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November 3, 2024 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

Adagio

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to Rev. Susan. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT By all your saints still striving

(GTG 325, vs1)

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Congregation: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Leader: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Congregation: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Leader: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first. **Congregation: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**

Leader: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Let us worship God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gloria Burns

LITANY IN MEMORIAM

Leader: Almighty God, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. you have knit together your church in one communion and fellowship in the Body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living. For all holy persons, our parents in the faith; for the noble band of the prophets; for the glorious company of the apostles; for the white-robed host of martyrs -

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Holy God, Lord of life and death, you made us in your image and hold us in your care. We thank you those we name before you:

Congregation: Beth Baarda, Elizabeth Baarda, Eloise Lamb.

Leader: Grant that they be eternally in your embrace, and ease our grief until we see them again in your kingdom. We name our departed saints before you...(you are invited to bring a snapshot of your beloved ones, light a candle, and speak their name(s) aloud).

For all your saints in your eternal realm, we give you thanks and praise, in the name of Christ our Lord, in whom we find salvation. **Amen.**

*HYMN 326 vv. 1, 3, 5 For All the Saints

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *We praise you for the Baptist* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! GLORIA PATRI HYMN NO. 581

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

THE PEACE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Their Bodies Are Buried in Peace Handel, arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

Their bodies are buried in peace.

But their name liveth evermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen. Pew Bible Page #

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	
PSALM	Psalm 24	OT P 502
NEW TESTAMENT	Revelation 21:1-6a	NT P 259
GOSPEL	John 11:32-44	NT P 105
		Reverend Susan Balfour

SERMON

*HYMN 505

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

INVITATION GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert) WORDS OF INSTITUTION RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and The Shorter Catechism)

God bound his people to himself in covenant. Freed slaves became the people of God when they accepted the Lord's covenant. God charged them to respond to his rescuing love by obeying his commandments. Their life together was to express the justice and compassion of their holy God. Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people, we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy. We must keep God's commandments, not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor, but to reflect the character of God and to be his grateful and loving people. The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



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OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY Rêverie

Noel Rawsthorne

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION CHORAL BENEDICTION POSTLUDE Go in Peace. AMEN! We pray for saints we know not Psalm XX

(GTG 325, vs5) Benedetto Marcello

Liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden, provided by *Presbyterian Outlook* The sanctuary flowers are provided by Reverend Susan Balfour to the glory of God.



CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, cancer recurrence and treatment, attending seminary in Atlanta, Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030

Jack Bivens, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement **EXTENDED FAMILY:**

LIMITED MOBILITY Helen Danuser

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns Blake Connlly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer Marshall Hodgman, Donna Gautier's son, recovering from heart surgery at home Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns Donald Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, back surgery on October 31 Charles Morgan, Jenifer Flory's father, in rehab center following surgery Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns Ambriea Pearson, granddaughter of Sunda, ongoing health concerns Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns

Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns Special friend of Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Jeanene Vinson, former secretary at FPC, ongoing health concerns Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's IN ASSISTED LIVING

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549 Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021 Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place Jackie Northington, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place, Ste 118 Suzy Smith, Savannah Court 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 3- November 10

Today	9:30	Sunday School
5	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship with communion
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
Monday	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
-	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Bible Study
Thursday	6:00	IOBI
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
-	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	5:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study



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Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week. We're a Sunday: 9:30AM Zoom Sunday School Class, we are Matthew 25 church studying The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann cusa.org/matthew25 www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 871 5078 2729 Passcode: 881336 Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying Final Words From the Cross by Adam Hamilton, meeting in the Parlor Room 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, studying the Letter to the Romans, Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

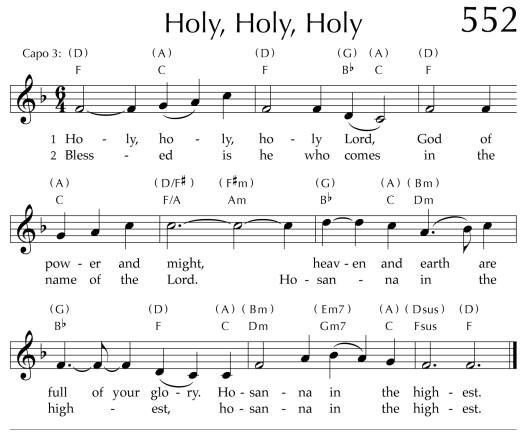
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

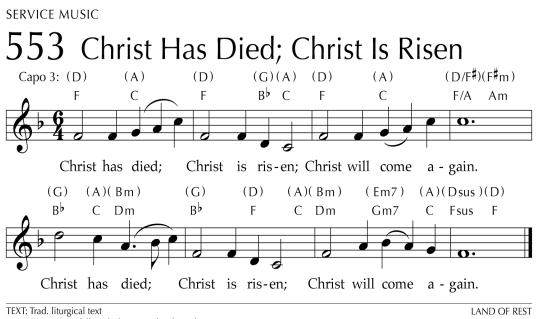


TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. LAND OF REST

According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...



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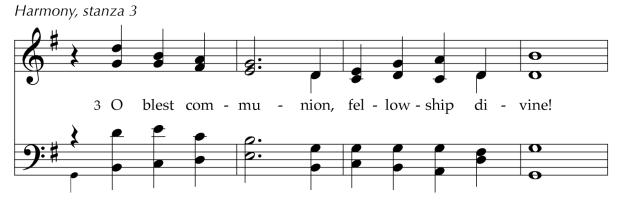
...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

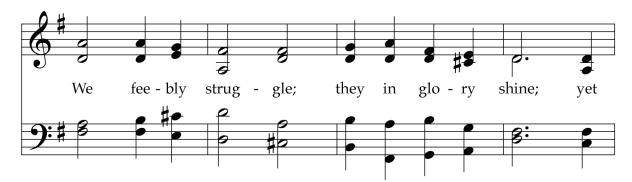
LORD'S PRAYER

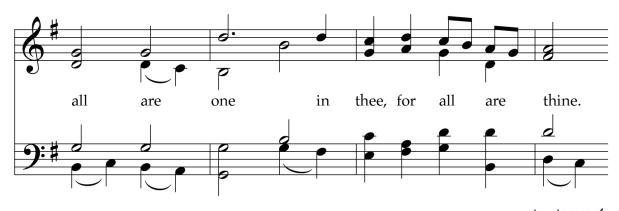
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

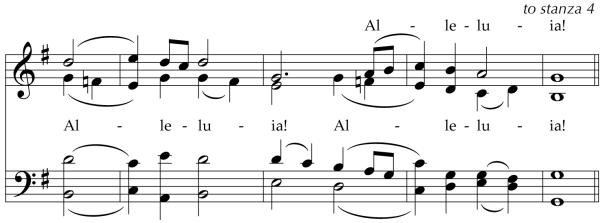


THE CHURCH









The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing 505The Feast Is Ready Am7 D G G Em7 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is 1 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; Ο taste the 3 The hun-gry heart he sat - is - fies, fers the of G D Am7 D G Am read - y be - gin. The gates of heaven are o pen wide, to up with love peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you di - vine; hear all heaven and earth ap-plaud poor his par - a - dise. Now D Em7 Am G in - side. and Je sus wel - comes you he'll turn your wa ter in to wine. the the Lord. a - maz ing good - ness of Refrain С G D 3 3 pure Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of de - light. D G Am $\boldsymbol{3}$ \mathcal{B} and light. Come and rev el in heav en's love С G 3 3 D Г Take your place the the King. at ble of ta Em7 G Am D The feast is be - gin; read y to Em7 D Am G the feast is read -У to be - gin.

This celebratory gathering song is cast in a highly rhythmic praise and worship style and brings together many images associated with the eucharistic feast. Despite its new sound, its emphasis on communion as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet is a very traditional theme.



The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.