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## COF Worship, November 1, 2020, 10:30 am

### All Saints' Day

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Remembrance of Those who Died in the Faith in 2020

As names are read, a bell will be rung.

Floyd J. Hastings

Margaret McDermott

David Weitzel

### Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**P: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: In life and in death

**P: We belong to God.**

L: Baptized into Christ's death

**P: We live unto Him.**

*All: Come, let us Worship God!*

Let us pray: **Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.385-6). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Song:** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (2051)*

*I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell,*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.*

*If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk to rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise,*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

### **Call to Confession**

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

**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 kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. (moment of silence.)** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.385 ). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.385 ). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

### **Response of Praise** *Glory Be to the Father*

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

### **Special Music** *For All the Saints (526)*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

*Listen to the Word*

*Listen to the word that God has spoken*

*Listen to the one who is close at hand*

*Listen to the voice that began creation*

*Listen even if you don't understand*

**Scripture** **1 John 3:1-7** See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who

sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (438)*

*Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

**Scripture** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith** *From “A Brief Statement of Faith”, PCUSA*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing can separate us from God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** *Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 86-88). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.*

**Offering Prayer** *Thank you to all who continue to give!*

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, each one of us with our whole heart, and also with the whole heart of this community of faith. For the gifts you have given to us we will glorify your name forever. Accept our offering today, of heart, of love, of time, talents and financial resources and lead us to use them with care and boldness, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)**

**The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)**

**Holy is the Lord!**

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Song:** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (446)*

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver never fails from age to age.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

### **Charge and Benediction**