



First Presbyterian Church of Albany

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF FAITH TO ALL

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • All Saints Day Celebration
November 3, 2024 • 10:30 Worship



Welcome!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC,
we are glad you are worshipping here this morning!

The Gathering

**indicates when to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Preludio 'Sine Nomine'

Herbert Howells

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Introit

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Michael Lister

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.
These were redeemed from among all,
being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.
And in their mouth was found no guile,
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

*Call to Worship

One: We gather, with the company of the faithful:

All: **those who know the way to the kingdom
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.**

One: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:

All: **those who made compassion their day job,
and those who have no day named after them.**

One: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

All: **those who showed us the dance steps of heaven,
and those who taught us to play instruments of joy.**

***Hymn**

Come and Join the Celebration
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

NETTLETON



1. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion! Praise the Lord and glad - ly sing. Hear the
2. Sing with joy, for on a Sun - day friends of Je - sus went to grieve. Soon they
3. God, we sing, for there is no - thing that can keep your love a - way Not op -
4. Sing with joy, each gen - e - ra - tion! Sing with those who've gone be - fore. Join the



gos - pel pro - clam - a - tion: God in Christ changed ev - ery - thing! Tell a -
found his tomb was emp - ty; tell - ing o - thers, they be - lieved. God of
press - ion, hard - ship, fam - ine, things to come or things to - day. Heights and
king - dom cel - e - bra - tion, old and young, both rich and poor. We have



gain the wond - rous stor - y; let your prais - es rise a - bove. God, we
mir - a - cle and won - der, Je - sus died and lives a - gain. Death has
depths can - not de - feat us; death will nev - er be the same. Christ is
life, for we're for - giv - en; where, O death, is now your sting? Born of



sing and give you glor - y for your ev - er - last - ing love.
lost, for you are strong - er; all cre - a - tion sings, "A - men!"
ris - en! So you prom - ise: we have life in Je - sus' name.
dust, we're claimed for heav - en, so let all God's peo - ple sing.

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that 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 promised in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered.

***Kyrie Eleison**



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***The Welcome and Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with words and signs of peace.

***Gloria Patri No. 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The musical notation for Gloria Patri No. 581 is presented in three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 (O.T., p.652)

Sarah Clermont

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24:1-6

Rose Hunsberger, *soprano*

(Cantor sings the refrain once then followed by the congregation)



The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy. A strong foundation was laid, was laid with-in the seas. **(R)**

O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house? They are those who love the Lord, who make God's will their own. **(R)**

O tell us, who are these saints, the saints who praise God's name? They are those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord. **(R)**

The Lord will bless the just, new life shall be restored. O come and seek the Lord; O praise God's holy name. **(R)**

Anthem

I Am the Resurrection and I Am the Life

William Croft

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. "They that believeth in me, though they were dead, yet shall they live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44 (N.T., p. 105)

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

All Saints Day

Miriam Lawrence Leupold

Litany of Thanksgiving for the Saints

A Pastor will read the names of those members of First Pres who have died this past year. After each name, a bell will ring, a candle lit and a verbal response spoken by all in thanksgiving for each life. Worshippers are then invited to say a name out loud of someone who has died. Microphones are available and a person will bring one to you if you raise your hand before saying the name. After each name, a bell will ring, a candle lit, and a verbal response spoken by all in thanksgiving for each life.

One: a name is read

All: We give thanks and praise to you, O God!

Our Response

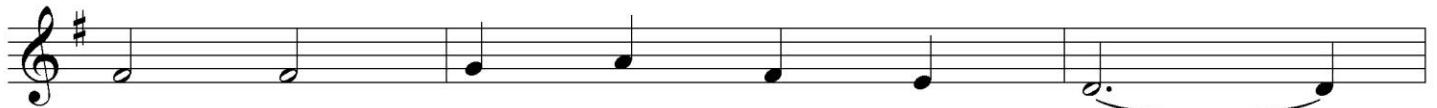
***Hymn No. 326**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE



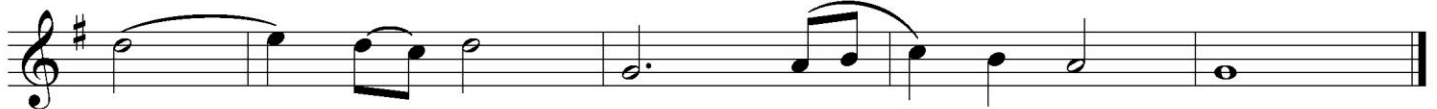
1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who thee _____ by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fort - ress, and their might; _____ thou, Lord, their
3. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! _____ We feeb - ly



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
cap - tain in the well - fought fight; _____
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!

Prayers of the People

There is a “Prayers of the People” book on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage the congregation to write their concerns and thanksgivings in the book before the service so they can be included in the Prayers of the People. Several petitions are offered, each concluding with: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Ushers will pass the offering plates to each pew. There are also offering receptacles located in the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering in one on the way into worship or as you leave. You may also donate online at <https://firstpresalbany.org/give/> or scan the QR code to the right.



Offertory

Lazarus

Robert Tanner

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Josh Gurwitz, *tenor*

Refrain: Lazarus! Come out! The Lord is calling you!

Come forth, O Lazarus! The Lord is calling you!

Rise up, Lazarus! The Lord is calling you!

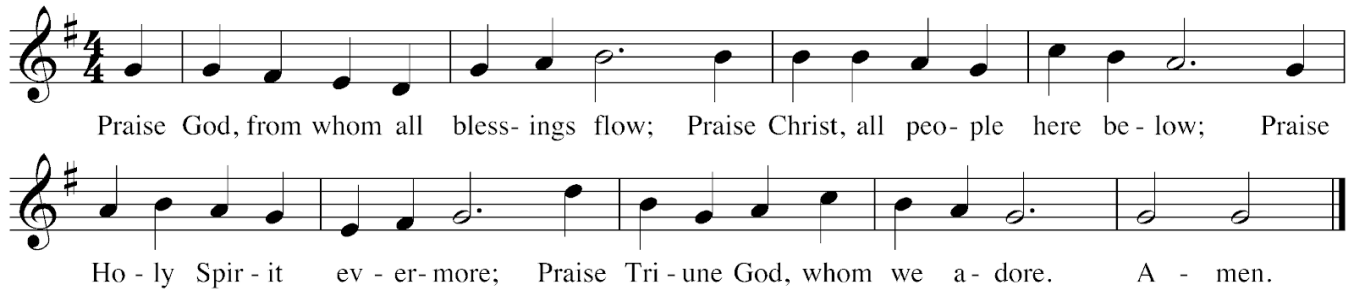
No need to be afraid, so come on up out of that grave.

The Lord says you're sleeping but if that is true, why did they put you into that tomb? I hear my Lord weeping but don't be ashamed, when Jesus calls your name.

The daughter of Jairus fell sick and died, but then the Lord spoke to her and she opened her eyes. She rose up from her slumber, now you do the same, when Jesus calls your name.

One morning after sleeping in the Savior's hands, God's children gonna wake up in the Promised Land. So hold your head up now and don't be ashamed, when Jesus calls your name.

***Doxology (sung in unison)**



Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo- ple here be- low; Praise
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er- more; Praise Tri - une God, whom we a- dore. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

All those, including children, who seek the way of Christ and desire fellowship in the church are invited to the Lord's Table to share in our common meal of Thanksgiving.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

One: ...Hear us now as together we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

The congregation is served at the front of the sanctuary, coming forward by the center aisle and returning by the side aisles. Communion is by intinction – take a piece of bread from the loaf or a piece of pita from the plate, dip it into the cup of juice, and eat. When served, you may respond by saying “Amen,” “Thanks be to God,” or another response. You may choose a sealed prepackaged communion element from one of the baskets – the ones with “GF” are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion in the pew, you may remain in your seat and signal an usher. Servers will bring you the elements.

When you come forward for communion, note the tablecloth on the communion table. There are names written by church members and guests of those important in our lives who have died. At the conclusion of the worship service, you are also invited to write the name of someone important in your life who has died on the tablecloth on the communion table. This reminds us of the time to come when we shall all partake of communion together at the heavenly banquet.

Communion Music

The Call

R. Vaughn Williams

Rose Hunsberger, soprano

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way, as gives us breath:
such a truth, as ends all strife: such a life, as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light, as shows a feast:
such a feast, as mends in length: such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move:
such a love, as none can part: such a heart, as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion

All: Holy God, you have called us to run with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

The Sending

***Hymn**

O God, We Give Thanks for the Saints Gone Before Us

ASH GROVE

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



1. O God, we give thanks for the saints gone be - fore us, re - mem - ber - ing
2. O God, we give thanks for the saints now a - mong us, for teach - ers and
3. O God, we give thanks for the way Je - sus shows us; may we seek to__



well how they walked Je - sus' Way. They val - ued the truth and would rise to__ de -
help - ers and ac - ti - vists, too, for those in our fam - ilies and those who work
fol - low his reign from a - bove. The world of - ten calls us to hat - red and__



fend it. They knelt to__ be__ kind to the poor day by day. They
with us to make the__ world bet - ter, to make the world new. We__
vio - lence, but Christ's way is__ wel - come and mer - cy and love. Like



wel - comed in__ im - mi - grants, hon - ored new neigh - bors, put love be - fore
thank you__ for__ those who seek jus - tice for oth - ers, for those who seek
pro - phets, a - post - les, and mar - tyrs be - fore us, like those who bear



greed, and sought peace ov - er strife. May we in our homes and our church - es__ and
Je - sus and live by his grace. May we in our homes and our church - es__ and
wit - ness to you ev - ery day, may we in our homes and our church - es__ and



na - tions re - call Je - sus'__ teach - ings and wel - come this life.
na - tions give thanks for__ their wit - ness of love in this place.
na - tions be saints who are__ eag - er to choose Je - sus' way.

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response by the People (in unison) Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

***Responsive Hymn No. 748** *May You Run and Not Be Weary* PRINCE OF PEACE

May you run and not be wear - y. May your heart be filled with song. —

And may the love of God con-tin - ue to give you hope and keep you strong.

— And may you run and not — be wear - y. May your life be filled with joy!

— And may the road you trav - el al - ways lead — you home. —

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533

J.S. Bach

You may be seated if you wish to listen to the postlude.

Please come to Assembly Hall for Fellowship Time.

For your convenience and as an aid to your worship experience, large print hymnals and Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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All are Welcome in this Place!

New faces and voices are always welcome and add to the spirit of our worship, education, mission and fellowship. Let us know you worshipped with us by either filling in the yellow card in the pew in front of you or by scanning the QR code. Pastors Miriam & Glenn use email addresses to share congregational email and important announcements about the life of the church.



First Presbyterian Church

is a community for all people where apprentices of Jesus seek to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

We are called by God to envision and work toward eradicating systemic poverty, eliminating structural racism and sharing the experience of the good news of God's love, peace and joy.

We welcome children to our worship services. Nursery care for children ages birth through kindergarten is provided on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Nursery care is available from 8:45am to 12:15pm and is staffed by experienced childcare providers Morgan Odom and Mary Margaret Cabuhat.

Parking is available on Sunday mornings in Washington Park. There is also a parking lot on Washington Avenue just west of Lark Street available during church services on Sunday mornings. The church parking lot on Sunday mornings is reserved for visitors and for those who, for physical reasons, need close access to the church. Please note the spaces reserved for those with disabilities, and please do not block other cars.

We continue to livestream our Sunday worship services on Facebook.

Christian Education on Sunday mornings

9:15-10:15 Education Classes in the Education Building

Godly Play in the Preschool Class on 2nd floor (age 3 thru kindergarten)

Godly Play in The Upper Rooms on 3rd floor (Grades 1-5)

Youth Education in the Youth Room on 2nd floor (Grades 6-12)

Adult Education is the Rose Room

Announcements

Today the **Adult Education Class** shared stories and anecdotes of joy, love and caring. **Next Sunday**, the class will ponder the ways we as a church should respond to the Presidential election.



Aging With Pride
Monthly Potluck
**Today, November 3,
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

First Pres Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for LGBTQ+ seniors to come together in a welcoming, supportive environment to share food, stories, and laughter.

The Session has called **the congregation to meet** in-person in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 10, at 11:45 following the 10:30 am worship service for the purpose of acting on the recommendations of the 2024 Nominating Committee.

- Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold, Moderators of Session
- Marian Eaton, Clerk of Session
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Each month the **FOCUS Food Pantry** requests items from its member churches. FPC's November donation is shampoo. All items must be new and unopened. The **FOCUS Food Pantry** is

also requesting one-pound bags of rice, as they are unable to get these from suppliers. Please leave donations in the box in Assembly Hall. Questions? Call Susan Sneeringer at 518-496-4793.

The **paraments** (the cloth on the pulpit, lectern and communion table) and the **pastors' stoles** (the cloth around their necks) are green, the liturgical color for **Ordinary Time** (Monday after Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent). Green is a sign of life in nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

A Message from the Stewardship Team: Many thanks to all who filled out a financial pledge card for 2025 in worship last Sunday or sent it to the church. If you have not submitted your pledge card, we hope you will do so soon. We are counting on you! If you need a pledge card, there are extras on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Another option is to go to our [website \(firstpresalbany.org/pledge/\)](http://firstpresalbany.org/pledge/) and fill out a pledge card online.

First Pres Community Partners Lunch & Learn Lecture Series

The Outreach & Mission Committee invites you to our next
Lunch & Learn Lecture
immediately following worship at 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:
Best Practices for Community Response



Speakers:

Janine Robitaille (Chief Executive Officer)
Shahmeeka Chaney-Artis (Program Director, Community Connections)
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

The O&M Committee will provide the main course, bread, and beverages.

We ask that members of our congregation please bring
a dessert or side dish to round out the menu (not required but appreciated!)

Please sign up on the sheet in Assembly Hall. Thank you

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- Sunday, 11/03 11:45 am Fellowship Time
 12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 1:00 pm Aging with Pride Monthly Potluck
- Monday, 11/04 7:00pm FCC Rehearsal
- Tuesday, 11/05 5:30 am General Elections
 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting
 5:45 pm Outreach and Mission Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, 11/06 6:00pm Steering Task Force Meeting
- Thursday, 11/07 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 6:15 pm Octet Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, 11/10

- 9:15 am Adult Education
9:15 am Children's Education (1st through 5th grade)
9:15 am Preschool Education
9:15 am Youth Education
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship Service in the sanctuary and livestreaming on
 Facebook
11:45 am Congregational Meeting followed by Fellowship Time
12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Serving you on Sunday, November 3

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Sue Haney, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley, Alison Stonbely

Online Worship Assistant: Jeff & Meddy Jacques

Scripture Reader: Sarah Clermont

Prayer Reader: Marian Eaton

Communion Servers: Stephanie Ragone & Mirabelle Beck

Offering Counters: Yousaf Mathias & Laura Schultz

Serving you on Sunday, November 10

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Carol Bullard, Kathie Keck, Yousaf Mathias, Amy Robinson

Online Worship Assistant: Mary Rogers

Scripture Reader: Annette Johnson

Prayer Reader: Marian Eaton

Communion Servers: David Hinchin & Annette Johnson

Offering Counters: Leslie Cheu & Ron Geuther

Audio Visual Specialist: Kevin Fuscus



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Trevor Kahlbaugh, Organist • Molly Dowell, Youth Director • Steven Minchin, Office Administrator*



Check out our socials!

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!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



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
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



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.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!