



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 7, 2021 @10:30 am

Liturgist: Kat Ballou

Special Music: Mary Louise Wilson, piano

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

Organ Prelude *"Jesu Joy"* (Cantata 147) J.S. Bach

Welcome

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

***Call to Worship**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;
Go into the holy courts with praise;

All: Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

One: For the Lord is good,

**All: Whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Hymn God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength WINCHESTER OLD
Glory to God Hymnal #329

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;

Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

***Opening Prayer**

First Reading 1 John 3:14-18

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light.
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

Children's Moment

As this is a communion Sunday, the children are invited
to remain in the Sanctuary so we can all celebrate
communion together as a church family.

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids,
are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are

blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Remembering the Saints

NPC Members

John Herring

Jackie Smythe

Julee Norris

Penny Jones

Housh Rahimzadeh

Family Members

Father of Dee Duncan

Aaron, nephew of Dana Wade

Ma, mother of Dana Wade

Ed Pickering, cousin of Tina Page

Phyllis, mother of Bob Patterson

Thomas Cronley, father of John Cronley

Harriett, aunt of Nan Brown

Mrs. West, former NPC choir member

Mother of Carol Millard

Phyllis, mother of Bob Patterson

Jimmy Massey, cousin of Shirley Millicans

Frank, husband of Amy Ryland

Emily, daughter of Linda Granath

Dot Prochaska, mother of Rick Prochaska

Bobbie Moser, father of Mary Ann Cronley

Henry Braddy, uncle of Nan Brown

Mother of Ian Oosthuizen

Irene Cottrell, stepmother of Lynda Cottrell

Tony Monti, father of Andrea Bourgeois

Robert L. Gregory, Sr., father of Robert Gregory

Mother of Alan Williams

Pat Stewart, mother of Andy Stewart

Dr. Tom Hodge, former member of NPC

Izabella Bondell, granddaughter of Dr. Tom Hodge

James (Jag), son of Rosemary Glenn

Lorie Moore, brother of Bruce Moore

Bunny Adams, mother of Mark Adams

Robert (Bob) Orr, cousin of Mary Lindner

Pat Kendall, former member

Lee Hutchison, uncle of Davis Bailey

Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. . .

We lift up this prayer of thanksgiving to you, O God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying,

**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.**

Words of Institution

Invitation

Sharing of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Offering

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***Closing Hymn** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE
Glory to God Hymnal #326, vs. 1, 2, & 5

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*
Benjamin Schmolck

"Pray for One Another"

To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week.

Terry & Barbara Christopher; Megan Cimperman; Ralph & Dawn Cimperman, Madison; Tom Cimperman; Brent & Jen Clifton; Steve & Linda Collins; Amanda & Jay Connolly; George & Robbie Copenhaver; Lynda Cottrell; Bob & Carol Coulter.

The Session has called a Congregational meeting to follow the 10:30 am service today for the purpose of electing a slate of officers for 2022. [Click here](#) for officer bios.

Elders

Jennifer Clifton
Sue Farrell
Fred Millard
Lisa Sills
Thomas Vandervort
Aidan Ussery (youth)

Deacons

Clay Boyles
Nancy Girard
Rene Nunnington
Doug Tedder
Sarah Teja

Tom Provost has agreed to serve one additional year as a Deacon –
Class of 2022

Ann Hooper has agreed to serve one additional year as a Deacon –
Class of 2023