

*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe*  
*24th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*All Saints' Sunday*  
*November 7, 2021*

“Memory is more than looking back to a time that is no longer; it is a looking out into another kind of time altogether, where everything that ever was continues not just to be, but to grow and change with the life that is in it still. The people we love. The people who loved us. The people who, for good or ill, taught us things. Who knows what the *communion of the saints* means, but surely it means more than we are all just haunted by ghosts because they are not ghosts, these people we once knew, not just echoes of voices that have years since ceased to speak, but *saints* in the sense that something of the power and richness of life itself not only touched us once long ago, but continues to touch us...it is as if they carry something of us on their way as we assuredly carry something of them on ours.”

Frederick Buechner, *The Sacred Journey*

# GATHERING

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Eder

Fling wide the temple gates!

Open up the ancient doors!

**The mighty and glorious one is coming.**

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the mighty and glorious one.**

**We are glad and rejoice in God.**

### GATHERING PRAYER

Cheryl Eder

Holy One, by your Word and Spirit,

come and transform your church

to be a living sign of your love for the world—

where the poor are filled with good things,

the dividing walls are broken down,

and the dead are raised to new life;

through Christ, who is in all things. **Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

GTG 326

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, when you saw that Lazarus died, you wept.

You weep with us, O Lord,

when we are surrounded by death and decay.

Unbind us, O Lord, from the destructive forces of this world.

Unbind us from greed, power, and shame.

Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt.

Bind us instead to one another and to you.

Forgive us when we do not live like your new creations,

and by your grace free us from all that keeps us bound.

So that we may stand among your saints,

rejoicing in your saving grace. **Amen.**

*Time of silence for personal confession*

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

**SUNG RESPONSE** “Spirit of the Living God” GTG 288

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Cheryl Eder

**A STORY FOR ALL AGES**

*(A time for children young in years or young at heart)*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Cheryl Eder

O God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, write your word upon our hearts  
so that we may be your new creation. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9	Cheryl Eder
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6a	Cheryl Eder
Gospel Reading	John 11:32-44	Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith)*

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**HYMN**

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

GTG 242

**OFFERING**

Cheryl Eder

Who will enter the presence of the Lord? Who will stand in this holy place?  
Those who offer their whole lives to God—  
Heart and mind and soul and strength—  
They will receive the blessing of the Lord.

**\*HYMN**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG 609

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Cheryl Eder

The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all its people.  
For the blessings of this life and the gift of your salvation.  
We give you thanks and praise.  
As you have sought us out to save us.  
Help us to seek your face among our neighbors.  
So that all may know the wonder of your love. Amen.

## NAMING OF THE SAINTS

*Richard F. Bodoh*

*Patricia C. Bishop*

*Paul F. Bromley*

*Jeanette "Jean" M. Hicks*

*Arlene M. Turnbull*

*As each name is called member(s) of the family may come forward to light a candle.*

## ***EUCHARIST***

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

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.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise  
to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
Miriam and Moses,  
Joshua, Deborah, Ruth,  
David, priests, and prophets,  
Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul,  
apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.

**You are the God of our mothers and fathers  
and our children to all generations.**

You, Everlasting One, made us all.

You fashion us into one people,

and continue to love us

even when we deny our godly heritage.

**Still, you call us home to you  
through saints dedicated to your will.**

Therefore we praise you joining our voices  
with all the people of faith 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.**

Blessed are you, most gracious God,  
for the gift of your child,  
our brother, Jesus Christ,

who lived in accord with your will  
to the point of laying down his life  
for the good news he preached  
and passed on to us.

On the night of his arrest,  
he taught us how to serve one another in love  
with a ritual of table fellowship  
enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves with thanksgiving  
as a living sacrifice.**

In union with Christ's offering for us,  
we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Spirit of the living God,  
make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us  
so we might be in communion with you and one another.

**As we break bread together,  
may our eyes be opened to see your glory.**

**As we lift the cup of salvation,  
may we be strengthened to follow your Way.**

Until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast together with all the saints  
at God's great family reunion,  
keep your church one in service to the world here and now,  
even as we pray for the world you so love:

Speak your peace in the world  
where wars rage and violence triumphs.

Speak your hope in the world  
where arctic glaciers melt,  
wildfires burn and birds are on the brink of extinction.

We pray for the health of all nations,  
that all people may flourish.

We pray for all people in positions of power over others' lives.  
May your will be done. May your Kingdom come.

We pray for those who grieve...  
for those who are sick...

for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection...  
Send forth comfort as only you can give.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, as we forgive others,  
and remember our making.

Work with who we are,  
where we are,  
to form these clay pots  
into vessels of living praise,  
that our lives may participate  
in the same unending song of the universe  
raised by all the saints,

through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

After this I looked, and behold,  
a great multitude which no one could number,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,  
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
crying out with a loud voice:

**“Salvation belongs to our “God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

And all the angels stood round the throne  
and round the elders and the four living creatures,  
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

**“Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”**

## ***SENDING***

**\*HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

GTG 366

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us throw off everything that hinders us  
and the sin that so easily entangles,  
and let us run with perseverance  
the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May God’s face shine with delight  
in looking upon you with favor  
and may you rest forever in God’s peace.

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Morning Prayer**  
**November 8-November 14**

*As I live this day, O Lord  
Let me be a sign of your salvation—  
food for those who hunger,  
a comfort for those who mourn.  
This I ask in the name of Jesus,  
the Alpha and Omega. Amen.*



**MATTHEW 25**





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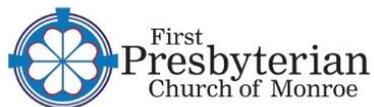
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