November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS' DAY 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte Music Director – Gregory Fraser * Congregation will stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grief Lyric Piece – "March of the Trolls"

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. We are to stand during designated hymns out of worship and honor. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Offering is to be placed in plate when exiting.

INTROIT: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?" (See Insert to follow along)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: happy are those who take refuge in God.

Leader: With hearts and hands and voices.

All: let us praise the Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, good. You are the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised. Sustain your saints in ministry, until at last they see their reward: the joy of eternal life with you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another – first in prayer together, then in a time of silent confession, one-on-one with God. Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, you call us 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 like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: All thanks and glory to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

*SONG OF PRAISE: "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (See Insert)

THE PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "On the Right Path"

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Leader: Let us pray

All: In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. Amen.

READING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 12:1-2 Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON: "Blessed Remembrance"

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*HYMN: "Blest Are They" (See Insert)

SHARING OF PRAYERS for JOYS and CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER / ALL SAINTS LITANY (See Insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Doxology)* "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

THE SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (See Insert)

*BENEDICTION: (See Insert)

BPC THEME SONG: Go now in peace . . .

POSTLUDE: "Funeral March for a Marionette" - Gounod

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, November 1, 2020	All Saints Day
9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Taylor Hall
11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary – Families and kids are encouraged
	to remain the entire time

THIS WEEK: November 2 – 7, 2020

Monday, November 2	Sharing & Caring 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 3	GO VOTE! Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm; Session 6pm
Wednesday, November 4	Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm; Combined Kids & Youth 5pm
Thursday, November 5	Inductive Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Friday, November 6	Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon; Inductive Bible Study 10-11:30am
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Tuesday, Nov. 10	Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Deacons Mtg. 6pm
Friday, Nov. 13	S'More Jesus – World Kidness Day
Saturday, Nov. 14	Carry-out dinners – See note below
Sunday, Nov. 15	Stewardship Sunday; Shoeboxes are due!
Thursday, Nov. 26	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 9am
Friday, Nov. 27	Kids' Holiday Paint Night
Sunday, Nov. 29	First Advent Communion Sunday – both services
Thursday, Dec. 3	Town of Berlin Christmas Parade 7-9pm
Saturday, Dec. 5	Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, Dec. 6	Combined Worship Services 10am followed by Annual Congregational Meeting
Friday, Dec. 11	S'more Jesus – "Messy Church"

- CONGREGATIONAL LIFE On November 14th we would like to provide a carry-out dinner of baked ziti, garlic bread, fruit and a dessert. We would also like to be able to deliver to those in the congregation that may wish to receive dinner but cannot pick up. We ask that people RSVP by November 11th providing the following: Name; # of servings requested; Preferred pick-up time (choose a time between 4 & 6)
- BACKPACK PROGRAM f/OC Elementary Middle School: Only \$10 feeds a child for an entire weekend; \$300 feeds them for an entire year! If you receive BJs coupons, please bring the leftover coupons in. We shop at BJs for the backpack program – it's a great way to help our dollars stretch a little further!
- THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST Thursday, November 26th 9-10am break bread with your church family and give thanks for your many blessings.
- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are still available for pickup. You can now order online. There is a link on our church website Missions page and a link on our Facebook page, or just plug in the URL listed here into your browser which will take you to the Samaritan's Purse page where for \$25 you can easily fill a box online.

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Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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- 1. I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
- 2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong; and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.
- 3. They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of God are just like folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

2nd HYMN: BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled

(Refrain) Rejoice and be glad Blessed are you; holy are you Rejoice and be glad Yours is the Kingdom of God

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CLOSING HYMN: YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES



1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises,
Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia!
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3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia! **a**lleluia! **A**lleluia! alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia! Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God (Refrain)

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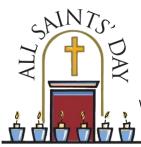
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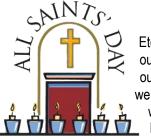
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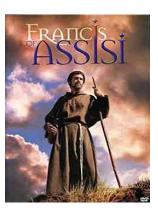
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PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

(Unison) Lord, make us an instrument of your peace.

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Where there is error, let us bring truth.
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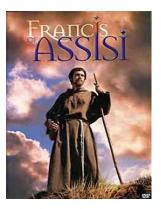
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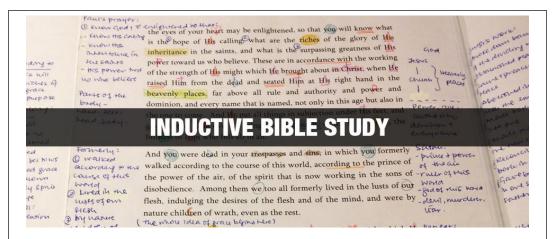
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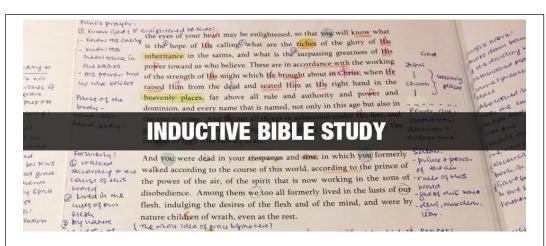
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