

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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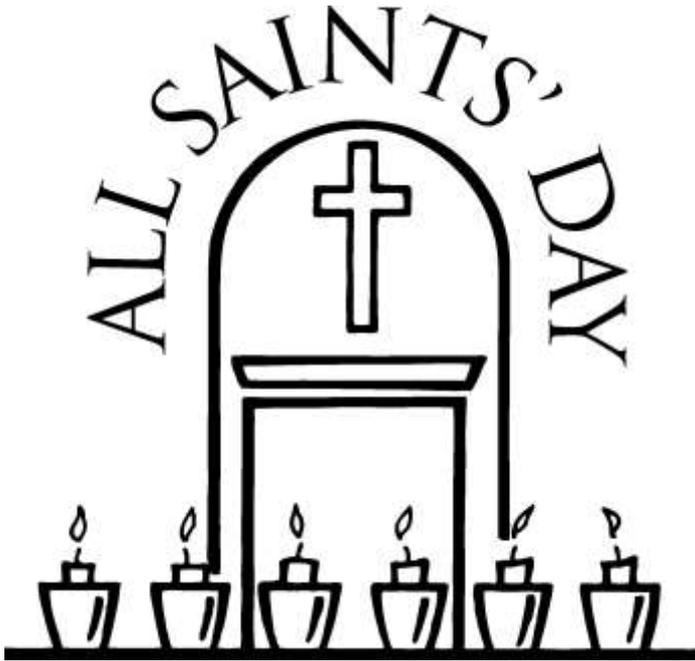
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November 7, 2021 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

“Moving Forward United in Faith”

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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November 7, 2021

10:45 AM

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany. As per the Consistory decision, we will return to wearing masks for all services and meetings here at Bethany. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when appropriate.

**(* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" ...Brahms,
arr. Wyrzten/Hustad

Piano /Organ duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

P: The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge will be condemned. Let us worship God!

HYMN: #533 Joy in the Morning"

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and merciful God, often we find the cost of discipleship far too high and are more ready to admire

the saints than to imitate them - to praise them than to follow where they have led. We give our lives to the pursuit of worldly success and pleasure rather than spending ourselves for the sake of the kingdom. We seek glory and power and give little thought to those who stumble and fall along the way. But in Christ You have set before us a better way. Forgive our sinful and selfish choices and lead us to paths of holiness and service; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE (with waves and prayer hands)*

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #515 Hymn of Promise vs.1*

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity; in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 24-28

* Luke 20:27-40

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "But Wait! There's More!"

*IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SAINTS: WE RECOGNIZE
AND REMEMBER...*

Katherine "Jane" Harlacher 2/22/21

Kenneth F. Bender 1/25/21

Gerald L. Smith 2/12/21

James A. Stetler 2/17/21

Brenda Louise (Kram) Heffentrager Stetler 10/1/21
Dale D. Zellner 10/21/21

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYER: Pastor: O God, our strength and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts. With faith in your great mercy and wisdom, we entrust these saints to your eternal care. We praise you for your steadfast love for them all of the days of their earthly life. We thank you for all that they were to those who loved them and for their faithfulness to your church. We thank you that for these beloved, all sickness and sorrow is ended, death itself is past, and they have entered the home where all your people gather in peace.

**C Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
All: Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Shall We Gather at The River" ...arr J. Coates Jr. Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #726 We Praise You, O God vs.1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of Justice and Love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Today you will receive a wafer and a cup of your choice (wine or juice) Please place cups in the basket as you return to your seat)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Bountiful God, we give You thanks that You have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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 and ever. Amen.

HYMN: #298 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: #716 God Be with You vs.1

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsel's guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: For All the Saints

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: are placed in memory of my parents Betty and Harold Maurer by Cindy Cressman.

GREETERS: Volunteers

USHERS: Consistory Members

LAY READER: Bill Rumble

Scriptures

Psalm 146 NRSV

Praise for God's Help

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28 NRSV

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Luke 20: 27-40 NRSV

The Question about the Resurrection

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man^[a] shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died

childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Hi,

I am collecting size medium work clothes for a receptionist at one of my doctors' offices. I do not know all of her story but she was forced out of her appt. on short notice and left pretty much with what she could carry. She is in need of size medium work clothes for fall/winter such as sweaters, cardigans, coats, tops and pull-on type dress pants. No jeans, T-shirts or sweats and nothing petite. She is about 5'7" and over 60 years old. If anyone plans to clean out their closets and has those size clothes, please let me know. She is also looking for an affordable apt. somewhere in Bethlehem if anyone knows of a place. She has been staying in a hotel for several weeks.

Thank you,
Sharon Haines

December Nut Sale

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

Mark your calendars! Orders are due on November 29th with nut preparation on December 4th and 6th. We sell Almonds \$5, Cashews \$5, and Peanuts \$3. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM till? (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 9 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays.

CHOCOLATES ON BROADWAY

We are again be selling candy from Chocolates on Broadway for Christmas this year. The brochures and order forms are here! We will take orders until Sunday November 28th with delivery on Sunday December 12th. Remember this is a great fundraiser for the church and yummy for us.

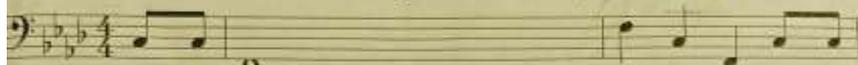
Joy in the Morning

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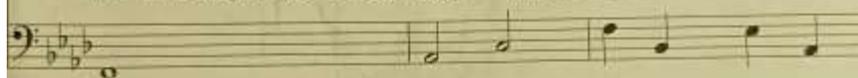
Unison



- 1 There'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day, there'll be
- 2 There'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, there'll be
- 3 There'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery - where, there'll be



joy in the morn-ing on that day, for the day-light will dawn when the
 peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, ev - ery heart, ev - ery voice on that
 love and for-give-ness ev - ery - where, and the way of the Lord will that



dark-ness is gone, there'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day.
 day will re-joice, there'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more.
 day be re-stored, there'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery - where.



I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Unison



1. I sing a song of the saints of God, Pa-tient and brave and true,
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong
3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;



Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je-sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je-sus'

knew. And one was a doc-tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol-dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In

one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an-y
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of

saints of God, and I mean, God help-ing, to be one too.
 rea-son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.
 God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

Leabha Scott, 1929, alt. *GRAND ISLE Irregular
John H. Hopkins, 1940*

Bethlehem Live Nativity

**Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth in the
 Rose Garden December 11 & 12. We'd love to
 have you sing with us! Talk to sue Wright if
 you're interested.**

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 All Saints Sunday

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with communion and remembrance of our saints

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9AM Peanut making in FH

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Veteran's Day

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours

7PM Consistory in FH

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14 Stewardship Sunday

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21

3PM, We welcome you with your family pets for a ritual of blessings in Fellowship Hall

Harvest Home

On Sunday November 21st we will again celebrate Harvest Home and Thanksgiving. As we have done in the past, we will have baskets in the sanctuary to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food bank.