

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 7, 2021

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Now Pray We Unto Thee

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Kay Smith

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

John Jackson

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination, yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours.

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Today, through our worship, the proclamation of the Word and the breaking of bread,
make us your people

People: Amen.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** 687 (V. 1, 2, 6) *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are often dim and our faith does not burn with a passion for peace. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony of all the saints. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion here and now. We ask this in your Holy Name.

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

LOE DI ÍSÁ

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! God has not forsaken nor forgotten us but redeems us.

People: Why should we be afraid? God is in our midst – forgiving, restoring, sending.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kelly Hickey

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:20-21
(Pew Bible, pg. 198, New Testament)

Cameron Coulter

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:32-44
(Pew Bible, pg. 105, New Testament)

Rev. Joel Long

SERMON

"Saintly Risings"

Rev. Joel Long

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

ANTHEM*Heaven (Medley)*

Arr. John Coates

*In the Sweet By and By/ Everybody's Gonna Have a Great Time Up There/Unclouded Day/
By and By/ When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder/ I'll Fly Away/ When We All Get to Heaven*

A LITANY OF ALL THE SAINTS

Leader: Gracious God, you are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people. Mindful of all those who have gone before us, teach us to follow their example:

People: To feed the poor; to support and comfort those who mourn;

Leader: To cherish and learn from the merciful;

People: To be humbled by, and stand with the peacemakers.

Leader: Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called your saints, the children of God:

People: Neither by our own choosing nor in our own strength, but simply by the call of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Leader: Loving God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are rest for those who have entered life eternal.

People: We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, those most dear to us who rest in you now, whose names we remember:

(After each name is read, a chime will ring and a candle will be lit to signify their memory and continued presence with us.)

Robert Hunter Beaty, Sr.	Hubert Duvall Osteen, Jr.
David Robert Brown	Joel Mack Owens
Elsie Lee Craig	Norma Hurst Owens
Edward Singleton Ervin, III	Carol Lee Thompson Reese
Charles Milton Hodgkin	Dorothy Dorman Spencer
Margaret McLeod Hunter	Elizabeth Simmons Trapp
Mary Katherine Creal Hurt	William Walter Wheeler
Richard Albert Mey	Irene Boney White

PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS**HYMN**

321 (V. 1, 5)

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER****GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Call to Giving

* Offertory Hymn 326 (V. 1-4) *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

* Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Offertory Prayer & Benediction

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

* Please stand as you are able

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A nursery is provided for children 2 years old and younger in the nursery on the first floor of the Educational Building.

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering basket as you leave. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Long.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Kay Smith, Linda Hogon
Deacons: Charlie White, Katherine Brogdon
Youth Liturgist: Cameron Coulter
Junior Usher: Caroline Thames

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Bronwyn McElveen
Volunteer: Margaret Ezell

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: John Moorman, Jack Osteen
Deacons: Meg Hill, Kimberly Land
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill
Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teacher: Ashley Blum/Caron DuRant
Volunteer: Linda Hogon

**2021 ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP
& CATERED BOXED LUNCHEON**

Sunday, November 21

Immediately following worship

Everyone must sign up.

Please use the enclosed lunch order form for more details.

Come join us for our first meal together since Covid!



Advent Workshop

NATIVITY STORY

It's time to sign up to be a part of this year's nativity! The Nativity will be on Sunday, December 19, during the worship service. **If your child is interested in participating, please contact Kelly Hickey by November 21.** Rehearsals will be held Sunday, November 28, December 5, and December 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, we will have a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 19 from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the sanctuary. This will be our final rehearsal before leading worship at 10:30 am. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Mike Carnes, Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee, Marianne Burton,
Ashley Long (Joel & Ann Long's daughter-in-law),
Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother), Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

. . . Ashley Long, daughter-in-law of Joel and Ann Long, on the death of her father, Bill Bailey, who died on October 27;

. . . Karen Montague on the death of her brother, Ricky Brunson, who died November 3.