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presbyterian church (PCUSA)

Our Mission

We joyfully proclaim the gospel of God's love. As a diverse and inclusive community of believers, we celebrate our unity in Christ. We believe we are called to compassionate service in our congregation, in our community and in the world. We invite all who want to explore the great mystery of faith and paths of discipleship to join us.

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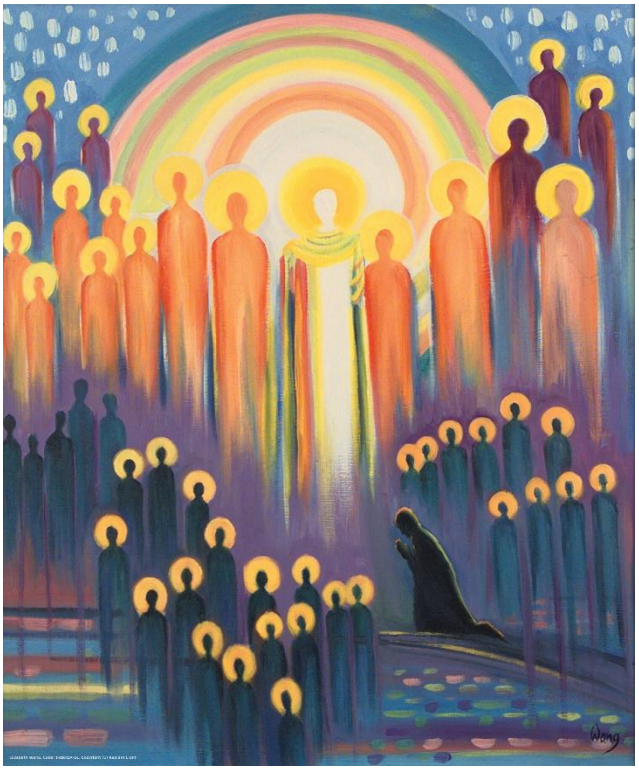

"Look to your God, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed." – Psalm 34:5

from the 2026-27 PW/Horizons Bible Study, submitted by Kathy Tracey

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All Saints' Day

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

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2 YEARS TOGETHER, ROOTED IN 253 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace. Please include your name unless you wish the request to be anonymous.

Prayer of Preparation *(Silent Prayer)*

May our memories be prayers of gratitude and our dreams be prayers of commitment, O God. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

The Waters of Baptism

All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

Prelude

***Welcome**

***Call to Worship** Andie Dewhurst Liturgist

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
for I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

Nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

See, the Lord our God is with us.
God is making all things new.

*Those who are able, please stand. **BOLD** indicates unison.

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega.
It is finished! Alleluia! Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn 369** *Blessing and Honor* O QUANTA QUALIA

1 Blessing and honor and glory and power, wisdom and riches and strength evermore, be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame. Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower echo these praises and tell of God's power.

3 Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high; blessing and honor and glory and praise:
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; take we the robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, dying in weakness but rising to reign.

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up your people to live and die in faith. You call us to proclaim your name, but we find a way to be silent. You call us to do what is just, but we are easily distracted. 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 receive the glory you promised in Jesus Christ, in whose name we lift our silent prayers...

(silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria (Hymn 583)

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17 *(pew Bible pages 249-250)*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter **Psalm 34: 1-10, 22**

[1]*I will bless the LORD at all times;*
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
[2]**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;**
let the humble hear and be glad.

[3]*O magnify the LORD with me,*
and let us exalt God's name together.
[4]**I sought the LORD and God answered me,**
and delivered me from all my fears.

[5]*Look to your God, and be radiant;*
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
[6]**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,**
and was saved from every trouble.

[7]*The angel of the LORD encamps around*
those who stand in awe, and delivers them.
[8]**O taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are those who take refuge our God.

[9-10]*O fear the LORD, you, God's holy ones, for those who fear God have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who see the LORD lack no good thing.*
[22]**The LORD redeems the life of God's servants; none of those who take refuge in the LORD will be condemned.**

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5: 1-12 *(pew Bible page 4)*

El Evangelio del Señor. **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

Sermon ***"The Hill and the River"***

Reverend Joe Genau

***Hymn 375** *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful
river; gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
(Refrain)

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage
will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

***Sharing of the Peace**

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Offertory *For All the Saints* ALL SAINTS John L. Bell & Graham Maule

For all the saints who've shown your love in how they live and where they move, in whom they care for, counsel, or visit now and then; accept our gratitude again. For all the saints who've loved your name, whose faith increased the Savior's fame, who've sung your songs in chapel or city street or glen; accept our gratitude again. For all the saints who've named your will, and shown the kingdom coming still, who've read the signs and marked them in rhythm, paint, or pen; accept our gratitude again.
Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though such as these may never be praised by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***Doxology Hymn 607** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Servers*:* Richard Galbraith, Alice Morgan, Scott Flowers

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

…we join our voices …
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

…we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

***Communion of the People**

Music at Communion

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

***Hymn 326** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINI

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 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!

Charge from the Steps

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Joe Genau

***Postlude**