

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”  
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

*Ascension*

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**November 7, 2021**

**11:00 AM**

**All Saints Sunday**



Sebastiano del Piombo, *The Raising of Lazarus*

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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Let My Prayer Come into Your Presence” (Stoffel)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revelation 21:1-6a

**GATHERING HYMN**

“For All the Saints” *Glory to God 326*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely.

**People:** **And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of the faith.** *Hebrews 12:1-2a*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God of Martha and Lazarus and of all the saints who have proclaimed that Jesus Christ is Lord, we come to you in the poverty of our own profession. There have been those opportunities to minister that we have avoided and occasions to bring healing that we have passed by. In the tombs of our vulnerabilities, we stay bound to the past and chained to the routines we find most comfortable. The remembrance of “if only I had been there” haunts us to tears and marks with pain the sins of whatever we have left undone.**

*silent prayer of confession*

**KYRIE**

Leader: Lord have mercy.  
**People: Christ have mercy.**  
Leader: Lord have mercy.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Be assured that the grace of God overflows for us with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worth of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Siblings, believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: To the Sovereign of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.** *1 Timothy 1:14-15, 17, adapted*

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Psalm 24 adapted*

Reader 1: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
Reader 2: The world, and those who dwell therein;  
**All: For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

*Response: (singing) Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Reader 1: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
Reader 2: and who shall stand in God's holy place?  
**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; and do not swear deceitfully.**

Reader 1: They will receive blessings from the Lord,  
Reader 2: and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**All: Such is the company of those who seek the  
Lord; who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

*Response: (singing) Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Reader 1: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,  
O ancient doors! That the Ruler of glory may  
come in.

Reader 2: Who is the Ruler of glory?

**All: The Sovereign, strong and mighty, the  
Sovereign, mighty in battle.**

*Response: (singing) Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Gospel Lesson John 11:32-44

Reader: This is the Good News!

*Response: (singing) Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## THE SERMON

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who  
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING THE SAINTS**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God, who is,  
and was, and is to come.

**People:** **Amen.**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

**People:** **Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical  
body of 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 which you have prepared for those who  
truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and  
reigns, in God, in glory everlasting.

**People:** **Amen.**

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures  
Isaiah 25: 6-9

## **NAMING THE HONORED DEAD**

*Richard “Dick” Trow – November 16, 2020*

*Pauline Scholl – April 27, 2021*

## HYMN

“O Saints in Splendor Sing”    tune: St. Thomas

*O saints in splen-dor sing  
the praise of God Most High.  
Through trib-u-la-tion you have come,  
through blood been sanc-ti-fied.*

*Robed in bap-tis-mal grace  
a-mid the world's de-spair,  
Pro-claim the glo-ry of our God  
whose love has con-quered fear.*

*Those saints who went be-fore  
pre-pared for us the way;  
The church ex-pec-tant, yet to come,  
re-lies on us to-day.*

*O wor-thy is the Lamb!  
the Lamb that once was slain!  
Of hon-or, bless-ing, thanks, and praise,  
lift up the glad re-frain!*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Behold, the dwelling of God is with mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the former things have passed away. *Revelation 21:3b-4*

All: **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to God forever and evermore, forever and evermore. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“Crown Him with May Crowns” *Glory to God 268*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord, O My Soul” (Bassett)

### November Birthdays

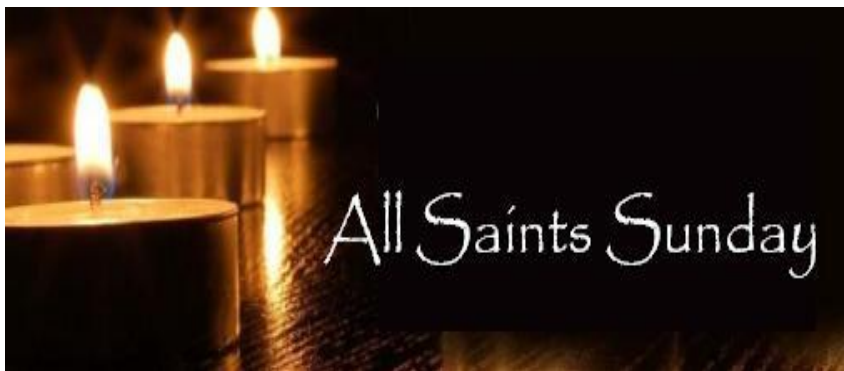
11/7-11/13/2021

*Kristin Ladd (7); Katie Cavanaugh (8); Tonda Harvey (11);  
David Fryer (12); Sally Lindemuth (13)*

### November Anniversaries

11/7-11/13/2021

*Joseph & Mabel Clayboss (7);  
Adam George & David Gilberto (11)*



**All Saints Memorial Candles  
are given to the glory of God in memory of:**

*My loving mother, Betty Jane Rainey, by Kimberly Cornwell*

*My departed loved ones, by Kimberly Cornwell*

*Doris J. Fryer, by her husband David Fryer*

*Doris J. Fryer, by her children and grandchildren*

*Anna & Samuel K. Fryer, by her children and grandchildren*

*Patricia G. Zane, by Joan Hagerman*

*Laura Schoellkopf, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Nancy Heckler, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Isaac Inyangi, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Kay Ely, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*George Meng, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Brian Schwartz, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Adrian "Adie" Simmons, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*Rita Mauch, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*John Andrews, by Jack & Ginny Hale*

*My parents, George & Alma Klehamer, by George Klehamer*

*My friend, Doris M. Kulp, by George Klehamer*

*Mr. & Mrs. Phil Manser, by Mary Lambon*

*Peter Lambon, by Mary Lambon*

*John Gilner, by Michele Luke*

*Michael and Mary Pontecorvo, by Michele Luke*

*Diane Ullman, by Teagan & Melany Pontecorvo and Family*



*Marge Alvarez, by Sandy Maben*  
*Dolly Mosier, by Sandy Maben*  
*Peg Wilson, by Sandy Maben*  
*Chris Roberts, by Sandy Maben*  
*David Lurty, by Sandy Maben*  
*John Lee, by Sandy Maben*  
*Sandy "Scout" Walker, by Sandy Maben*  
*Karen Lowe, by Sandy Maben*  
*Karen Bickett, by Sandy Maben*  
*Art Simmons, by Sandy Maben*  
*Stuart & Doris Bauer, by the Mosier Family*  
*Marian Kline & Catherine Mack, by the Mosier Family*  
*Craig Follweiler & Lillian Evans, by the Mosier Family*  
*Emma Raeber & Helen Newkirk, by the Mosier Family*  
*Doris Kulp, by the Mosier Family*  
*James Tanis, by the Mosier Family*  
*Rudolph William (Rudy) Mosier, by the Mosier Family*  
*Jerry & EmmaJean Mosier, by the Mosier Family*  
*Dick Trow, by the Mosier Family*  
*Lonnie Williams, by the Mosier Family*  
*Ray Mack & Ralph Mack, by the Mosier Family*  
*My sons, David, Robert, Randy & my husband, Bill, by*  
*Sally Shaw*  
*Margareta Alb, by Stela Suto*  
*Melania Coman, by Stela Suto*  
*My husband, Dick Trow, by Kitty Trow & Little Toby*  
*Our parents, Doris & Ernie Galbreath, by Kitty Trow &*  
*Sam Galbreath*

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Saturday, November 20, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Pets of all kinds welcome – on a leash or otherwise contained  
Held outdoors with social distancing practices observed. If Rain – drive thru event

Sponsor a Memorial tea light candle to remember pets no longer with us  
If able, please donate pet food, cat litter, or other items on the wish list for area shelters  
(See details on church website or call church office 539-1693)

Non-Pet People are also welcome to attend!

Bird feeder kits will be handed out at the end of the service

## Thanksgiving Supper for Jefferson Apartment Residents Sunday, November 21

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us with this special ministry. We are looking for people to help with donation of food, monetary support to purchase food, preparation of the food, boxing up of the food, and delivering of the food to the Jefferson Apartments. The food will be delivered at 4:00pm on Sunday. Please email [ascensionucc@comcast.net](mailto:ascensionucc@comcast.net) or call the church office 610-539-1693, if you are interested in helping us with this event.



Bethany Children's Home

## Christmas Gift Ministry

Ascension, once again, will be sponsoring Christmas gifts for the children at Bethany Children's Home. The Home currently has 75 youths. We are looking to purchase \$25.00 Target gift cards for each child and are asking if you can send us the donations by 12/12, either through the mail or drop off at the office, and we will purchase the gift cards as well as drop them off to the Home.

We appreciate your generosity towards this important outreach mission, and we welcome you to consider sponsoring more than one child, if you are able.



*We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.*

*We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.*

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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
| <b>President of the Consistory</b>      | Liz Brunton   |
| <b>Vice President of the Consistory</b> | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Liam D'Aquila   |
| <b>Moderator of Spiritual Council</b>   | Molly Lorenz  |
| <b>Elders:</b>                          | Liz Brunton, Robin Weed, Mary Lambon<br>Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham             |
| <b>Chair of the Diaconate</b>           | Michele Luke  |
| <b>Deacons:</b>                         | Liam D'Aquila, Sandy Dounce, Jan Backes<br>Michele Luke, Lynda Waltman, Christa Cavanaugh |
| <b>Church Secretary</b>                 | Judy Parker   |
| <b>Sexton</b>                           | Emeric Suto   |
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