

Order for the PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 5, 2017

# Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.

May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

# Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. We praise our God for all those who have faithfully served our Savior through the ages. We claim our kinship with the glorious company of apostles, the noble fellowship of prophets, the white-robed army of martyrs, and even members of our family who are now members of the Church Triumphant.

This day expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own circumstances and discouragements as we remember that our forefathers in the faith persevered through great difficulty.

On this day, we express our gratitude to God:

- For those who in ages of spiritual darkness kept the faith,
- For those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth,
- For those prophetic voices who have called the church to faithfulness in life and doctrine,
- For those who have given, prayed, and worked to ensure that the gospel torch burns brightly in Memphis and throughout the world.

Why not make this All Saints' Day very personal? Take a moment to thank the Lord for people who are now with the Lord who impacted you during their earthly life.

# CELEBRATE THE KING OF GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Frederick Swann Samuel Metzger, Director of Music and Organist
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Toccata in G Major"
CHORAL INTROIT: "All That Hath Life and Breath"
All that hath life and breath praise the Lord, Shout to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise Him! Praise Him! Laud Him! Praise Him! Laud Him! Alleluia!  The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Christy Young, Director
SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 358 "For All the Saints"         SINE NOMINE
♦INVOCATION (please raise hands)

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Taylor and John Bailey, Jean and Doug Callahan, Giles Coors, Jessie Ellison, Anna Hamlett, Erin and John Henry, Grace Howard, Anna Jenness, Courtney Johnson, Hallie and Mitch Klunder, Beth Kontrim, Kevin Marquez, Kelley Myers, Faith Reid, Richard Schnuerer, Peggy Sichveland, Joshua Sloan, Lewie Smith, Lilly West, Sarah Caitlin Wheat, Kathy Wilson

# MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art— Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

# PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I'd Rather Have Jesus" .......arr. Goodyear

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than have riches untold. I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land. I'd rather be true to His nail-pierced hand; Than to be the king of a vast domain, and be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause. I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause. I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name. Than to be the king of a vast domain, and be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

Colby Morgan, soloist

# \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SLANE

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION . . . . . . . . . Richard G. Cain

# REMEMBER THE SAINTS OF GOD

### **†**GREETINGS

# A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

### SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

These saints have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:

Wyatt Bruns Aiken Margaret Garrett Baskin Joseph M. Scott Gladys F. Fields Cecil A. Godman, Jr. Gloria Pace Hendricks James Millsaps McCormick Mary Lawrence Allen Frederick Erwin Hartmann Pat Newman Walker **James Walter Wilson** Harriett Meier Callison Karen Roberts Stafford Mary Jane Gray Charles G. Curtis Joan Hinds Moore

Thomas Herbert Scott III

Wilhelmina Cavett Chase

Sylvia Tapp Caudle Ronald Gael Ross Nan Grosmaire Mary King Carrier Ailine Maxwell Sara Jane Scott Greenlee Ann Biggs Shoaf Carolyn Prewitt Boren Ann Yarbrough Mitchell Margaret Hooks Wilson Martha Elaine Woolley Halcyon R. Lynn Robert Perrin Oliver

John Shanks Betty Ann Riggs Britt Betty Rose Jones John Herbert Curtis, Jr.

# **†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

# IMITATE THE LORD OF GRACE

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades,

Graced to Give (Part 1)

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**SERMON** 

stanzas 1, 4-6

**†**BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

**CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN** 

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

♦ *Indicates congregation standing* 

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