

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 5, 2023

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



All Saints' Day

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A Church for all People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

() Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

+Facemasks are currently optional. If you have a vulnerable health condition or just prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to do so."

Health and Safety Committee.

On Communion Sundays, we ask that all prayer concerns be written in the prayer book (instead of passing the microphone).

Preparation for the Word

"As followers of Jesus, we should not only believe in miracles, but we must live in a way that might necessitate one."

-Shane Claiborne

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

Prelude Organ Sonata No. 1, Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

from Hebrews 12

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
We come to worship God!

***Opening Hymn 741 (v.1-4) Guide My Feet**

Prayer of Confession

It takes a lot of courage to be a human being. But sometimes we forget that others have gone before us and showed us how to live with faith, hope, and love, even in profoundly difficult times. Let us confess our need for the help that comes from the Great Cloud of Witnesses.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith.

We confess that we can be 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, we may inherit the Beloved Community of Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

The grace of God enables us to begin again in our desire to be disciples of Jesus. Even though we stumble and fall along the way, our compassionate Creator lifts us up and teaches us to love as we have first been loved.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Praise 582 (v.1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning , is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:1-9

Anthem Festival Piece on "Sine Nomine"

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Arr. Dwight Elrich

Time with the Children

Pastor Mark Harper

The Sacrament of Baptism for Nile Muchemi Gikonyo

Introduction of Child and Family

Question to the Parent

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith to the best of your ability, and to teach this faith to your child?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Nile Muchemi Gikonyo in word and deed, with love and

prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

***Hymn 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 23: 1-12

Reflection on the Word

Sermon

Stewards of One Another

Rev. Mark Harper

A Litany for All Saints

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and space, who in life and in death have witnessed to your truth,
we praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,
we praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,
we praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The Saints

William A. Feasley, father of Jill Feasley, father-in-law to Kurt Lawson and beloved grandfather.

Joe Reynolds, Loving husband to Karis Hastings Reynolds, father to Lucy and her husband, Alison and Hope, and dearly beloved by the Hastings Reynolds family, a former member of TPPC, a friend and helper to many.

Kay Hoefner, mother of Ferd Hoefner

Phil Kiely, father of Lisa Kiely

Joan Lang , mother of Karen Lang

Art Turman, father of Wendy Turman

Colleen DiPaul, a mother and grandmother, dear friend of Pat Rumbaugh and many at TPPC

Robin Coram, Jackie Davison, Noori, relatives and friends of Katherine Coram

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*Immediately following worship, the Deacons are hosting a **Memorial Table** in the back of the sanctuary. This is in honor and remembrance of **All Saints Day**, and of the Saints who died this year and remain dear to us. Photographs or Mementos of loved ones will be shared.*

“Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord....” Revelation 14.13:

***Hymn 326**

**For All the Saints
RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

SINE NOMINE

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark Harper

Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the "Chat Box"

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,
Holy are you and holy is your name.
May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us our daily bread,
and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.
For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.

Offertory

At the River

Adapt: Aaron Copland
Arr. R. Wilding-White

***Doxology 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Holy God of love, just as we have received these gifts from you, now we offer them back in faith and hope, that you may work through them to bring about healing, wholeness, justice and peace around the world which you have created. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ welcomes us to receive this meal

Hymn 701 (2x)

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Invitation

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from East and West, and from North and
South, and sit at table in the reign of God.

How good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are all who find refuge in God.

This is the Lord's Table. It is not Takoma Park's table

It is the Lord's Table, so come - for all is made ready.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Yes, all thanks and praise be to you, most holy God,
giver of all life.

You made us for companionship and shaped us for love;

You gave us your good earth and taught us to care;

You established your law that we might learn justice and give
you honor with our lives; we give thanks to you.

Creating God, breath of all being;

The earth is yours and all that is in it,

And all who dwell therein.

And so we sing with all the Saints on earth and all the saints in heaven:

Sung Sanctus 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

The Acclamation

Let us praise the Lord.

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

In Christ shall all be made alive. Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God forever and ever. Amen

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have filled us with good things!
Grant us now the imagination to extend and expand this table of welcome that all people who hunger and thirst for justice might be fed. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements of the Community's Life

***Sending Hymn 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

March of the Priests

F. Mendelssohn

Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.

Participants in this morning's service

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor
Rev. John Seaman, Communion Officiant
Diane Curran, Liturgist
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. James Bingham, organ
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician
Erol Kalayoglu, Zoom Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

**** Zoom events**

Mon. Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Tue. Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m. Session**

Wed. Nov.8, 8:15 p.m. Presbyterians for Police Transformation**

Sun. Nov. 12. 11.00 a.m. Worship Service (*hybrid*)

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome to our worship. We are pleased you are with
us today.

+Please continually pray for peace - - in our homes,
neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+2024 Stewardship Campaign. We enter the fall stewardship
season in a spirit of gratitude for God's abundant harvest of
peace, justice, and love. God accepts and multiplies whatever we
offer to help build the Beloved Community. On **Commitment**

Sunday on November 12, 2023, we will make our annual pledges as a community during worship. And afterwards, we will celebrate with a delicious lunch catered by the talented chefs at Crossroads Community Kitchen. If you can't make it on November 12, please visit <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

+Please join the **Critical History Project** to see Charly Lowry, a Native American, perform at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on Thursday, November 9 at 6 PM. More info is available at <https://www.kennedy-center.org/whats-on/millennium-stage/2023/november/charly-lowry/>. The performance is free it requires a ticket to enter. You may reserve on line at the above link or pick up a ticket that day at the Kennedy Center Hall of States' box office. The performance will also be livestreamed. If you'd like to meet us at the Takoma Metro please contact Ruth Noel at 240-381-2037.

+We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc>: Questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+**Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.**

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC.

Information on giving, including giving on line, can be found at <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, 310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. If you have questions, please contact finance@takomaparkpc.org.

YES!



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code to
donate!



I want to help **Crossroads Community Food Network** make fresh, healthy food more affordable to our low-income neighbors; share ways to prepare healthy food throughout our community; and help local food entrepreneurs get their businesses off the ground. Here's how:

- \$75** Covers the cost of 3 healthy eating sessions for 5th graders at schools with high FARMS rates
- \$150** Supports 10 hours of community kitchen use for a low-income food business owner
- \$240** Provides 3 families with a month's worth of Fresh Checks, which match SNAP benefits spent on fresh produce at Crossroads Farmers Market

THANK YOU!



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We're grateful for your support!