



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

All Saint's Day

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 7, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.**

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: People will come from East and West

P: from North and South

L: and will sit together in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**All: We come to join those gathered at the Great Table
and celebrate the feast God has prepared.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

Eternal God, we rejoice to know of all who,
through the ages, have placed their trust in You:
apostles, prophets, saints and martyrs
and all the humble believers whose names are long forgotten.

Give us the assurance that we belong to that great company
and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding
and take our place at your table in the Kingdom of Heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For all the saints, who from their la-bors rest,
who thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,
thy name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.*

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

*Thou wast their rock, their for-tress and their might;
thou, Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.*

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

*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!

*And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song,
and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.*

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

*From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,
sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost,*

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

* Call to Confession

We don't always understand the present circumstances.

Our attempts at understanding sometimes are misguided and off track.

We miss the mark and our timing maybe off.

Yet God is always faithful and invites us to come kneel on holy ground;
to ask, seek, and knock that we might believe and see the glory of God
and experience God's great redeeming love, mercy, and grace.

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**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. Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

God comes to us in our moments of anxiety and frustration
and reminds us that we are called, redeemed and sustained
by God's very presence.

Know that we are forgiven and renewed

that we may be of service to God in the world. Amen.

* Sung Response No. 635 "SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD"

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.

Peo-ples! Na-tions! Al-le-lu-ia!

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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

God speak to us through these ancient words of scripture we pray.

Stir our hearts that we might understand and recognize

Your presence and glory among us. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Wisdom Psalm 24 (*Entrance into the Temple of David*) Pg. 475

History Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Praise for Deliverance from Oppression*) Pg. 613

Gospel John 11:32-44 (*Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life*) Pg. 99

Sermon

“The Art of Intimate Singing”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*) Hymnal pg. 35

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

Remembering the Saints and Tolling the Bell

Wilma Fisher

Karen Schall

Thomas Pickel, Jr.

Anita Richmond

Joan Davis

Brenda Strickling

Geneva McClendon

Carolyn Tulley

Prayer of Remembrance

Eternal God, Author of our past and promise of our future,
we lay before you our private fears
and our concerns for the world, knowing that you hear our cries.

For Your blessed and broken church, **hear our cries.**

For those who are entrusted with power, **hear our cries.**

For all those who have lost their way, **hear our cries.**

For those who suffer at the hands of others, **hear our cries.**

For those who languish in hunger or thirst, **hear our cries.**

For all who teach, and those who would learn, **hear our cries.**

For those who are sick or dying and those who care for them,
hear our cries.

For those whose needs are known only to you, **hear our cries.**

Ever-faithful God, you have knit together as one body in Christ
those who have been your people in all times and places.

Keep us in communion with your saints,
following their example of faith and life,
until that day when we shall dwell with them
in the joy of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Call to Offering

Who will enter the presence of the Lord?
Who will stand in this holy place?
Those who offer their whole lives to God—
heart and mind and soul and strength—
they will receive the blessing of the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:
The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all its people.
For the blessings of this life and the gift of your salvation
we give you thanks and praise.
As you have sought us out to save us
help us seek your face among our neighbors
so that all may know the wonder of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn No. 839 “BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE”

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

(Refrain)

*This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Riches of mercy, whispers of love.*

(Refrain)

*Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love*

(Refrain)

* Benediction

He who comes, has already come in a very real way in our lives.
But will continue to come to us, as long as we stay open to Him.

* Postlude

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