

ORDER OF WORSHIP
All Saints Sunday
October 29, 2023
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

For All the Saints
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Pepper Choplin

WORDS OF GREETING

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All: the world and those who live in it.

WELCOME

Opportunity for Stewardship

David Stevens

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

Come Into God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dee Kohrman

One: Blessings and glory and wisdom to our God!

All: Amen!

One: Thanksgiving and honor to our God!

All: Amen!

One: All power and might to our God
forever and ever!

All: Amen and amen!

*HYMN No. 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives. We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence. We hear you call us blessed when we mourn, but we do not find the comfort you promise. Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them, singing your praises in the great multitude. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 605

Praise to God the Father
Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty;
praise to the Holy One.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

Congregation: **May the Lord go with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you worship here.

Congregation: **Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Blessed Are They
Oliver Gottbreht, solo

John Leavitt

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

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

REFLECTION

"Saints and the Beatitudes"

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: Who in your life can you call a "Saint?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*HYMN No. 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
Text: Robert L. Edwards © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.
All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-721155.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Mark Cox

In memory of those members who have died during the year and entered the Church Triumphant.

Bob Berryman, Dorothy Theunissen, Larry Johns, Michael Papa, Roy Klopacic, and Heidi Z. Long

And now, we pray for other individuals whose baptism is now complete who have touched our lives.

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 326 *For All the Saints*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 840 *When Peace Like a River (v.4)*

**Lord, hasten the day when our flesh shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well; it is well with my soul.**

*POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg

Jan Bender

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Dee Kohrman; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Jan Ackerman (Sheri Loubert's friend), Sandy Armstrong, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Dana Hendershot (Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Clarice Miller (Andrew Miller's Mother), Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, The Presbyterian Kirk of the Lakes, Houghton Lake, MI, Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and Sudan, and Meals on Wheels.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship in the Witherspoon Room.

Peanut Butter

The food pantry of Community Compassion Network needs peanut butter. Please bring it to the church and we will make sure it is taken to the Strickler Center and given to the food pantry.

Restore the Glory

Sanctuary Ceiling Repair, Painting, & Light Replacement

The repair, painting and light replacement for our sanctuary ceiling will begin shortly after Easter in 2024. We scheduled the work so that we will have experienced all types of seasonal weather, making sure our new roof is doing its job!

Please help us restore the sanctuary ceiling to its original glory. We need \$20,000 to cover the costs of the ceiling repair, painting, and lighting improvements, a small contingency fund for unforeseen problems, and a tithe for Presbyterian Outreach Ministries. As you know, this project is much needed and has been anticipated for a long time.

A more detailed fact sheet is available in the church Narthex. Please direct any questions to Kevin Love, Chair of the House & Grounds Team, a member of Session, or Pastor Andrew.

Save the Dates:

- October 31 Trunk or Treat, the church parking lot from 5:30-8:00pm
- November 5 Pledge Dedication Sunday and Lunch
- November 9 Fall Harvest Dinner
- November 19 Decorate the church building for Advent and Christmas
- November 19 Community Festival Chorus Concert in the Sanctuary
- December 14 Christmas Caroling to the Homebound
- December 17 Children Christmas Pageant
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service

Trunk or Treat

As part of our community outreach, we will host a Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-8:00pm. You may park your vehicle (decorate the trunk if you want) and offer candy. If you are unable to bring a car you may still donate candy for this event. This is a fun way to engage with our neighbors.

Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach will be held on December 15 and 16 at Morey Courts. Setup will be December 13 and 14. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. Sign-up sheets are available for helping to set up and helping with distribution on the days. First Presbyterian Church collects hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. We really need adult sizes the most. Thank you for your support!

Fall Harvest Dinner

Please join us for the Fall Harvest Dinner on Thursday, November 9 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a signup list in the Narthex.

Who Is God Calling Us to Be?

There is a group within the life of church that is beginning to pray, to listen, to discern, and actively wait to see who God is calling us to be as a community of faith, as the body of Christ, as the church. Please pray for Barb Grajek, David Stevens, Linnet Stevens, Tim Fitzgerald, Jean Winther, Zach Russell, and Nancy Enders as they head up this task group up. If you have questions, please feel free to speak to one of the people on the task group or Pastor Andrew