

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

October 29, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

All Saints' Day

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Heaven enters wherever Christ enters, even in this life.
—C. S. Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Elegy
Malcolm Archer

WELCOME

INTROIT

O Quanta Qualia
Healey Willan

O what their joy and their glory must be, those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see! Crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ever blest. Truly Jerusalem name we that shore, 'Vision of peace', that brings joy evermore! Wish and fulfillment can severed be ne'er, nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer. There, where no troubles distraction can bring, we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing, while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise thy blessed people eternally raise. Low before him with our praises we fall, of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all: of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son; through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adrian Taylor

Pastor: They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
All: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
Pastor: Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise. In Jesus' name, let us worship God.

*†OPENING HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
ASSURANCE

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Mallory Hammond

FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 25:6-9 (page 586)

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (from *Elijah*)
Felix Mendelssohn

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

LITANY OF RESURRECTION HOPE

Gage Arnold

Pastor: Eternal God, your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest. This we celebrate as we proclaim:

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

Pastor: We remember and praise you for the saints and martyrs of this and every age. We name them before you now [*aloud and in silence*]. These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground, yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

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

Pastor: We pray for your church throughout the world and for that part to which we belong, that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in your service, that the love of self-preservation may be set aside, that the deaths you demand of it may be embraced joyfully, and that through all it may proclaim:

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

Pastor: In silence we surrender to your will and purpose ourselves and all that we count important. For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings. And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the kingdom's seed. In us and through us, may your Spirit proclaim:

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
Fanny Crosby

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

**Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. *Refrain***

**Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. *Refrain***

**Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? *Refrain***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from the Westminster Confession of Faith

All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties that lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as help them to edify one another. It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another in material things according to their various abilities and necessities. As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 John 3:1-3 (page 1022)

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Children of God

Dr. Ryan Moore

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

All are welcome to come forward and light a candle for a loved one

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Philip W. J. Stopford | Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Saviour hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: Hear our prayers, dear Christ: For those who have gone before us, wrapped in your grace.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For those who have nourished us, encouraged us, and prayed for us,

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For the promises anchored deep in the Gospel.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For the good news of resurrection.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For all the saints, who from their labors rest.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

IN MEMORIAM

First Presbyterian Church Members Who Have Died in the Past Year

October 2024

Rebecca Freeman
Nancy Boyd Johnson
Jennie Faye Frye Clements
William Turner Bryant
Amelia Spickard Watson
Felicia Carson Gates

November 2024

Mary Ann Pollard Houghland
Don Graves Holt
Robert Eugene 'Bob' Hardison Jr.
Douglas Carlton 'Doug' Altenbern Sr.

December 2024

Gayle Tipton Welch
Lyman Oscar 'Buzz' Heidtke Jr.
Harry G. Nichol Jr.
Susan Sharpe Wall

January 2025

Janis Rogers Spivey

February 2025

James Robert 'Jim' Cato
Marylee Appleby Booth
James William 'Bill' Blevins
John 'Robley' Caldwell Jr.

March 2025

Marjorie Ann O'Neal Miller
Victor 'Jacque' Voegeli III
Jean McElvey Banner
Judith Brandon 'Judy' Thomas
Mary Lou Wiley Fite
Daisy Mae Pass King
Henry 'Rodes' Hart Sr.

April 2025

Roberta Alexandra 'Lexie' Osgood
Ann Brinton Hutton
Helen Katherine Fritzeen Holland

May 2025

Emmett 'Trey' Russell III
Robert Baxter 'Bob' Jackson Sr.

June 2025

Patricia Ann Martin Nichol
Dean Sherwood Gillespie Reeves

July 2025

Hugh Catron Gracey Jr.
Evelyn 'Carney' Overall Farris
David Lynn McFadden
Faye Jewell Chiles

August 2025

Harry Sharp Hassall

October 2025

Raymond Trask 'Chip' Throckmorton III

Moment of silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*HYMN 840

It Is Well with My Soul
VILLE DU HAVRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Elegy
G. T. Thalben-Ball

** Those who are able, please stand.*

† Latecomers may be seated.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Mallory Hammond – *Parish Associate, Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families*
Adrian Taylor, MDiv – *Director of Missions Ministry*
Gage Arnold, MDiv – *Director of Youth Programming*
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Joseph Fala, MM – *Assistant Director of Music & Organist*
Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Greg Thomas, *Tenor*