

November 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Entrance

Gathering (*As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.*)

Prelude (*Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*)

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome (*During this time please pass the pew notebooks.*)

Time of Centering

I Know Whom I Have Believed - arr. V. Labinsky

(8:30 a.m. - Chris Dodson, piano)

Amazing Grace - arr. S. Henry

(11:00 a.m. - Patrick Anderson, clarinet)

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn

No. 711

For All the Saints

Proclamation

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-6

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(*Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.*)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:35-39

Meditation

Rev. Jay Minnick

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer for All Saints Day

Leader: Gracious God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are with us no longer. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

People: Their memory is a blessing for ever.

Leader: Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot break.

People: Their souls are bound up in ours for ever.

Leader: We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven, their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: And we remember as well the members who but

yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

People: We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessing, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving. They are alive for ever more. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*please pray 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Make This Church a Welcome Place - J. Raney

(8:30 a.m. - Coffee Chorus)

When We All Get to Heaven - arr. R. Robinson

(11:00 a.m. - The Chancel Choir)

*Doxology (*sung in unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Thanksgiving and Communion

Sacrament of Communion

All who worship with us today are invited to participate with us in the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. This is a celebratory act of our community in which we give thanks for the ever-abiding presence of God's spirit and the all-inclusive reach of God's grace. The Sacrament is a mystical reality in which the presence of Christ is made real to us, and by God's grace it forges us into one body so that together we can extend the merciful touch of Christ into the world. Welcome to the table.

In an effort to meet the needs of the gathered community it is our goal to have gluten free bread available for Communion.

Please notify your server when you come forward to receive the Sacrament.

The Great Thanksgiving

Clergy: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Clergy: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Clergy: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Clergy: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Clergy: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you this morning:

(Please stand for the reading of the saints.)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup
Closing Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn No. 707
Hymn of Promise
*Pastoral Benediction
*Postlude

**please rise in body or in spirit*

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Patti & Sean Malone in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.



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