

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

November 1, 2009

ALL SAINTS' DAY

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)*

#MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tim M. Jones

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)

*(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)*

#CHORAL INTROIT

"Near to the Heart of God"

McAfee

The words may be found in verse 2 of Hymn #527.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 25:6-9)

LEADER: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**PEOPLE: And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.**

LEADER: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth.

**PEOPLE: It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.**

**ALL: This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."**

\*HYMN (insert)

"Shall We Gather At The River"

Robert Lowry

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us forever. You promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Through the prophet Isaiah you invite your people to a wonderful feast. Through the visions of John you promise a time when death shall

**be no more. But we are slow to rejoice in your promises. We are inattentive to the communion of saints surrounding us.** (Silent confession)

**Forgive us and quicken our hearts. Help us to believe your promises and live into them, sustained by all the faithful who live with you in glory. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

#\*CONFESSION RESPONSE

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ASSURANCE RESPONSE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun Danket

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus is was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Ron McGinnis

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a (p. 236)

#ANTHEM

"Steal Away"

Spiritual

Steal away to Jesus. Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. Green trees a-bendin', poor sinner stands a-tremblin'.

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Debbie Derrenbacher

*(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and*

*children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:32-44 (p. 97)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES

Rev. Maloney

"At the End, God"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from a "Brief Statement of Faith")

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to**

God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*HYMN (insert)

**"For All the Saints"**

*Sine Nomine*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30 AM only)

Invitation and Instructions

Prayer of Thanksgiving and **The Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer*

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.**

OFFERING

Offertory 8:30

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Held

11:00

"Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Glory to the great I AM. And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the city far away. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, To that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.

\*Response

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

*Nun Danket*

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

\*Prayer of Dedication and **The Lord's Prayer**

*"...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us..."*

\*HYMN (insert)

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**

Spafford & Bliss

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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**"Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment"**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services  
Rev. Maloney preaching

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10 PM	“Welcome Reception” for Debra Derrenbacher	Library
12:10 PM	Stewardship Team Meeting	Room #206
12:10-1:30 PM	Youth Musical practice	Youth Coffee House
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups	
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Big Group	FPC

**Monday, November 2**

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #3 Scout Room

**Wednesday, November 4**

6:30-8:00 PM “The Big Picture of the OT” Room #206

**Thursday, November 5**

10:30 AM Staff Meeting Conference Room  
2:30-6:00 PM [AfterSchool@First](#) Program F. Hall & Gym  
6:00 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal Room #206  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Room #303

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services  
Dr. Hink preaching

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
9:30 AM	Combined Adult Sunday School – Calvin Study	Fellowship Hall
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6:30 PM	Prayer Covenant Group	Chapel
7:00 PM	Leaders Stewardship Dessert	Fellowship Hall

\*#BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Alleluia! Alleluia!” *Sine Nomine*

POSTLUDE “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Holden

*The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.*

\*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM service only

The flowers are given in memory of  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. (Virginia “Ginny” Beck) Loch**

**IN MEMORIAM**

James R. Topper  
United with FPC: April 7, 1974  
Date of Death: October 22, 2009

WELCOME! What a glorious day to worship our Lord! We welcome each person with joy, and we hope that all will be blessed with spiritual renewal and uplifting joy.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Helen Thellman & Norma Pugh, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Brian Weigle & Cassie Nespor, will be dismissed to the “Children in Worship” program following the “Good News for Children.” Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

THANK YOU to Maggie Reel, Rich Arnold, Terry Leonard and P. J. Nespor for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

TODAY’S MUSIC: The choir’s anthems and responses, and the hymns all reflect the strong assurance Christians have in life eternal in God’s presence – the theme for All Saints’ Day.

SPECIAL WELCOME...to our new Director of Children's Ministry, Debra Derrenbacher. Please welcome Debbie to FPC. There will be a brief "welcome to First" party for Debbie in the library following 11 AM worship, hosted by the Discipleship and Membership Team.

YEP...THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS COMING. We need Advent Wreath candle lighters for the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Friends, couples and families can help out by reading a brief liturgy and lighting the candles. If you can help out on either November 29, December 6, 13, or 20, please contact the Church Office.

"THE BIG PICTURE" – Dr. Hink's overview seminar on the Old Testament continues this Wednesday, November 4, 6:30-8:00 PM. Each evening is "self-contained," so if you've missed one class, or a few, come anyway. Extra material is available.

"THE AMAZING JOHN CALVIN" – Dr. Hink will begin his 3-part adult Sunday School class on John Calvin next Sunday, November 8, 9:30-10:30 AM. The class will be using a new DVD on John Calvin produced by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as part of the class. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.

- Prayer Meeting for Prayer Covenant participants and any other FPC members and friends, 6:30-7:00 PM;
- Stewardship Dessert for all FPC Elders, Deacons and program staff, and their families, 7:00-8:00 PM. Rev. Dr. William Crooks, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, PA, will be speaking. Nursery care will be available.

ATTENTION KIDS! Michalee Christy, Laura Ackley, and Anna Messina have begun rehearsals with our children so they can sing Christmas music in worship in December. It's not too late to join us: 10:30 AM in the Music Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. See you there!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is in NEED of helpers during Children in Worship. Please contact our new DCM Debra Derrenbacher ASAP. Thank you.

NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED! This volunteer job is not hard, it just takes some time to line up helpers for Brenda in the nursery. Please contact Debra Derrenbacher at the church.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our church family for the wonderful party last Sunday. What a humbling experience it has been for me. We have been overwhelmed by your gratitude and love. Thank you all, again!

With our deepest love and gratitude, Nina & Kaela Joyner

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED are sponsoring World Community Day on Friday, November 6 from 1-3 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Sharpsville. Please plan to join us.

PW CRAFTERS SHOWCASE: Start your Christmas shopping now! We have new items for gifts and fall decorating. Cookbooks make a nice gift for showers and weddings too. See Nina Joyner or Sally Goodwin with questions or to make a purchase. All proceeds go to PW Missions. Thanks for your support!

AN OLDE ENGLISH FEAST The OAM Team is sponsoring a night at Tara for "Ye Olde English Feast": featuring the Madrigal Singers of the Shenango Valley Chorale. This feast will take place on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for the evening is \$45 per person. Reservations are mandatory and must be in to the church office with the check made payable to FPC by **Sunday, November 8**. Everyone is welcome to attend this feast. Come and bring your friends.

2010 MISSION YEARBOOK OF PRAYER is now available in the church office for \$5.50 each. Get yours early.

DEACONS ARE IN NEED of wide mouthed jars to put the flowers in that they deliver to shut-ins. If you can help them, please see Bev Moyer.

GOD OF THE HUMDRUM.

If God is not in your typewriter as well as your hymnbook, there is something wrong with your religion.

If God does not enter your kitchen, there is something wrong with your kitchen.

If you can't take God into your recreation, there is something wrong with your play.

If God for you does not smile, there is something wrong with your idea of God.

We all believe in the God of the heroic. What we need most these days is the God of the humdrum – the commonplace, the everyday.

-Peter Marshall