

ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVED

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (MATTHEW 5:4)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (HEBREWS 12:1-3)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us

Leader: looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: Let us consider him and not grow weary or lose heart.

✦SONG OF PRAISE

HYMN # 529 – FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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.

✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING, w/m by Robinson, Ferguson, and Farren

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"

At this time, the congregation may greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 10:11-18

Berni Mueller, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, there will be no children's chapel today so that children may share communion with their church family.

(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)

✦SONG OF FAITH

SHEPHERD ME O GOD, w/m by Marty Haugen

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 38:1-6

SERMON

"THE LAST YEARS OF HEZEKIAH'S LIFE"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we are invited during this moment to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence by placing a blue connect card in the offering plate.)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. You are invited to come forward as the spirit leads you and take a cup of bread nested with a cup of juice. (All of it is gluten-free.) Please give a little space between households as you form a line. Choose any set of nested cups and you may partake of it when you return to your seat. (Those at home may join us with any bread or juice from your house.)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to light a candle in honor of a loved one who has died. It will serve as a reminder that they are forever alive in Christ. And that this table is not only shared by the very presence of God but it is also shared with the communion of saints.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (PSALM 23)

✦SONG OF DEDICATION

HYMN #411 – HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

✦*Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today and hope you feel welcomed and loved. We encourage everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for refreshments and conversation. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us in mission and ministry.

Pastor Brad is Teaching about the History of the Bible - Wednesday mornings in Fellowship Hall at 10 am. On Nov 6, we will learn about the various ancient Greek and Hebrew manuscripts that have been discovered. On Nov 13, we will talk about why certain books are included in the bible and why others were left out. On Nov 20, we will explore different English translations. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend!

Deacon Offering - The deacons share the redeeming love of Jesus Christ with anyone in distress. They encourage and nurture everyone's participation in extending confidential care and compassion for all people in our local community and our church family who are in need of assistance. Contact one of our deacons or Pastor Brad if you need help. This morning, will you please consider donating to this work?

Free Community Meal, Wednesday, November 20, 5:30-6:30 pm - We are having a Thanksgiving potluck this month. If you are able to bring some sort of Thanksgiving item to share, please sign up in the entryway. Everyone is welcome.

November is Stewardship Month - We appreciate all your contributions of time, talent, and treasures. Anticipating what our financial resources might be helps our planning for the coming year. Turning in a pledge card is an important way to help with the planning process and express that what we do matters. We invite you to turn in your pledge card anytime this month. Thank you all for your generous support of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church's mission and ministries.

Robert Heine's Celebration of Life Service - Saturday, November 16 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Regular Happenings at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church

Day	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sunday	11:30 - 12:15 pm	Choir	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (11/10)	11:30 - 1:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Connie Erickson
1 Sunday/month	After worship	Sunday Funday	Location varies	Pastor Brad
Every Other Monday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Summer Youth Group	Location varies	Pastor Brad
Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00 pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
3rd Wed. (11/20)	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
3rd Wed. (11/20)	6:30 - 8:00 pm	FAM-JAM	Lawn & Classrooms	Pastor Brad
Thursday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Bible Study	Bachelor Home	Brenda Haran
2 nd /4 th Thurs (11/14)	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Knit and Crochet	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Friday	9:30 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturday	10:00 - 12:30 pm	Food Pantry Shopping	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3 rd Saturday(11/16?)	3:00 pm	Outriggers	Fellowship Hall	Barbara Lintner

Next Week's (November 10) Sunday Servants

Greeters	Brenda Haran and Sonja Flener	Special Helper	Jennie Spencer
Ushers	Ron and Janet Emch	Scripture Reader	Becky Bush
Children's Chapel	Jessica Ferris and Sherri Burks	Refreshments	2nd Week Fellowship
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All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. All Saints' Day goes to the heart of our faith: death has not won (1 Cor. 15:55-57); in all we do we are accompanied by fellow Christians,

living and dead (Heb. 12:1); and we will in the end join others in praising God eternally (Rev. 7:9-10). This day is a significant opportunity to remember the saints who have gone before us. In many churches, All Saints' Day serves as a congregation's "memorial day," where the names of church members who have died in the past year are remembered.



The Communion of the Saints, by Ira Thomas, © 2001

From the artist: "Waves of individual persons are united in an embrace for all eternity in Heaven. Oblivious to our eternal destiny, we go around planning our lives, building careers, and investing our concerns in wealth, health and the immediate future. Let us also give some thought to the future that has no end. May we put our priorities in order while we are still in the womb of the world, and alone, looking earnestly to our birth into that eternal cosmos where the saints adore God!"