

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan
Service for the Lord's Day – Proper 26 – All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

10:30am

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Then the Lord said: It is finished! Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.
Sing to the Lord a new song; let all the faithful praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

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.
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 promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 3:14-21

1 John 3:1-3

Sermon

“I’ll See You Again”

final in a series, “The Worst Year Ever”

Invitation to the Offering/Affirmation of Faith

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Invitation

Communion

We will commune in our seats at this time with the pre-packaged communion cups that were picked up at the beginning of service.

If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to commune with us at this time.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

**Please bring your offering to the plate at the front of the sanctuary as you prepare to leave worship today.*

Genesis 3:14-21

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

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.

Prayers For at Home this Week

Morning Household Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for waking me up this morning, giving me a new start and another day to live for you. The light of day reminds me of the overwhelming love you give to us – such that you even call us your children. Let me live this day in gratitude, showing your love in all I say and do for the sake of your son, Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

Evening Household Prayer:

God of the heavens, I cannot count the stars you have strewn across the sky, nor can I measure the grace you have poured out upon me. Thank you for the gifts of this day, for they show me your generosity. Thank you for its challenges, for in them I find your wisdom and strength. Bless all those I have met today, and forgive me for the ways I have caused them harm. Keep me in your care this night; and if I do not awaken in the morning, receive me into the glorious company of all the saints. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Election Day, November 3, 2020:

Under your law we live, great God, and by your will we govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours, so that without partisan anger, we may work out issues that divide us, and elect candidates to serve the common welfare; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.