

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire hope;

To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

To whomever will come—

All Saints Presbyterian Church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

## Announcements

**March Missions Prayer:** Please remember to be in prayer for Westminster Theological Seminary. WTS exists to train specialists in the Bible to proclaim the whole counsel of God for Christ and his global church. To learn more about this work and how you can pray for them and otherwise support them, please visit their website at <a href="https://www.wts.edu">www.wts.edu</a>.

Member of the Week: Isaiah Mitchell

**Hebrews Study:** We are planning to move our midweek study to a live video stream on Wednesday, March 25. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details!

**Support:** During this difficult time, we understand that there are also financial difficulties for many. Please consider, as much as you are able, continuing your financial support of the church. On the one hand, a few expenses have been relieved for the time being. On the other hand, there are new expenses being incurred. Meantime, most of the usual expenses must continue to be paid. We are working hard to continue to minister in these strange days. Please help us do so by continuing to fund the work. You can contribute by mail (101 Creekside Crossing, STE 1700, PMB 212, Brentwood TN 37027) or electronically on our secure website (<a href="www.allsaintspres.net/online-giving">www.allsaintspres.net/online-giving</a>). Thank you!

An Update from the Session: Brothers and Sisters, it has already become cliché to remark on what strange times these are. We do not want to lose sight, though, of how much remains the same. Our God still reigns. He is still in the Heavens and on his throne. He still loves his people and knows what is best. Finances, health, and vocation may change dramatically in the coming days for many, but we are still the sheep of his pasture. We have sung "the body they may kill" and read with joy and hope "through I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." We now have the opportunity to live that faith.

Please watch this video to find out our plan going forward for worship. You can get the details there. Here I want to press home the main idea. We want to maintain as much normalcy as possible as a congregation. Of course, some things are beyond our control. And some things need to change in the coming days. As we are able, the Session will communicate about some of those things. In the meantime, though, the prayer email will go out on Mondays. The Newsletter will go out on Wednesdays. We are going to start up Wednesday Bible studies next week online (more information coming on this), and our worship on Sundays will pick up where we left off with Ezra, the Psalms, and preaching through Matthew.

As I ask in the video, please stick with us. We may not be able to gather on Sundays, but we remain a community of faithful Christians committed to one another. Your elders and deacons will be checking in with you regularly. Please let us know how we can serve you! Worship with us as outlined in the video—there is a true spiritual unity that is ours in Christ and which is nurtured in worshiping together, even if only in Spirit.

We love this congregation and continue to take joy in serving her, even in this. Cling to Christ and find your joy and peace in him and his promises. –Pastor Matt, on behalf of the Session.

# Order for Family Worship

Sunday Morning, March 22, 2020



#### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship......Psalm 9:1–2, 11

(all read together)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

The Psalm......Psalm 19

(head of household reads aloud)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER, A PSALM OF DAVID

- The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- 2. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- 4. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

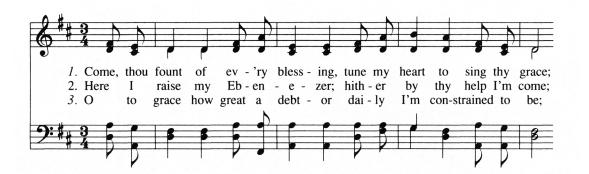
- 5. which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

- 8. the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9. the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12. Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

- 13. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing





Our Father and Our God, ruler of all things and perfect in knowledge, you who have by your grace and according to your infinite love called us into your presence this day, be present with us as we worship. Work by your Word and Spirit to accomplish in us all that you have promised, so that on the day of Christ Jesus the work that he began in us will be completed. We pray these things in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

#### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

<sup>21</sup> Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our goods. <sup>22</sup> For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way, since we had told the king, "The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him." <sup>23</sup> So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.

<sup>24</sup> Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests: Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their kinsmen with them. <sup>25</sup> And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering for the house of our God that the king and his counselors and his lords and all Israel there present had offered. <sup>26</sup> I weighed out into their hand 650 talents of silver, and silver vessels worth 200 talents, and 100 talents of gold, <sup>27</sup> 20 bowls of gold worth 1,000 darics, and two vessels of fine bright bronze as precious as gold. <sup>28</sup> And I said to them, "You are holy to the LORD, and the vessels are holy, and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your fathers. <sup>29</sup> Guard them and keep them until you weigh them before the chief priests and the Levites and the heads of fathers' houses in Israel at Jerusalem, within the chambers of the house of the LORD." <sup>30</sup> So the priests and the Levites took over the weight of the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

<sup>31</sup> Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way. <sup>32</sup> We came to Jerusalem, and there we remained three days. <sup>33</sup> On the fourth day, within the house of our God, the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed into the hands of Meremoth the priest, son of Uriah, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and with them were the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui. <sup>34</sup> The whole was counted and weighed, and the weight of everything was recorded.

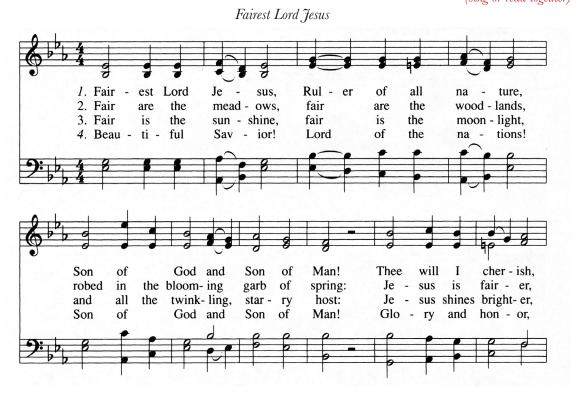
<sup>35</sup> At that time those who had come from captivity, the returned exiles, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and as a sin offering twelve male goats. All this was a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>36</sup> They also delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps and to the governors of the province Beyond the River, and they aided the people and the house of God.

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression all our lives. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beg you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. *Amen*.

#### Meditation

Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.





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### GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

#### Prayer for Illumination

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

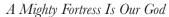
<sup>33</sup> "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

Link to Sermon Video: The Design of God Prayer of Intercession 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (all recite together) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Doxology ...... Trinity Hymnal, 731 (sing or read together) Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Father in heaven, in these uncertain times, we give you thanks that you have preserved us. We acknowledge that you hold all things in the palm of your hand and that you give good gifts to your children. Thank you that you have called us your own and that you have given us a name and made us heirs of all of your promises. We thank you that we have a hope and future and that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. We offer up these prayers of thanksgiving in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. Amen.

### GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING







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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

# Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

The mission of All Saints is to glorify God according to his Word by preaching the gospel to all people, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, and building up the body of Christ until the day of Christ's return.

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