



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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November 7, 2021

**Prelude**

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

Arr. Fred Bock

## **Call to Worship (responsive)**

Death is swallowed up forever—let us wipe away our tears.

**We remember those who are dear to us.**

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**We appreciate those who paved the way with their faith.**

Teachers, leaders, grandparents, family, and friends.

**We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people.**

The gifts of many people make us who we are.

**We honor those who blessed us with their lives.**

God brings a new heaven and earth—let us live with great hope.

**We look to the future in peace as we remember the past.**

\* **Hymn #730**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

## \* **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us forever. You promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Through the prophet Isaiah you invite your people to a feast of rich food and well-aged wines. We are slow to rejoice in your promises. We are inattentive to the communion of saints surrounding us. O God, forgive us and quicken our hearts. Help us to believe your promises and live into them sustained by all the faithful who live with you in glory.

## \* **Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

**Scripture**

Isaiah 25:6-9  
John 11:32-44

**Sermon**

Michael Isaacs

**Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

**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.**

We praise you...forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, #556**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the**  
**highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...He is our risen Lord forever!

**Christ has died Christ is risen; Christ will come again. #557**  
**Christ has died Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God...we feast with the following at your table of glory.

**Amen, amen, amen... #558**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**\* Hymn #326**

*For All the Saints*  
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

Sine Nomine

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*For All the Saints*

Arr. Hayes/Gaspard

# Remembering the Saints

*November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021*

Saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death—their birthdays as a saint through the completion of their baptisms. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated since the ninth century.

In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. We give thanks for members of the community of faith who have died in the past year and pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

## **We give thanks to God for:**

Ron Agee  
Wayne Anderson  
Melinda Ball  
Nan Buchanan  
\*Bev Chalfin  
\*Linette Curless  
Ronnie Doby  
\*David Francis  
\*Jackie Hale

\*Pat Hathaway  
Reeve Howland  
\*Miriam Jenkins  
Ellen Kirchberg  
Wolfgang  
Kirchberg  
\*Lee Landis  
\*Dale Ledford  
Devon Poling

Tom Schuler  
Dr. Stephan  
Seifert  
Joe Shea  
\*Marilyn Steele  
Robert Wagner  
\*Crawford  
Williams  
\*Ron Williams

\*Member of First Presbyterian Church

# *Our Life Together...*

**Leading Worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Director/Pianist Sanctuary Choir; Vivien Fields, Worship Assistant; Julie Ramsey, Communion Elder; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

**Sensory toys** are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

## Announcements

**COVID-19 Reminders:** As a general reminder, our provisions COVID-19 include:

- Masks are encouraged for the inclusion of the immunocompromised and children in worship.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- The length of the worship services be forty-five minutes and not include the passing of any materials.

**Renaissance Ringers** will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Sanctuary Youth** will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

**The Sanctuary Choir** will rehearse this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are studying the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Bible. This week we will read Proverbs.

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays in the Godly Play Room. Children remain in worship for Communion Sundays.

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