

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Borger, Texas

November 2, 2008

This All Saints Celebration offers us a chance to remember, or learn about, the great cloud of witnesses who have made us who we are today. We lift up exemplars from the long and deep family history of our traditions and from the immediate family story in our local churches. This celebration is an opportunity to nurture all of us, now, in our vocation as Christians. When we the people of God come together, we share the stories of faith with one another, and listen for how God is speaking to them through these stories and through our being together NOW. In doing this we are standing in the stream of history which has been created by these stories. At the same time, we are continuing the creation of the stories and carrying them on into the future. Today, as we gather to commemorate this All Saints Day as the bearers of the Story of God With Us in the community of faith, we, too, will listen for how God is speaking to us individually and to the church that we are together, as we move toward the future into which God beckons us.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Two American Hymn Tunes

Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Revelation 7:10-12)

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

And also with you.

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted be glad and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

*HYMN

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"You Are God"

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All creation worships you, the father
everlasting.

**To you all angels cry aloud, the heavens and the powers therein. To you the cherubim and
seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise you.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of infinite majesty; your true

and only son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, our comforter.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory. You are the eternal Son of the Father. When you became a man to set us free, you did not shun a maiden's womb. When you overcame the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at the right hand of God in glory. We believe that you will come again and be our judge.

We pray to you - help your servants, bought with your precious blood. Bring us with your saint to glory everlasting. Amen.

A READING FROM 1 John

1 John 3:1-3

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Pethel

UNISON READING

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

And blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way people persecuted the prophets before you.

This is the Word of the Risen Christ.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SERMON

"The Truth About Saints"

The Reverend Georgia N. King

During the sermon you will be asked to NAME SAINTS BEFORE GOD Included in your bulletin, you will find a piece of paper and asked, in silence, to write down the name of one or two special "saints" in your life for whom you wish to give God special thanks this day. The paper will then be placed on the plate during the singing of the hymn.

HYMN

"For All The Saints"

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At this time, as we sing the hymn "For All The Saints" the ushers will pass the plates for collection of our angels and when the hymn is finished, join together in the prayer that will follow.

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERATORY

O Holy Father

Von Flotow

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE (unison)

Eternal God, make us this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who compass us about: Those who in every age and generation witnessed to their faith in life and in death; Those who by their courage and their sacrifice won for us the freedom and the liberty we enjoy; Those who served their fellow men at the cost of pain, of persecution and of death; Those for whom all the trumpets sounded as they passed over to the other side; Those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with you, and whose names are written on our hearts. Help us to walk worthily of those in whose unseen presence, life is lived. Help us to have in our lives; their courage in danger; their steadfastness in trial; their perseverance in difficulty; their loyalty when loyalty is costly; their love which nothing can change-; their joy which nothing can take away. So grant to us in your good time to share with them the blessedness of your nearer presence, that we also May come to that life. where ail the questions are answered; where ail the tears are wiped away: Where we shall meet again, never to be separated from them, those whom we have loved and lost awhile'. Where we shall be for ever with our Lord. So grant to us in this life never to forget those who have gone before, so that in the life to come we may share their blessedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*COMMUNION LITANY

L The peace of the Lord be with you.

P And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

P We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to our God.

P It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . who will sing to 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.

You are holy, O God of majesty . . . to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Praise to you Lord Jesus.

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*All who are able, please stand. For those wishing to remain seated during communion, the cup and bread will be brought to you.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

This table is open to all who profess their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptized in his name. The elements will be shared by intinction at the front of the communion table. The ushers will invite you by rows to come forward. Following the taking of the elements, you are invited to light one or more candles in remembrance and honor of those whom have gone to God’s kingdom in heaven. Please then return to your pew seats by the outside aisle after lighting your candle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** HYMN:** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” 521

*** BLESSING AND BENEDICT**

CLOSING RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord lift His countenance upon You, and give you peace, and give you peace; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious un-to you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** Stately March Boalt

- Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.
- Any who choose are welcome to be seated and remain for the Postlude in its entirety.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Hazel Howard in memory of Raymond and Fred's birthday.

Helping Hands contribution for November is Dish Soap.

If anyone has news, announcements, fun facts, or any information that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let Barbara know.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor, Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

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Sun. November 9 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Social Hall
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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