

# November 3rd, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

## Order of Worship

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Moment for Stewardship:**

Bob Suarez

**Prelude**      Morceau de Concert                      Mov. I      Camile Saint-Saën

### **Lighting of the Candle**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We rejoice in being knit together in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: We seek grace to follow the Lord in virtuous and Godly living, that our communion may bring the ineffable joys prepared for those who truly love the Lord.**

Leader: Together with all of the saints present now and those abiding in the eternity of God's love, we worship God who lives and reigns in glory everlasting.

**\*Hymn #1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women 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.**

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 25:6-9 pg. 652 OT

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Response** Listen to the Word God Has Spoken

Anonymous  
Chancel Choir

### **Children's Message**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the Church**

### **Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn** #O God, We Give Thanks (See bulletin)

**Second Scripture Lesson** Revelation 21:1-6A pg. 259 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

**Sermon** "Unshrouded"

### **Prayer for All Saints**

Saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversaries of the deaths of martyrs—their birthdays as saints through the completion of their baptism. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century.

In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of this festival is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks for members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

Please join in prayer:

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.**

**For all the high and holy ones, who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world, we give you thanks.**

**For all the meek and lowly ones, who have earnestly sought you in darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trial, and done good as they have had opportunity, we give you thanks.**

Especially we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved and have commended into God's eternal care in the past year:

Church members:

Eleanor Thomson, Jan Pedersen, Don Barnes, Lee Weber

*(bell)*

Those who have received the church's ministry of Christian Witness to the Resurrection or burial in our cemetery:

Edward Kaiser, Patricia Otten

*(bell)*

Family Members and Friends (you are invited to speak their names out loud)

*(bell)*

Those unknown to us for whom we have grieved collectively as a nation and as a world: All those lost to war, natural disaster, and events that have taken lives too soon.

*(bell)*

**As they have comforted and upheld our souls, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Setting by John A. Dempsey

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**  
**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Prayer continues...who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

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

*Prayer continues... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith*

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C F<sup>sus</sup> F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

### **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 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.**

### **Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements**

*You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together. Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread*

### **Prayer after Communion (unison)**

**God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple.**

**Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #326 For All the Saints**

(verses 1,3,5)

### **Benediction**

**Postlude How Great Thou Art Setting by Stephen DeCesare**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Carol Streeper</b>
<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>Rich Vodhanel—Saxophone</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Steve Aquilina</b>
	<b>Sue Starke</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>

### **Immediately following the service today, there will be a Special Meeting of the Congregation**

The Session has called a very brief meeting of the congregation in order to elect a nominating committee.

The meeting will take just a few minutes following worship on Sunday, November 3rd. The Nominating Committee is elected annually by the congregation for the purpose of nominating members to serve as elders and deacons for terms beginning in March 2025.

4	NOV, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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5	NOV, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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6	NOV, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
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7	NOV, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 5 – 6pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Jubilee Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
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8	NOV, FRI	● 3 – 4:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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9	NOV, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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10	NOV, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# O God, We Give Thanks

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2024

Ash Grove  
Traditional Welsh Melody



1. O God, we give thanks for the saints gone be - fore us—re -  
2. O God, we give thanks for the saints now a - mong us—for  
3. O God, we give thanks for the Way Je - sus shows us; may



mem - ber - ing well how they walked Je - sus' Way.  
teach - ers and help - ers and ac - ti - vists, too,  
we seek to fol - low his reign from a - bove.



They val - ued the truth and would rise to de - fend it. They  
for those in our fam - ilies and those who work with us to  
The world of - ten calls us to ha - tred and vio - lence, but



knelt to be kind to the poor day by day.  
make the world bet - ter, to make the world new.  
Christ's Way is wel - come and mer - cy and love.

They wel - comed in im - mi - grants, ho - nored new neigh - bors,  
We thank you for those who seek jus - tice for oth - ers,  
Like pro - phets, a - pos - tles, and mar - tyrs be - fore us,

put love be - fore greed, and sought peace ov - er strife.  
for those who seek Je - sus and live by his grace.  
like those who bear wit - ness to you ev - ery day,



May we in our homes and our chur - ches and na - tions re -  
May we in our homes and our chur - ches and na - tions give  
may we in our homes and our chur - ches and na - tions be



call Je - sus' teach - ings and wel - come this life.  
thanks for their wit - ness of love in this place.  
saints who are ea - ger to choose Je - sus' Way.





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,



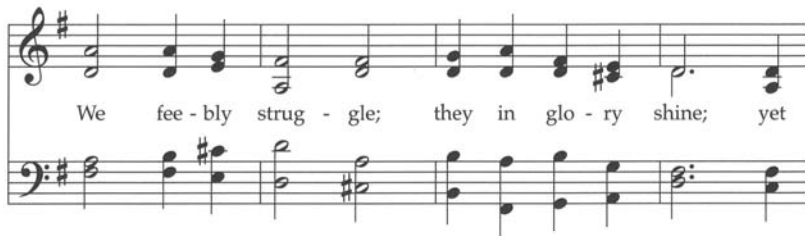
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



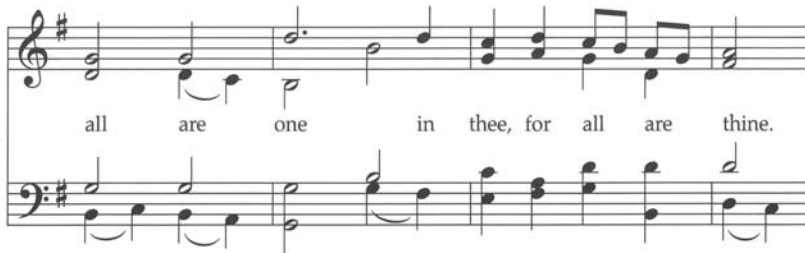
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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

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