



Nassau Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2020 11:00 AM

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude

Prelude in E Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9–12 (NRSV)

After this I looked,
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**“Salvation belongs to our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

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

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

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints
verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Hymn 326

Hymn indicates the red pew hymnal Glory to God.

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up humanity
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. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said: Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

And Jesus also said: Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Time With Children

Abigail Makes Peace

I Samuel 25

Prayer for Illumination

**Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12 : 1–2

NRSV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty.

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalms 86

NRSV

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
 For great is your steadfast love toward me;
 you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
 O God, the insolent rise up against me;
 a band of ruffians seeks my life,
 and they do not set you before them.
 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
 give your strength to your servant;
 save the child of your serving girl.
 Show me a sign of your favor,
 so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
 because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Sermon

An Undivided Heart

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table,
 lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

Sermon Hymn

As Pants the Deer for Living Streams

Red Hymnal 778

Offertory

Agnus Dei
 from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona eis requiem,
 sempiternam requiem.
 Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine.
 Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
 quia pius es.
 Requiem aeternum dona eis Domine,
 et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Lamb of God,
 who takes away the sins of the world,
 grant them rest,
 everlasting rest.
 Light eternal shine on them, Lord,
 with your saints in eternity,
 for your mercy's sake.
 Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
 and light perpetual shine on them.*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Remembering the Saints

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and the great cloud of witnesses and the whole creation to proclaim 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

Benediction

Response

Going and Coming

Joachim Schwarz

Postlude

Toccatina in D Minor, BWV 538

J. S. Bach

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Maria Palombo,
Marissa Chalker,
George Somerville,
& Elem Eley, soloists
Michael Ryan, organist

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Tending the Flock

Death—Seth Lindsey, brother of Shana Lindsey-Morgan, brother-in-law of Michael Morgan, and uncle of Dean and Avery, on October 20, 2020, in Wisconsin.

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