

Worship  
November 1, 2020  
All Saints' Day † The Lord's Supper

*Providence*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Gathering**  
Welcome and Announcements

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**Offerings will be taken  
at the door as you enter  
or leave the Sanctuary.**

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**Prelude**

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**Opening Sentences**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.  
**In you, we come home—  
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.  
We dwell in you.**

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**Opening Sentences**

Before the mountains were born,  
before you delivered the whole world,  
from everlasting past to everlasting future,  
you are God.  
**In you, we are home—  
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.  
We dwell in you.**

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### Gathering Prayer

Loving God, you not only welcome us,  
you receive us into yourself.  
Give us courage to be so open to others,  
to let them become so dear to us,  
that we might share not only your gospel  
but also our lives,  
through Christ,  
who makes room for us all. Amen.

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### Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the  
promised mercy and compassion of God.  
Please join me in a time of confession for humanity  
followed by a time of silent, personal confession.

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### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up  
women and men to live and die in faith.  
We confess that we are indifferent to your call.  
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.

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### Prayer of Confession

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 promised in Jesus Christ.

*Silent, personal confession*

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### Prayer of Confession

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**  
Christ sits at God's right hand and intercedes on our  
behalf: He is our hope and our salvation! In him, we may  
dwell secure in the pardon God gives us in Christ!  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel...  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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### Grateful Response

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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## Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please stand in place greet each other,  
"Peace be with you."  
with an air hug or a namaste bow.*

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## Time With the Younger Church



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## The Word

### First Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

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<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.  
<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.  
<sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.  
<sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

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**Anthem**  
 "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Zaninelli

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**Scripture Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated

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on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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 worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

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"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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

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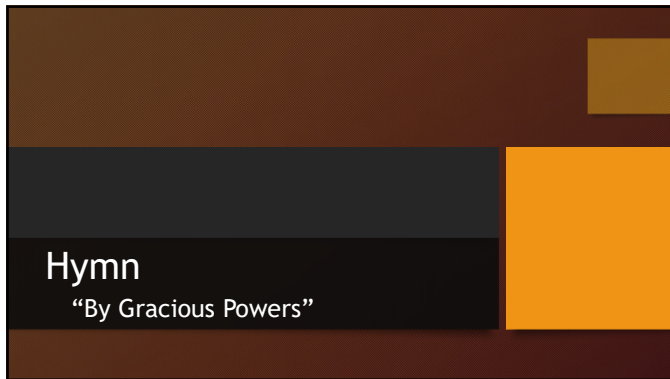
shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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**Thanks be to God.**

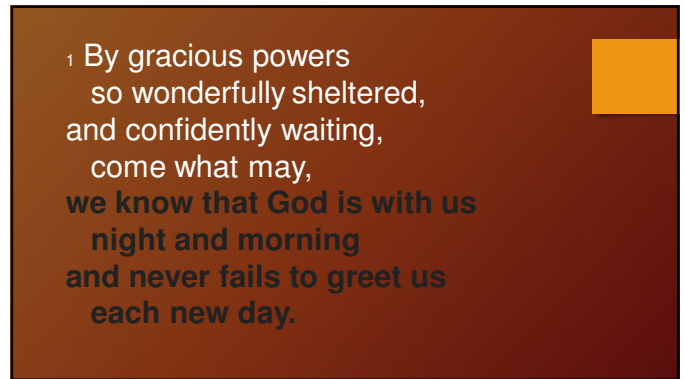
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**Sermon**  
*Living in Thin Places*

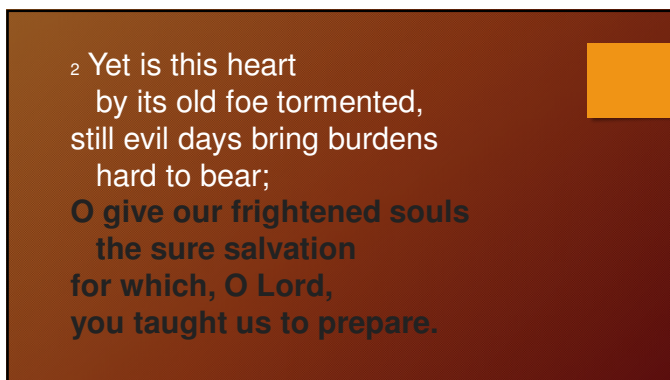
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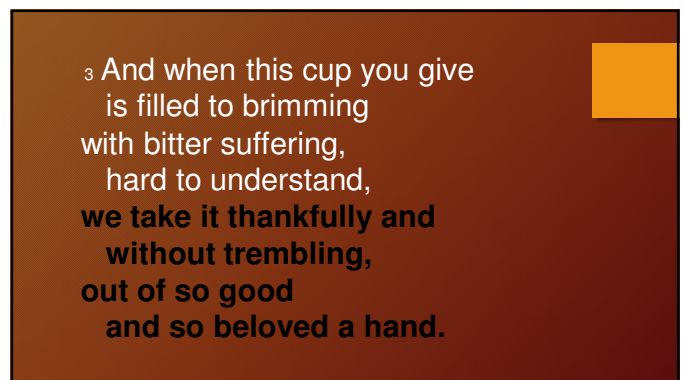
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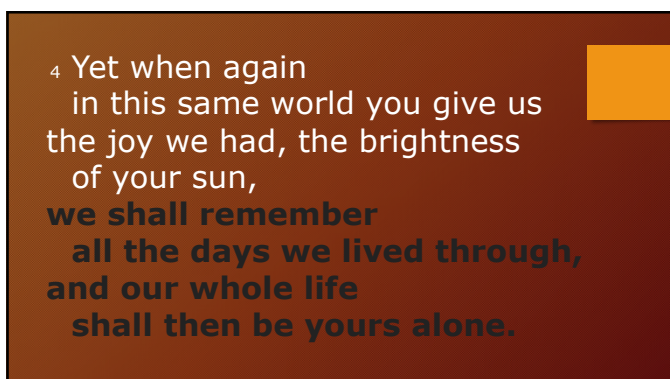
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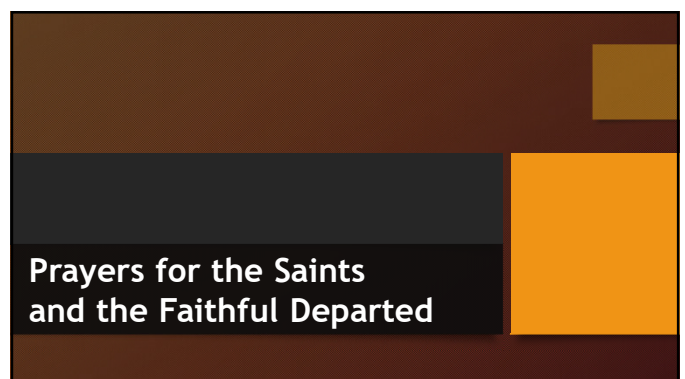
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We praise you, O God, for the gift of memory and the memories we celebrate on this day.

**We praise you for all your servants and witnesses of the faith who have gone this way before us who, through much love and sacrifice, gave to us a great spiritual heritage.**

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We give thanks for our inheritance of glory through Christ with all the saints who have lived before our time and all other members of your church who live in our own time.

**What grace you have shown us sinners that we may share the glory of your unending kingdom!**

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We give thanks for all who have brought the gospel to our generation.

**We rejoice in the communion of saints today and always.**

**By your Holy Spirit, may we know the presence of the living Christ, be one body in him, and grow into his likeness.**

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Renew our communion with all your saints, especially . . . (here the names are read) . . .

and those we name in our hearts . . .  
(a moment of silence).

In mercy, O Lord, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life.

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Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Let us pray...

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**Merciful God,  
you heal the broken in heart  
and bind up the wounds of the  
afflicted.**

**Strengthen us in our weakness,  
calm our troubled spirits,  
and dispel our doubts and fears.**

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In Christ's rising from the dead you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life.

Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with all whom we love.

Grant this, we pray,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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## The Invitation



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## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise...

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## The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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## Breaking of Bread and Pouring of the Cup



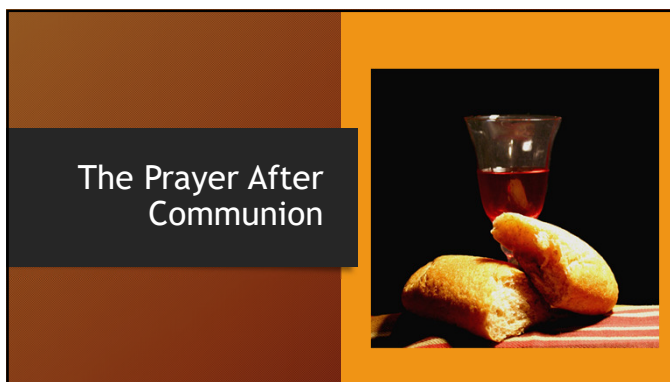
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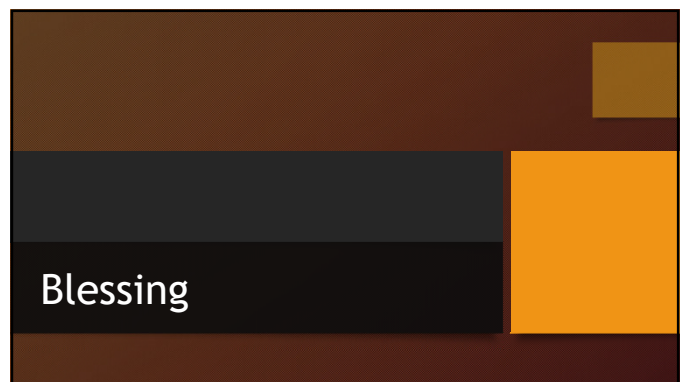
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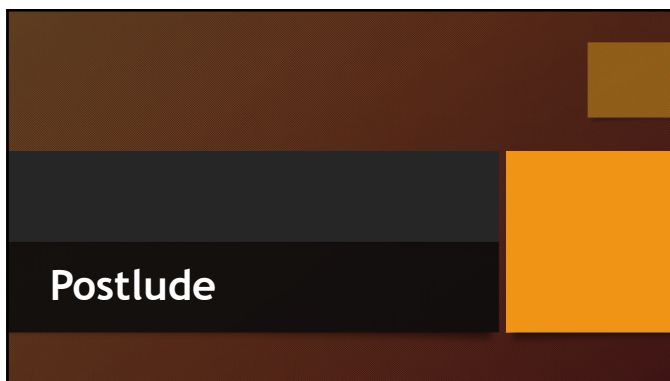
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