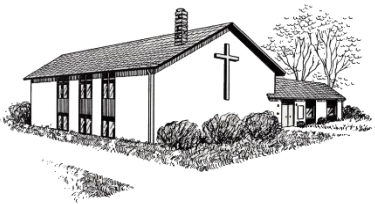


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*Our Mission...*  
*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*  
*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

The Fourth Sunday before Advent  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
All Saints Day

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***Bold print** indicates a congregational response.*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.*

### **PRELUDE – #705 VU – “For All the Saints”**

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*~Joan Shaw*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(VU #719)*

**God of the ages,  
we praise you for all your servants  
who have done justice, loved mercy,  
and walked humbly with their God.  
We praise you for all who have sought your new creation,  
and who, by their steadfast faith,  
have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus.  
We praise you for those we have known and loved,  
and pray that we, with them,  
may follow in the way of Christ,  
and, at the last, dwell in your holy city,  
sharing in the inheritance of the saints in light,  
through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** *Peggy Latimer*

## **The First Lesson**

**Revelation 7: 9-17**

*After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

*Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;*

*for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

## **The Epistle**

**1 John 3: 1-3**

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

**RESPONSE:** *This is the word of God.*

**Thanks be to God**

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:*

*'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*

*'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

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

*'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for  
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

GOSPEL RESPONSE:

*The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

*"For All the Saints"*

*~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

A CONFSSION OF FAITH

*A New Creed*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS

### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE DOXOLOGY

*(based on Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**Glory to God  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.*

### POSTLUDE – #173 VU – “Thine is the Glory”

*~Joan Shaw*

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