

**All Saints Day  
Holy Communion**

**10:30 a.m.**

**November 1, 2009**

**Gathering of God's People**

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

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

Opening Prayer

Prelude *Toccata on 'Marching to Zion* Gordon Young

Introit *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry

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

***All: 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.***

*Choir: Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

***All: 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.***

Call to Worship

Today is a day held in tension.

**We are surrounded by the past,  
yet looking toward the future.**

A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence  
of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow;  
**and a future filled with promises.**

A future when death and mourning and crying and pain  
will be no more;  
**and God proclaims, "See, I am making all things  
new."**

Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.  
**Let us worship in word, song and service.**

Hymn of Praise 526    *For All the Saints*    Sine Nomine

### **Celebrating God's Grace**

Litany of Thanksgiving For All the Saints

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants,  
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked  
humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and  
saints of every time and place, who in life and death  
witnessed to your truth;

**we praise you, O God.**

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in the darkness, who held fast to their faith in trial, and served others;

**we praise you, O God.**

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and especially for those who have died this past year, who are now joined to the church triumphant, especially:

*Doris (Bart) Barton*

*Hattie Thompson*

*Juanita Stephens*

*Ted Barbee*

*Elizabeth Janney Miles*

*Robert McCauley Benson*

*Tilley Lapka*

*Hiram Duke*

*Frank Wright*

*John Goldston*

*Ruth Hayes Smith*

*Gene Mondy*

*Jerry Wagner*

*Teresa Hughes*

*Rev. Francis Blair*

*Etoleu Stowers*

**Give rest to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind, formed of earth, to which we shall return. Yet even in the face of death we sing alleluia.**

Keep us grateful for their witness, and like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then, at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri 579

***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. Amen.***

\*Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you!**

### **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Revelation 21:1-6a      Page 244

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Second Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9      Page 746

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Sue A. Riggle

### **Responding to God's Word**

\*Hymn of Response

Marching to Zion

*Come, We That Love the Lord* (Insert)

\*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. Amen.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Worthy is Christ* Richard Hillert

*Choir: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

***All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Choir: Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.*

***All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Choir: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.: "Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever Amen.*

***All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Choir; For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

***All: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

**FPCJ Weekly Prayer Concerns**

O Lord, hear our prayers for:

**Deaths**

**Family and friends of Etoleu Stowers**

**Church Members**

**Pat Fox, Mark McElroy; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort;  
Virginia Suty; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne  
Foster; Pete & Myong Garcia; Beauford Roberts; Nancy  
Harris.**

**Family & Friends of Church Members**

**Rufus Thompson** (brother of Ruby White & Chris Lizama);  
**Jeannie & James Lassiter, Melvin & Lorraine Saunders**  
(cousins of Ruby White); **Dr. Frank Chevres** (friend of Wendy  
Taylor); **Ruth Hays Smith** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Vivian  
Rice** (friend of Carol Hatfield); **Sarah Griffith** (mother of  
Nardina Turner); **Melissa Sylvester** (daughter of Tim & Corina  
Barbee); **Becky Diaz** (cousin of Raymond Baggarly); **Taylor  
Hulsey** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Byrdie Bevel**  
(Aunt of Pat Woods); **Inez Rutledge** (mother of Wendy  
Taylor's office manager); **Kathy Westervelt** (sister-in law of  
John & Vicki Westervelt); **Winnie Goldston** (friend of Susan  
Baggarly); **Good Shepherd Clinic** (needs an additional  
physician to handle increased load); **Nathan Podraza** (nephew

of Corina & Tim Barbee); **Daniela Macias** (student of Michelle Fidalgo); **Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis** (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter, friends of Carolyn Fox); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine & Ronnie Piper); **Mel Griffith** (father of Deanie Turner); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joanne Foster's son); **Jasper Hartz**; **Justin Elliott** (friend of Laura Parkhouse).

### **Military**

**Marc Maketo; Josh Hamby; Jason Ali-Talha; William R. Robinson; Alan & Regina Simpson Gulke; Daniel Hudalla; Kyle Hudalla; Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, John Ham, Chris Lankford, and Spencer Hardy.**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

Communion Song      *Taste and See*      James E. Moore  
***Congregation: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.  
We praise you for saints and martyrs,  
for the faithful in every age  
who have followed your Son  
and witnessed to his resurrection.  
From every race and tongue,  
from every people and nation,  
you have gathered them into your kingdom.  
You have shown them the path of life  
and filled them with the joy of your presence.  
How glorious is your heavenly realm  
where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***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. Hosanna  
in the highest.***

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Sent to be our Savior,  
he took our flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
His words are true.  
His touch brings healing.

To all who follow him,  
he gives abundant life.  
When evil sought to destroy him,  
and he lay in the darkness of death,  
you raised him from the grave.  
He is our risen Lord forever!

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.  
Number us among your saints, O God,  
and join us with the faithful of every age,  
that strengthened by their witness  
and supported by their fellowship,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set  
before us,  
and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory  
when we stand before your throne of grace.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until the promised day of resurrection,

when with the redeemed of all the ages  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

The 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Communion Music *On the Mountain of God* Lori True

### **Going in God's Name**

\*Hymn of Commitment 442 Aurelia  
*The Church's One Foundation*

\*Benediction

Postlude *When the Saints Go Marching In* Bill Wolaver

## **Areas of Service – November 1, 2009**

**Fellowship** – Fellowship Dinner

**Ushers** – Eloise Belle Isle, Richard Landers, Walter Taylor,  
Ronnie Piper

**Greeters** – Jane Luetkemeyer

**Worship Assistant** – Raymond Baggarly

**Communion Servers** – Gene Hatfield, Paul Blair, Beth  
Trebendis, Carolyn Fox, Bailey Wallace

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### **Worship and Music Notes**

In the New Testament, the saints are all those who have become part of the church. The word is derived from the Greek *hagios*, meaning holy, or set apart. In baptism we are set apart from the world and enter into communion with Christ and with all those others who have become Christians. By the time of the Reformation, "saints" had come to refer to a special class of "super" Christians, rather than to all of God's people, alive and dead. Luther and Calvin both wanted to restore the Biblical meaning of "saint" to make it clear that we are all called to be saints, and are able to live into that title through the grace of God. Our celebration of "All Saints" Day uses Biblical texts and music celebrating those who have gone before us, and anticipating our own hope for the future in Christ. The "mystic, sweet communion" we now experience with one another and those who are now dead strengthens us to engage in our day to day living as God's saints.

### **Global Christian Education Minute Sponsored by the FPCJ Christian Education Committee**

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#### **Minute for Mission: Christian and Citizen**

Freedom alone does not make for democracy. It requires a practice of covenantal responsibility that make for maximum participation, equality and fairness, especially for minorities. In

2008, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) commended Congress and the President for renewing the Voting rights Act of 1965 and acted on proposals to increase voter turnout and government accountability. This brief reflection comes from the Assembly's action.

Reinhold Niebuhr's aphorism that "(human) capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but (human) capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary" remains true. Countless Presbyterians on town councils, in state legislatures and in Congress know how important it is to avoid corruption. Our tradition has never accorded special virtue or power to bishops or kings or their modern equivalents. Positively stated, going back to John Calvin's view of the magistrate, each of us has an affirmative political vocation that comes with citizenship.

Historically, Presbyterians have honored the parallels between our church government with its elected leadership in session, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and that of our country, moving from local to state to federal elections. Elected leadership carries burdens, whether one is the presbytery moderator or mayor, power is held in trust for the common good. Accountability is to God and not to other human beings. Our ethos says, checks and balances begin on the inside. But along with our awareness of human fallibility is the strength that God gives us. "God alone is Lord of the conscience and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of (human beings), which are in anything contrary to his Word." (Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.109, *The Book of Confession*).

Rev. Christian Isso, Coordinator, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, General Assembly Council

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***There will be a congregational meeting*** on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect elders to the class of 2012.

***The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a "Get a Grip" Program.*** Please bring your gently used luggage, carry-on bags, backpacks, etc., to be donated to Securus House. These pieces of luggage will help women & children transport their belongings from one residence to another with dignity. Check your attic, basement or closet for luggage (*grips*) you are no longer using. This is a great opportunity to help others. If you would like additional information, contact Jane Luetkemeyer.

***The Book Club*** will be reading "*Songs of the Humpback Whale*" by Jodi Picoult. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church parlor. Please join us.

***Evening Bible Study*** meets on the first, third, fourth and fifth **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM** in the church parlor. Bring your Bible and a friend!

***The Church at Prayer*** meets at 1:30 PM every Tuesday, in the parlor, to intercede on behalf of the church and community. Please join us. If you would like more information, contact Ruby White.

***The Presbyterian Women's*** study of Joshua began September 14<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

***The Juanita Hambrick Circle*** meets at 10:00 AM the second Tuesday of each month. All are invited to attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***The Breakfast Bunch*** meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Dwarf House on Tara Boulevard. *Everyone is welcome!* For additional information contact Eloise Belle Isle.

***Good Shepherd Clinic*** prayer requests are located in the pink box in the narthex. Please be sure to check the box, and pray daily for the concerns listed.

***Please make your prayer requests*** by using the card found in the friendship pad or you may call the church office (770-478-8118) during the week. All names will be printed in the bulletin and included in prayers during the week and the following Sunday. Please keep the prayer list current; advise the pastor or church office of changes as soon as possible.

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Items we save to benefit various organizations:

Campbell Soup UPC codes and cancelled postage stamps (with ¼ inch border) for the PCUSA's Duvall Home in Florida.

Presbyterian Women save brown money (pennies).

Used print cartridges benefit Clayton Family Care.

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