

# All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

11:00 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*We're Marching to Zion*

Lowry

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

R. Dean Barr, Liturgist

Leader: People of God:  
Salvation belongs to our God  
who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.

**People: Blessings and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power and might be to our God  
forever and ever! Amen.**

(from Revelation 7:10,12)

#### OPENING PRAYER

O God:

**You are our fortress,  
our might,  
and our rock.**

**In life and in death,  
You bless us.**

**When trouble overwhelms us,  
You save us.**

**When death overcomes us,  
You overcome death  
and raise us to new life.**

**You promise us joy everlasting  
and give us glad hope  
through Jesus Christ  
who makes all things new. Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

*When We All Get to Heaven*

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Leader: In the face of God's goodness, we recognize our failings. Hungry and thirsty for God's righteousness and mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives to God and to one another that we might receive grace in our moment of need.

**People: Gracious God, you call your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more the reflection of Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

Liturgist

Leader: Sisters and brothers, taste and see. The Lord is good. No one who takes refuge in the Lord will be condemned or put to shame. Therefore, believe and trust the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist

## SPECIAL MUSIC *In the Sweet By and By*

Webster

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### PASLTER READING

**Psalms 34:1-10**

Rev. Campbell  
p. 471 OT

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Revelation 7:9-17**

p. 221 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Kevin Campbell

## "Out of the Great Ordeal"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

#### CALL TO GRATITUDE

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*For All the Saints*

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 9)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: They are lifted up to the Lord.**

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

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

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer After Communion

## HYMN OF SENDING

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*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**CHURCH FAMILY,** Thank You for the prayers on my behalf during my recent surgery, they are very much appreciated. *Lila Thurmond*

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN:** Join Ms. Janet this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Fraley Yard (or upstairs in the Children's Sunday Schoolroom if weather issues) for a lesson and activity on The Beatitudes.

**This morning** we will collect the **HUNGER OFFERING** to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action. For September, your contributions and volunteer hours helped feed 661 families. EFIA also provided \$15,534 in crisis assistance to help area residents, and Crossroads Medical saw 34 patients at no charge. Thank you for your continued support of EFIA as they seek to assist those who live in poverty in our community.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated blood for Sinking Spring's blood drive last week! There was a large turn out and the event was very successful.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated candy, filled treat bags, or helped with the scavenger hunt on Saturday. Your response was tremendous. Sinking Spring's participation in this community event was a great outreach opportunity.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Pick up a shoebox from the church or use one of your own. Choose a boy or girl and the age of the child, fill with gifts. Pray for the child who will receive your gift. Donate \$9 for collecting, processing, shipping, and other project costs.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020 IS DEADLINE TO RETURN SHOEBOXES.**

**Missions in Action** - we would love to share photos or videos of you and your family supporting our various mission projects. Whether it is packing a shoe box or shopping for the blessing box, send in your photos/videos and we will post them on our Facebook page or church website.

**UPDATE** - Our former missionaries to Ethiopia, Michael & Rachel Weller, have been in the US since last November, when the church organization there did not renew the agreement with the PCUSA Mission Board. During these months of the coronavirus pandemic, the Wellers have been praying and discerning their next ministry opportunity. After officially resigning from the Mission Board, Michael accepted a call as pastor of a local two-church field, Gladeville Presbyterian Church in Wise and First Presbyterian Church in Pound. He and Rachel will be moving to the area in the next few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as future opportunities for Sinking Spring to support other missionaries around the world.

**In recent months,** the wildfires on the west coast as well as the hurricanes on the gulf coast have been devastating. If you would like to donate to assist individuals impacted by these disasters as well as other disasters around the world, please consider donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or PDA. You can contribute on-line and specify where your gift will be used, or you can donate through the church office by noting PDA on the memo line of your check.

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situations/national/>

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situations/international/>

With in-person activities and worship resuming today, the Session wanted to share information on what to expect when coming to a Sunday service and small group gatherings. The *Virginia Forward Guidelines* from the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, were resources that assisted in the development of this guideline. The Session's goal is to make worship and small group gatherings as safe as possible for those who will be in attendance. Below are guidelines that Sinking Spring will have in place. Please know there will be Ushers/Elders on duty requesting these guidelines be followed:

- No more than 60 individuals will be allowed in the sanctuary. If you plan to attend worship service on any Sunday, we ask that you make the church office aware no later than the Thursday before the service, or sign up on the church website – <https://sinkingspring.org> If necessary, an overflow room will be set up or an additional worship time will be organized to accommodate a larger crowd.
- The bulletins will be placed in the pews for you prior to the service. There will be **no** passing of the peace, signing the friendship registers, or singing. We will ask that you refrain from hand shaking, hugging, and any physical contact. A basket will be placed in the Narthex for the offering and you may place your offering in the basket at any time. On communion Sundays, prepackaged cups containing both the bread and juice will be available for your convenience and safety.
- The Bibles and hymnals have been temporarily removed from the sanctuary. Please feel free to bring your own Bible.
- Multiple stations containing hand sanitizer will be located throughout the building. Face masks are required to be worn while present during all worship services and small group gatherings. Face masks will be available if needed.
- Social distancing will be practiced at both Sunday worship and small group gatherings. There will be marks on the floor to aid in appropriate distancing and pews have been marked with green tape for proper distancing as well.
- Ushers/Elders will be outside of the main entrance to greet attendees. These Ushers/Elders will take your temperature prior to entering the church and assure that all in attendance are wearing masks. **(This will also apply to small group gatherings.)**
- An Usher/Elder will be inside the narthex to gather the names of those in attendance – this is to assist in contact tracing if there is an instance of potential COVID-19 exposure.
- There will be two Ushers/Elders who will escort you to a seat in the sanctuary. Once seated, we ask that you remain seated and not move around in the sanctuary.
- At the conclusion of the worship service, please remain seated until the pastor or Usher/Elder release each pew to exit the church. We ask that you not linger in the narthex after the service.

**We do ask if you are generally feeling unwell in any way, have had a fever within the last 48 hours, had a sore throat, cough, lost taste or smell, or if you are pending a COVID test or have been instructed to quarantine or if you have been in contact with an individual that is being tested for the COVID-19 virus PLEASE STAY HOME – everyone's health and safety is of the utmost importance.**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### TODAY, Sunday, November 1 - Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**3:00 p.m. Children's Service**

### Monday, November 2

6:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Team Meeting

### Tuesday, November 3

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 4

10:00 a.m. **Cancelled** - Wednesday's with Kevin & the Psalms  
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### Thursday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Shoney's  
 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Team Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, November 7

6:30 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Juanita Mullins (Quillen), Eleanor Munsey (home), Bob Tolar (Abingdon Rehab), George Treadwell (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Vickie Cornelius

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Diane Carmack and family, Belden Evans, Patricia Hudson and family, Randa McCall, Emma McCoy

FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr. (Afghanistan), John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Travis Womer

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

**THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON let us share our blessings by FILLING THE CORNUCOPIA** - The cornucopia will be in the sanctuary next Sunday, November 8 and the following two Sundays, November 15 and 22. This year's donations will be used to fill our Blessing Box.

Items needed include soup, canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, Spam, etc.), ravioli, spaghetti, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, macaroni & cheese, beanie weenies, potted meat, vienna sausages, fruit and pudding cups, individual servings of cereal and oatmeal, and hygiene items of all kinds. In addition, snack type foods such as beef sticks, cookies and peanut butter crackers are needed.

*Pop-top cans are preferred; please remember no expired food or glass containers. Currently, we do not need rice, dry beans, dry peas, or ramen noodles.*

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*Responding to God's grace,  
 we are called to be a welcoming community,  
 following Jesus, serving joyfully,  
 and sharing God's love with each other and the world.*

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