez's work and research relates to Christian Nationalism, the history and influence of evangelicalism in American Christianity, culture, gender, politics and society, and more. The lecture is free and begins at 1 pm.

Our liturgy this morning was inspired and adapted from work by the Rev. Thom M. Shuman at *Lectionary Liturgies*. Available online at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2021/10/all-saints-day-liturgy-in-time-of.html> and <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2022/07/liturgy-wcommunion-for-july-31-2022.html>. The All Saints Litany was written by Rev. Mindi as is available through re:Worship <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/litany-for-all-saints-worship.html>

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