

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)



*In preparation for celebrating communion where you are, **please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship** so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's worship.*

GATHERING MUSIC *Lord, Have Mercy* J. Walther
At the Lamb's High Feast

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP Mindy Douglas

Leader: We come to you in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We come today following those who have given witness to the faith.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We come seeking a Word which will guide and strengthen us.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN (verses 1-2) *For All the Saints* *Sine Nomine*

(These verses are sung with a recorded version of the congregation from November 3, 2019.)

***For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN Susan Dunlap
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Ever-present God,

**we are grateful for the cloud of witnesses
who have served as examples of the faith.**

We want to do the same, but every day we fail.

We have not followed in the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We want to serve others

but end up serving our own interests.

**We desire to be led by the Holy Spirit to bring justice and peace,
but fall back into the same systems of oppression.**

O God, forgive us of our sins.

**Create in us a desire to be connected to your Word and way of life
that we may become bold witnesses of the faith.**

In the name of Christ we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Carlo Diy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Ordinary Saints”

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God’s love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops,
or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

John Weicher

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

John Weicher

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe.
You created all that was;
you nurture all that is;

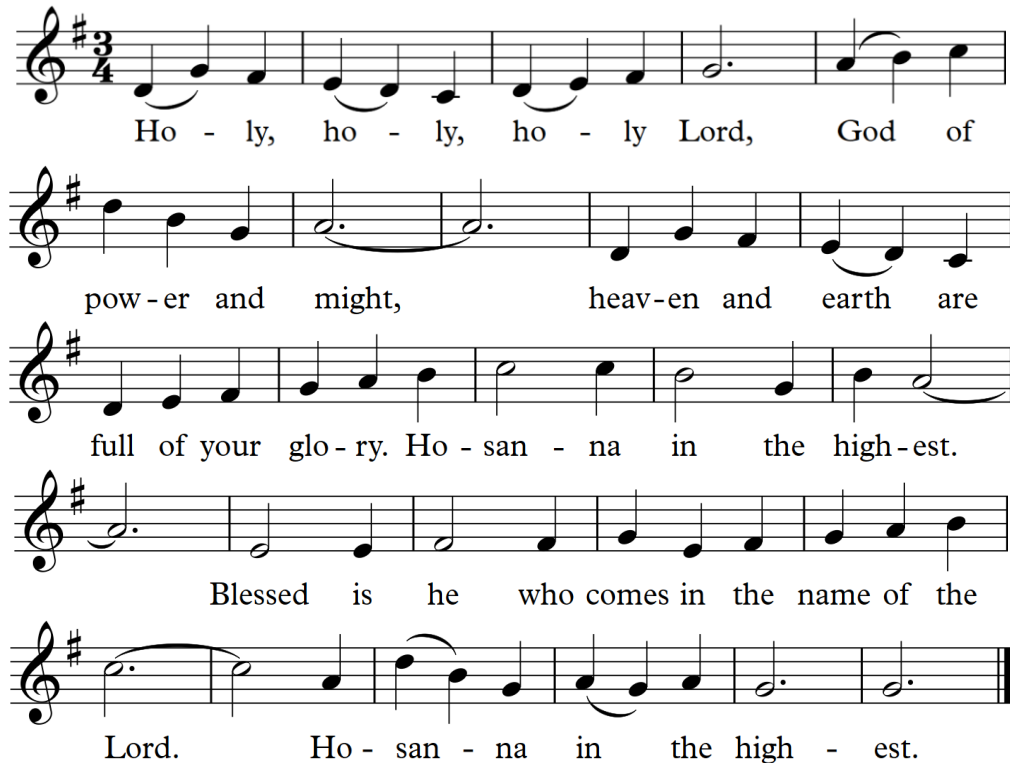
you imagine all that will be.

Remembering that we are not alone at this table,
we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called
from all times and places who forever sing your praise:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572

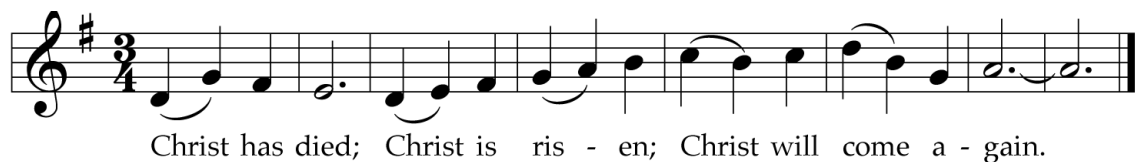


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: We give thanks for Jesus Christ,
our host and our guest at this table.
Through his life, death, and resurrection,
you brought new creation,
embodying the promise of life everlasting.
Great is the mystery of faith:

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine,
gifts of the earth through which you bless us,
and we offer ourselves in your service.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
and upon these gifts of fruit and grain,
that we may taste your goodness, see your presence,
and become one with you and your body.
Hear now our prayers for those who now gather at your kingdom table of grace.
O God of saints and martyrs . . .

(prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... We remember especially this day those of our family
 who died this past year,
 whose service is now complete in death,
 who rest in your presence:

Fran Alwood
 Jim Atwood
 Glenn Bannerman
 Chuck Barenchi ☩
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Evelyn Bass
 Philip L. Bradshaw
 Ruth Buck
 Willie J. Carroll
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Camilla Crampton
 Barbara Patton Davis
 Jay Davis
 Dolly Douglas
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June Driscoll
 Ralph Edwards
 Dawn Fitts
 Marlene Frederick
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Helen Garrison ☩
 George Wilson Gunn, Sr.
 J. René Herlong ☩
 Maryellen Jansen
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May Juhnke
 Gwendolyn King
 John Kneepkens
 Jean Lazarides ☩
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Anthony (Tony) Lopez
 Paul Martin
 Elinor McCorkle
 Corey McCraw
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Julia McLean
 Moanie McMahan ☩
 Tyrone McMillian
 Chelsea Milbourne
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Peter Morton ☩
 Joseph Githua Ngumi ☩
 Monicah Njoki Njiru
 Leonard (Len) Pardue ☩
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Julia Rigsbee ☩
 Franklin Rimmer
 Sarah Roberts
 Jim Robins ☩
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Benjamin Rodriguez
 Henderson Rourk ☩
 Chuck Saldarini
 Jennifer Schlecht
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Ann Crooks Seitzer
 Richard Seitzer
 Steve Shelton
 Richard Sims
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Barbara Smith
 Harry Summerlin
 Abaynesh (Schlecht)Tedla
 Jim Tubbs
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Lenora (Lee) Tubbs
 Tom Van Ewyk
 Carolyn Wolfe ☩
 Robert (Bob) Yoder ☩
 and those we name in our hearts.

☩ Member or former member of FPC

Leader: Hear our prayers, O God of Grace and Glory.
 Strengthen us in faithfulness;
 Guide us in discipleship;
 Bless us in fellowship;
 Until we rest in your arms with all the saints.
 In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega.
 All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

All (sung): 
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* *Hanson Place*
(pre-recorded video of FPC's Chancel Choir)

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Yes, we'll gather . . .*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather . . .*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather . . .*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mindy Douglas

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of glory, in this holy feast
you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful –
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.
Lead us in paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:
Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN (verses 4-5)

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

(These verses are sung with a recorded version of the FPC congregation from November 3, 2019.)

***And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!***

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On October 25, 101 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the work of **Jody Maxwell, John Fricks, and Gordon Campbell** who are helping to ensure that our virtual worship services continue to enrich the congregation of First Presbyterian. "They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will."

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our virtual worship live broadcasts each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images she finds to accompany our online worship.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018). **Hymn texts** are reprinted from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* and *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- **Miriam and Robin Morey** on the death of their cousin, **Benjamin Rodriguez**, from the COVID-19 virus
- the family of **Glenn Bannerman**, friend of the PCUSA, who died October 30 from the virus. Glenn's wife Evelyn is also ill with the virus;
- **Sybil King** on the death of her sister, **Gwendolyn King**, on October 31.

CONCERNS: **Harold Dunlap Jane Rourk Carol Wills Roger Kalthoff**

Added: **Christine Gavazzi**, sister of Mitzi Leshler-Thomas
Miles James, son of Chris and Emily James
Asher Wilson, grandson of Chuck and Jean Wilson
Evelyn Bannerman, friend of the PCUSA

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Brandon Burton, friend of the congregation

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, friend of the congregation

Sign up to donate sanctuary flowers in 2021

To reserve a Sunday, click [here](#) or call the church office (919-682-5511). Guidelines for donating flowers for worship can be sent to you. The florist will take care of the delivery!



Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is Election Day!



Many of you have let the pastors know how much you miss being together in worship. Though we still can't gather safely inside, our COVID-19 Team has encouraged us to find ways to gather outside in small groups. To that end, we are offering **three simultaneous outdoor worship opportunities at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7.**

- Camp New Hope Upper Pavilion (4805 NC-86, Chapel Hill) - Limit 25 people

- Camp New Hope Lower Pavilion (4805 NC-86, Chapel Hill) - Limit 25 people
- First Presbyterian Church courtyard (305 East Main St, Durham) - Limit 12 people
(Please save these spots for those with limited mobility or transportation issues).

Please click [here](#), review the available slots, and click on the button to sign up.

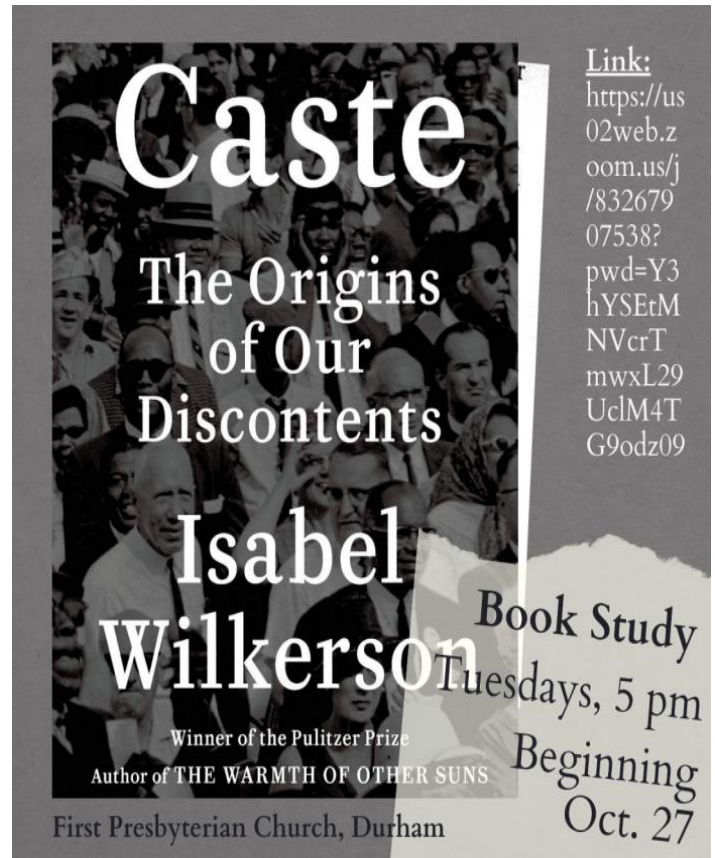
Robert Daye is Retiring

Our own Robert Daye will be retiring at the end of 2020 with over 43 years of service as sexton of our church. First, will those who wish to, offer a testimonial to your relationship with Robert? Do you have a story to tell? We will write it for you. Feel free to contact or email your story to [Celia Dickerson](#). We need your stories now. Do you have a picture to share? Please scan and email it to Celia. We want as many visuals as we can collect. Later in the year, we will ask for a shower of cards to Robert, thanking him. The Session has also approved a Love Offering collection for Robert. Please send your donation to Tom Bloom at the church office by December 10th. Make check payable to FPC. Memo: Robert's Retirement. We are looking forward to our congregational thanks to Robert for his many years of service.

From the committee for Robert's retirement,
Celia Dickerson Beth Stringfield
Kate Busa Barbara Buckley

FALL BOOK STUDY HAS BEGUN!

Attendees, please purchase your own book.



[Click here to access the class.](#)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Sunday Afternoon Conversation on Faith and Politics

led by Joseph Harvard, Mac McCorkle, Jimmie Hawkins, Lakeisha Easter and Mindy Douglas

Sundays, 4:00 p.m.

This series is scheduled to end on Sunday, November 8.

[Join us via Zoom.](#)

Sessions are being recorded.

Contact [Mindy Douglas](#) if you would like access to the recorded sessions.

FUN ACTIVITIES for ALL AGES during the Holidays



FAMILY PHOTOS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

For this year's pageant, we need volunteers and volunteer families to take on the CHALLENGE of creating and then taking a photo of you/your family in a scene from the Nativity story (the birth of Jesus story) and share the photo via Google photos. EASY, right? You can begin by clicking ["I Want to HELP,"](#) filling out the survey, and submitting it to Lenore Champion.

Want more information on these two intergenerational activities?
Contact [Lenore Champion.](#)

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has launched a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox)

hand sanitizer empty spray bottles paper towels
toilet paper feminine hygiene products hand and body soap

Donations can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations:

- **First Presbyterian** - Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm - 305 E. Main St
- **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm - 1617 Cole Mill Rd
- **Antioch Baptist** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm - 1415 Holloway St
- **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm - 3011 Academy Rd
- **Christus Victor Lutheran** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am-2:00pm - 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy

WAYS TO HELP

If your nerves are all in a tangle over the election, and you are looking for a positive activity to help you get through this time, how about bagging some rice or beans for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel? It may not change the results of the election, but it could most definitely give your spirits a boost, knowing that you are helping provide food for struggling families. The instructions are simple:

- Purchase large bags of **pinto or black beans**, or **white rice** from Costco, Sam's Club, or El Camino, a Mexican food distributor located at 2314 Reichard St
- Divide those large bags into **quart-size, freezer strength Ziplock bags, filling the bags full**. Each Ziplock bag should weigh about 2-pounds.
- Deliver your goods to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons, between 3 and 5. Address: 5402 N Roxboro
- Or, if Monday afternoon does not work for you, drop off your bags at the Rubiera's home: 3108 Chelmsford Dr
- Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) for other options.
- And lastly, but especially important, please let us know what you are bringing. Sign up at this [link](#).

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
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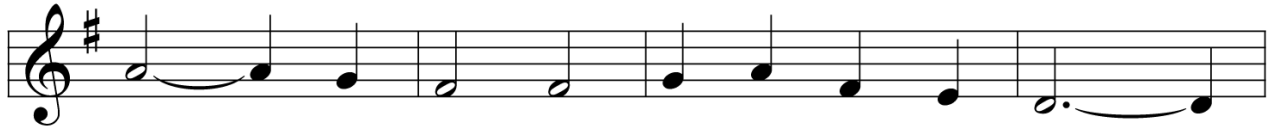
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For All the Saints



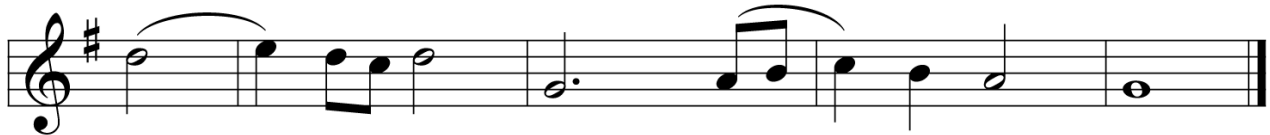
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.

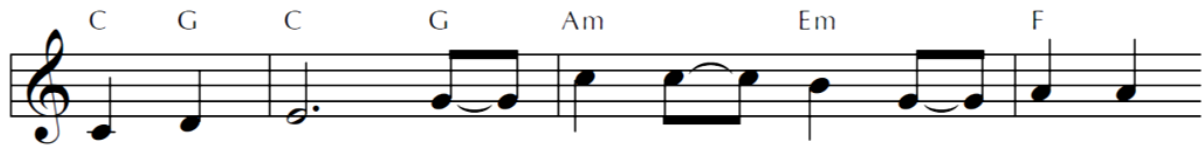


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

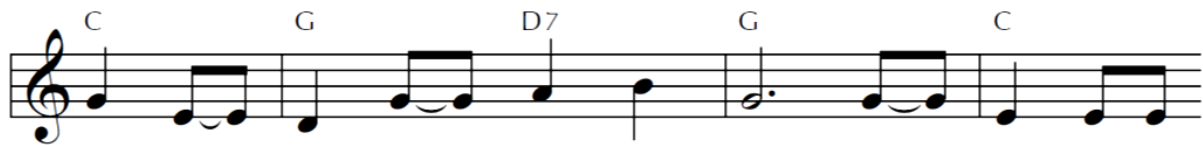
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



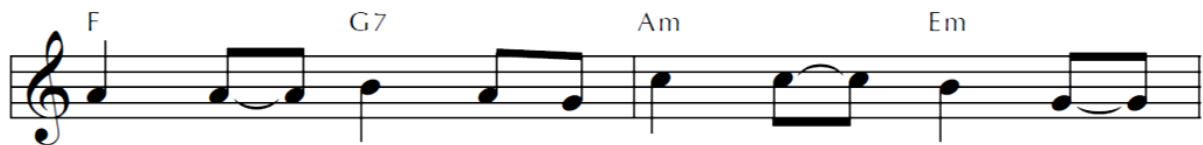
brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.