

A photograph of two lit candles on a wooden surface. The background is dark with warm, out-of-focus light spots (bokeh). The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2

*Remembering those who  
have gone before us.*

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

In life and in death

**We belong to God.**

Baptized into Christ's death

**We live unto Him.**

Come, let us Worship God!

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm



- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
- 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on  
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!  
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
cerns they own: God's love through them is known.  
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ  
extends from generation to generation,  
keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting.  
Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

**God of the ages,  
as we remember the saints  
who have gone before us,  
we are grateful for their witness  
and humbled by their example.  
Though they have marked well  
the path of faith,  
following in that way is hard for us.  
We drift and waver.  
We resist and rebel.  
Remind us that the saints before us  
were not perfect,  
just forgiven,  
and saved by grace.  
We ask for that forgiveness,  
and we pray for the courage  
to trust in that grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The hope to which we are called  
is the glorious inheritance of all the saints,  
the immeasurable greatness of God's power  
for us who believe.  
This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING                      Job 27:1-6

Job again took up his discourse and said:

“As God lives, who has taken away my right,  
and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter,  
as long as my breath is in me  
and the spirit of God is in my nostrils,  
my lips will not speak falsehood,  
and my tongue will not utter deceit.  
Far be it from me to say that you are right;  
until I die I will not put away my integrity from me.  
I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go;  
my heart will not reproach me as long as I live.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*It is Good, O Lord*  
Words by Don Besi and Nancy Price  
Music by Don Besig

CPC Choir

*It is good, O Lord, to see the beauty of creation  
And behold the wonders of Your world.  
Your love astounds us, Your grace is all around us.  
It is good, O Lord, it is good.*

*It is good, O Lord, to bow in humble adoration  
As we hear the promise of Your Word.  
Your strength upholds us, Your loving arms enfold us.  
It is good, O Lord, it is good.*

*So we honor and glorify Your name.  
Your grace and majesty we will proclaim.  
Alleluia, our voices now we raise,  
For You alone are worthy of our praise.*

*It is good, O Lord, to join our hearts in celebration  
And go forth in fellowship and faith.  
With You beside us, Your light and truth to guide us,  
It is good, O Lord, it is good.*

*So we honor and glorify Your name.  
Your grace and majesty we will proclaim  
Alleluia, our voices now we raise,  
For You alone are worthy of our praise.  
Alleluia....*

*Alleluia, our voices now we raise,  
For You alone, You alone are worthy of our praise!*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:17-32

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he

might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Doug Walters

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

*An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 326 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. **Amen.**

#### REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED ONES

*A bell will be rung after each name is spoken.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,  
let us make our prayers of intercession for all,  
saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer...**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one,  
make us one with you through Jesus Christ,  
whom you have sent to redeem us,  
and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

#### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

##### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

God is with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.  
**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

We thank you, God, for you create us in your image, covenant to be our God, and set us free from all that oppresses. You give us a world, an empire of grace, to which we belong, that this world can't take from us. You call us as your saints, and show us the way in Jesus. You have given us saints, young and old, women and men, who shine for us with the way

of love, who in your Spirit gather with us now. Therefore we sing with all the saints, with every living being and all Creation.

### SANCTUS GTG 572 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, poor in spirit and rich in your grace, loving our enemies, for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake. Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.*

## HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The Lord bless and keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Alleluia!

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## All Saints Sunday, November 2: Lighting Candles for Remembrance

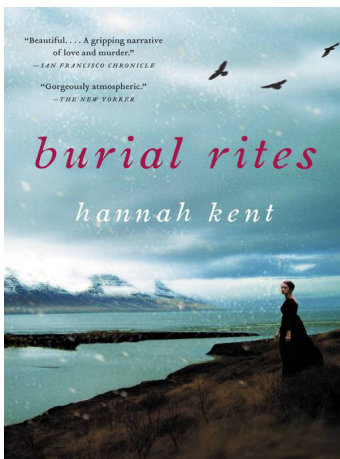
Today we remember those dear to us  
who have passed from this life.

Ann Hesley  
Connie Holst  
Jeanette Hallback  
Frank Jones  
Dick and Nancy Massaro

Ralph Smith  
Pastor Lisa Johnson, Oronoco Presbyterian  
Donna Harcey  
Karen Pasch  
Bill Petersen  
Clarence and Mary Henderson  
Jeffery Hayes  
Gordon Robb  
Joe Dunham  
Ann Dunham  
Dan Dunham



*Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.*



The book discussion group will meet on November 16 after worship to discuss the book **Burial Rites** by Hannah Kent. "Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution." This suspenseful, interesting novel looks interesting! All are welcome to read the book and join in the discussion on November 16!

In the interest of cleaning up the library, the VHS tapes are being removed. If you are interested in any of them, please feel free to take one or more home. In addition to children's videos, there are also adult videos (example: books of the Bible). If you have a VCR and are interested, please take them!

# Community Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, November 2 All Saints Sunday**

**9:30 am Worship with Communion**  
- Onsite and Online

**10:30 am Special Congregational Meeting**

**2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios**

**Monday, November 3**

**9:30 am PW Bible Study**

**Tuesday, November 4**

**12:00 pm Bulletin Items Due**

**7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.**

**Wednesday, November 5**

**8:00 am Prayer Group**

**6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal**

**Thursday, November 6**

**5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios**

**Sunday, November 9 - Veteran's Remembrance**

**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**

**2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios**

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

Today, November 2 following worship

Reason: to vote on next year's slate of officers

Plan to stay for this short meeting!



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa  
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline  
Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Vera Atkinson

*To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).*

## **Serving in Worship Today**

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Guest Preacher | Doug Walters                     |
| Liturgist      | Sue Chipman                      |
| Special Music  | CPC Choir                        |
| IT Support     | Louis Bouchard<br>& Bruce Felger |

## **Church Staff**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Music Director | Jennifer Taylor |
| Pianist        | Tianyao Xie     |
| Custodian      | Nancy Sanford   |
| Office Manager | Stephanie Pasch |