

Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

All Saints Sunday | November 3, 2019 | 10:30 am

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Calling the Community to Worship

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES

Please fill out the Friendship Pad located at one end of every pew and pass it to your neighbor.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you prepare for today's worship, please join us in silent reflection and prayer as you meditate on the words printed below.

“In [God’s] holy flirtation with the world, God occasionally drops a pocket handkerchief.

These handkerchiefs are called saints... Many people think of saints as plaster saints, men and women of such paralyzing virtue that they never thought a nasty thought or did an evil deed their whole lives long. As far as I know, real saints never even come close to characterizing themselves that way... In other words, the feet of saints are as much of clay as everybody else's, and their sainthood consists less of what they have done than of what God has for some reason chosen to do through them... The Holy Spirit has been called ‘the Lord, the giver of life’ and, drawing their power from that source, saints are essentially life-givers. To be with them is to become more alive.”

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wonderful is our God,
who gathers the poor of the earth.

People: **Glorious is our God,
who wipes away the tears of sorrow.**

Leader: Wonderful is our God,
who gives inheritance to the meek.

People: **Glorious is our God,
who satisfies the hunger of the just.**

Leader: Wonderful is our God,
who gives mercy to the merciful.

People: **Glorious is our God,
who gives vision to the pure in heart.**

Leader: Wonderful is our God,
who adopts the peacemakers.

People: **Glorious is our God,
who lifts high the persecuted.**

Leader: Wonderful is our God,
who finds the lost.

People: **Glorious is our God,
who awakens the dead.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

THE HYMN *

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

HYMN 804

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON *

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.

People: **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 have promised in Jesus Christ.**

(A time of silent confession)

*Please stand if you are able. The congregation is invited to read aloud text in bold print.

In the narthex area, **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available.

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!**

THE RESPONSE*

Glory to God

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE*

*At this time, children PreK-5th grade are invited to come
forward to the chancel steps.*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

*At the conclusion, children will be dismissed to Sunday
School, along with youth in 6-8th grades. See "Helpful
Information & Reminders" for details.*

Proclaiming the Word

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:20-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Blessings and Woes

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton

Responding to the Word

THE HYMN*

I Will Come to You

HYMN 177

THE REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

THE HYMN*

For All the Saints

HYMN 326

THE GENEROSITY MOMENT

Linda Neel

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Give Thanks

HYMN 647

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat once)**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness
we have these gifts to share.**

**Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.**

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

THE GRACIOUS INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

...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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome at God's table. The home-baked bread is gluten free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Going Forth to Serve in Christ

THE HYMN*

My Life Flows On

HYMN 821

THE BENEDICTION*



All Saints' Day

Senior Saints are invited to please remain seated immediately following the conclusion of the worship service, to allow time for the remaining congregation to exit the sanctuary prior to a group photograph.