



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP
November 3, 2024
All Saints' Sunday

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I have found that among its benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

- Maya Angelou, American Author (1928-2014)

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up. When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things...When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

- Psalm 104:27-28, 30

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Introit: *Sanctuary*

Insert

*Call to Worship (from the Salt Project)

Liturgist: Harriet Rickard

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: We gather together to celebrate and give thanks!

Leader: God is mighty, shaping mountains and rivers, rainforests and coral reefs.

People: God is tender, forming dragonfly wings, delicate moss, and drops of dew.

Leader: Today God is inviting us to care for everything God has made – and to delight in it!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Let us worship God!

*Hymn: *Give Thanks for Life*

Insert

*Call to Confession (from Revelation 21:1)

Leader: God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we hurt and neglect ourselves and others; we abuse and destroy your earth and its creatures; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon (from Revelation 21:5-6)

Leader: Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. And now it is finished! Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response: *Gloria Patri*

**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.**

*The Passing of the Peace, American Sign Language

Speaker: Peace be with you.

Respond: And also with you.

Anthem: *At the Table of the Lord*

Insert

Children's Story Time

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;

⁴ you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,

to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,

so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow between the hills,

¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;

the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;

they sing among the branches.

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle

and plants for people to cultivate,

to bring forth food from the earth

¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine

and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶ The trees of the field are watered abundantly,

the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;

the stork has its home in the fir trees.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104

- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
- ¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
- ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
- ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
- ²² When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
- ²³ People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.
- ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- ²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
- ²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
- ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
- Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss

Hymn: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

No. 508

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer

People: **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.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Celebration of Saints

▪ Jean Booker ▪ James Hudak

60 Seconds for Stewardship

Chip McCoy

Joys, Concerns, & Testimonies

Presenting Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *How Blest Are They*

Insert

*Benediction: *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you where ever he may send you. May he guide you through the wil-der-ness pro-tect you through the storm. May he bring you home re-joicing at the won-ders he has shown you. May he bring you home re-joicing once a-gain in-to our doors. A - - men."

D G A
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*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Happy Birthday to Don Tang (3rd) & Jessica Brumfield (8th)!

The Chancel Flowers were given today by The Ney family in memory of Vince & Nancy Oddo and Kay Walker to the Glory of God.

Deacon Greeter(s)/Flower Deliveries Made By: Pat Ellis & Karen Heim

Most Needed Items for SHIM: Dried Beans, Lentils, Pasta Sauce in jars, Cereal & Oatmeal, Soup, Condiments, Spices, Adult Diapers, Baby Diapers (size 4-6), Dog & Cat Food, and Personal Care Items.

SHIM Clothing Closet: Accepting donations of clothes (in season), shoes, and linens (no large household items). Located at the Church of Nazarene (5601 Library Road). Drop-off hours: Monday – 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. *If you are not able to deliver your donations during their hours, you can leave them in the closet outside of Findley Hall and a Mission Commission member will deliver them for you.*

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

Scheduling a Meeting with Pastor Laura: if you would like to meet with Pastor Laura to discuss a matter that is **not** a medical or pastoral care emergency, please reach out to her. You can contact her via email at revlaurastrauss@gmail.com or by calling the church office at (412)561-6261 to schedule a meeting. Dropping in to say “hi” is always appreciated, but scheduling a meeting ensures that Pastor Laura can dedicate the necessary time to your discussion if needed.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle – Dave & Carla Greenfield and David & Karen Heim

November -

October - Allison Greenfield, The victims of Hurricane Helene, The family of Rev. Bob Meyer (Christa Tang’s father), The family of Bob O’Gara (friend of the Robinsons and Greenfields), The family of Craig Skelley

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyaane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers, all those who continue to be affected by the fires, storms, hurricanes, excessive heat waves and other natural disasters. Ben McCoy



WELCOME TO SUNSET HILLS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 3

9:00 am Adult Sunday School – Findley Hall
 9:00 am Children’s Sunday School - Library
 10:15 am Worship – Sanctuary
 10:45 am Children’s Church
 11:30 am Fellowship – Findley Hall
 11:30 am Flu/Covid Shot Clinic – Cort Room
 4:00 pm Troop #57074 – Crystal Hall
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall
 5:30 pm Troop #16212 – Crystal Hall

Mon, Nov 4

1:00 pm Monday Bible Study – Cort Room

Tues, Nov 5

12:30 pm Tues. Afternoon Bible Study – Cort Rm.
 5:30 pm Yoga – Crystal Hall
 6:30 pm Campanile Bells – Choir Room
 7:00 pm Square Dance Class – Crystal Hall
 7:00 pm Counseling Group – Cort Room
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wed, Nov 6

10:00 am Days for Girls – Wilson Hall
 4:00 pm Quilters – Findley Hall
 6:30 pm Tai Chi – Crystal Hall

Fri, Nov 8

5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

Sun, Nov 10

9:00 am Adult Sunday School – Findley Hall
 9:00 am Children’s Sunday School - Library
 10:15 am Worship – Sanctuary
 10:45 am Children’s Church
 2:00 pm Scotland Pilgrimage Mtg. - Library
 4:00 pm Troop #57074 – Crystal Hall
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Election Night Vesper Service:** The Unitarian Universalist Church of South Hills, Bower Hill Presbyterian, St. Paul Episcopal, SHUP & Temple Emanuel will hold a vesper service on Election Day, November 5th starting at 7 pm. It will be held at The Unitarian Universalist Church located at 1240 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon.
- ❖ **Scotland Pilgrimage:** Pastor Laura will hold an orientation for everyone who will be attending the Scotland Pilgrimage in the Library next Sunday, November 10th at 2 pm.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Dinner:** You should have received an invitation for a Thanksgiving Dinner at SHUP. Everyone is welcome. The main dish will be provided, just bring a side or dessert to share. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm in Findley Hall. To RSVP, please email Karin at sunsethillschurch@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Hanging of the Greens:** Everyone is invited to help the Deacons decorate SHUP for the upcoming Advent Season. They will be decorating after the worship service on November 24th.
- ❖ **Cookie Sale Volunteers Needed:** Calling all bakers! The Deacons need your help for their annual cookie sale fundraiser. If you would like to make some cookies to donate, please sign up on the form outside of Findley Hall. Your donations can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, December 6th from 9 am – 3 pm & 6-8 pm or Saturday, December 7th from 8 – 9:30 am.
- ❖ **Cookie Sale:** The Deacons will hold their annual cookie sale on Saturday, December 7th from 10 am until noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- ❖ **Stocking Mission:** During the Advent Season, the Mission Commission will have stockings hanging from the pews. They ask that you help them fill these stockings with small, travel-sized toiletry items (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) All donations will then be taken to Familylinks. Familylinks is an organization in the South Hills that services youth, adults, and seniors. Their mission is to positively impact lives through integrated community, behavioral, and social programs.
- ❖ **Parents' Night Out:** On Saturday, December 14th, the CE Commission will hold "Parents' Night Out" in Findley Hall from 5 – 8 pm. There will be food, crafts, games, visits with Santa and more. There is no cost for the event, but donations will be accepted. To register, visit our website at shupchurch.org or pick up a form from the table outside of Findley Hall.
- ❖ **2025 Per Capita:** Our 2025 Per Capita has been assessed at \$38.11. Please consider making a separate donation to cover the cost of each church member in your family. Thank you.