

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Prelude *Processional in G Major*

G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

One: A vast multitude - citizens of every nation, speakers of every tongue – stand before the throne of the Lamb.

All: They dwell within God's temple, in the shelter of One who wipes away their tears.

One: We join our voices with these saints and with the choir of angels, who forever sing God's praise:

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Hymn #326 *For All the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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 Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live in faith. We confess that there are times when we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name but we are silent. You call us to do what is just but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the Kingdom you promise in Jesus Christ. We pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading** I John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Sermon "Remember This"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Heidelberg Catechism*)

My only comfort in life and in death is that I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

My true faith is a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted - not only to others but to me also - forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ's merit.

Tolling for the Faithful

Anthem Pie Jesu from *Requiem*

Gabriel Faure

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, grant them Thine eternal rest.
Gentle Shepherd, lead them now through this darkness to Thy day,
To Thy life that knows no death, to Thy time that knows no end,
to that home that ends the way.

Grant unto Thy servants rest, grant them Thine eternal rest.

Blessed, blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Lord and God,
Grant Thy servants, grant Thy servants, grant them Thine eternal rest,
Grant them Thine eternal rest.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in G Major*

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All Saints' Sunday - During worship today we will mark this occasion of remembrance by ringing a bell and calling the name of a loved one who has died this past year. *Please remember:*

Lou Cammack

Debra Corbin

Doug Cisler

Jimmy Gilcbrest

Robert Corkran

Frances Jamison

Martha Parse Julian

Adan Afzal

Sandra Baswell

Norma Ross

David Askine

Benny Sprague

Mel Hutchinson

Tommy Poe

George Yeargin

Savannah Paschal

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Imelda Carrillo and daughter Selena; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ronny Carter (Betty Pendleton's cousin); Tim Tovey (Joan Gibertini's son); Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Mary Knapik; Steve Dunn (Elois Murray's son); Linda Dupler; Laura Weigler; Barry Webb's brother, Ron; Larry Parks; Margaret Bardin; Faye Chapman; Bryn (5 yr old friend of Betsy Marlow); Jean Kochera (Kimberly Waggett's mom); Blake Kitterman (Amanda Baker's brother); Margaret Robison; Joyce DeLoach.

Upcoming Events @ FPC - *more details at fpcpasadena.org*

In-Sanctuary Worship next Sunday, November 8, 10:30 am. See Reopening Protocols below.

Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, November 8 - A letter was sent out last week from Rev. Fair with your 2021 pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. We will begin collecting pledge cards next Sunday, November 8.

Brown Bag and Bible Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. Make your lunch, grab your Bible, and click the link for this Zoom meeting. If you are not on Fairfax's email list and want to be a part of the Bible study, please email Fairfax at revfair@fpcpasadena.org to add your name. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at office@fpcpasadena.org.

Prayer Shawl Group meet every Tuesday via Zoom at 1:30 pm. To join this group contact Johnnie Haltom or Barbara Davis.

Brunch & Book Group meet next on Saturday, November 21, at 10 am via Zoom to discuss "*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*" by Christy Lefteri. Contact Ruth Askine or Rev. Fairfax Fair to join.

Day of Service is November 14, 10-Noon. Between now and Nov. 14: prepare CWS/PDA hygiene kits; Seafarer's boxes; grocery items for PCM; write letters or cards to residents of Pasadena Interfaith Manor. Detailed instructions for all items can be found in the October Newsletter or at our website fpcpasadena.org, go to *Save the Date*. On Nov. 14. drop items off at the front drive-thru between 10-noon.

FPC Ministries and Groups Zoom Videoconference Meetings. To schedule a Zoom videoconference meeting with your ministry or group, contact Barbara at office@fpcpasadena.org.

Emergency Contact for each member needed for our church records. We are updating our records and want to have an emergency contact for everyone. Please contact the church at 281-991-8700 (*leave a message*) or email at office@fpcpasadena.org with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena Phase One Reopening Protocols

For at least the next year, we anticipate our lives will be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs, wants, and imperatives. We anticipate that we will be continuously evaluating what worship and all other church functions look like.

Despite our best efforts to provide a safe worship experience, conditions may again require the closing of the building. The pastor, in consultation with church leaders, will use CDC, Harris County, and PCUSA guidelines and good judgment to determine how to promote safety in reopening FPCP while actively monitoring local transmission rates of COVID-19. To preserve the health of our members, if circumstances change and worshipping together is not wise, services will again be virtual only.

We recognize that some of our members have underlying health issues or risk factors. Their health and safety must be at the forefront of our considerations. Persons with a high morbidity risk from COVID-19 are urged to stay home and continue to worship virtually. We will nonetheless strive to promote safe, in-person worship experiences for all that do not discriminate against persons with disabilities or high-risk conditions.

Church Physical Set Up:

- Doors will be left open so no one has to touch a door handle. This includes the designated entry door [the front door under the porte-cochere] and the doors into the sanctuary.
- No-Touch Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the Narthex.
- Offering plates will be placed by the baptismal font.
- Pews will be marked so people space themselves safely and avoid contact.
- Hymnals, Bibles, friendship folders, offering envelopes, Kleenex, etc. will be removed from pews.
- Signs will be posted that only one person at a time is to be in the restroom and additional signs will be posted to wipe handles touched with sanitizing wipes.
- The Church kitchen will remain closed.
- Signs encouraging hand washing and mandating face mask use (covering nose and mouth) will be posted in the Narthex.
- Signs encouraging social distancing will be posted in the narthex as well as the sanctuary.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available as needed.
- Gloves will be available in the Narthex and at the back of the church.
- One microphone per speaker will be set up.
- Camera will be set up to provide option of live streaming the service

Worship Procedures

- Everyone in the building and on the church grounds must wear a cloth or medical mask. Members are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We may have some available, while supplies last. Individuals uncomfortable wearing a face mask or with a medical condition that makes wearing a mask problematic may continue to participate in our on-line services.
- Social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed at all times, with the exception of members who live in the same household.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers will be used to take temperatures upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 100.2 and higher will not be allowed into the building.
- Names of worshipers will be recorded as they enter to keep track of who has been part of the worship experience in the event that they need to be contacted.
- Greeters will be asked to stand back a minimum of six feet and welcome folks verbally.
- Bulletins and announcements will continue to be available online for the live streamed service.
- Bulletins will not be distributed to participate in the service in the sanctuary. Information will be projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- We will present shortened services to minimize risk.

Worship Procedures continued...

- Live streaming on YouTube or recorded services will continue for those who are not comfortable returning to 'in-person' worship
- Soloist may sing from behind a three-sided plexiglass shield.
- There will be no congregational or choral singing. It has been determined that singing is among the riskier behaviors for spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air.
- Worshipers will leave by row, as directed.

Other Changes to Normal Practices

- Online (ZOOM) continues for Brown Bag, Session and ministry meetings, PW, Book Group, Wonderful Wednesday, etc.
- Office open by appointment. As on Sundays, masks required for staff and visitors.
- Forego November celebration of communion.
- Use of building by outside groups remains suspended.
- Congregants who are sick or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 are to stay home.
- Local health officials will be contacted if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the church and this information also will be communicated with members so they are aware of potential exposure. The Clerk of Session, with the assistance of the church office, will be responsible to make the communications.

DISCONTINUE:

- Children's Sermon
- Passing the Peace, hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps, etc.
- Physical use of Bibles and Hymnals
- Nursery
- Coffee
- Use of water fountains