

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church of Nashville

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

*All Saints' Day*

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

### ***Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?***

*A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

—The Heidelberg Catechism

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

††VOLUNTARY

*Solemn Processional: When the Saints Go Marching In*  
Rebecca Groom te Velde

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP | based on Revelation 7:9–10

Pastor: 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
**All: “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**  
Pastor: Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise. In Jesus’ name, let us worship God.

\*†OPENING HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance*  
ASSURANCE

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### FIRST LESSON | Psalm 23 (page 458)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**



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SOLO

*Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth (from Elijah)*  
Felix Mendelssohn

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

#### LITANY OF RESURRECTION HOPE

Pastor: Eternal God, your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest. This we celebrate as we proclaim:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: We remember and praise you for the saints and martyrs of this and every age. We name them before you now [aloud and in silence]. These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground, yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: We pray for your church throughout the world and for that part to which we belong, that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in your service, that the love of self-preservation may be set aside, that the deaths you demand of it may be embraced joyfully, and that through all it may proclaim:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: In silence we surrender to your will and purpose ourselves and all that we count important. For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings. And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the kingdom's seed. In us and through us, may your Spirit proclaim:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from the Westminster Confession of Faith

**All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties that lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.**

**It is the duty of professing saints to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as help them to edify one another. It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another in material things according to their various abilities and necessities. As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.**

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*  
Fanny Crosby

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

**Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief,  
kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. *Refrain***

**Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. *Refrain***

**Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? *Refrain***

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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SCRIPTURE READING | Romans 6:1–11 (page 942)

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

*Give Me Jesus*  
African American Spiritual

O when I come to die, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

*All are welcome to come forward and light a candle for a loved one.*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Hear our prayers, dear Christ: For those who have gone before us, wrapped in your grace.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For those who have nourished us, encouraged us, and prayed for us,

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For the promises anchored deep in the Gospel.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For the good news of resurrection.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

Pastor: For all the saints, who from their labors rest.

All: **Glory to your Name!**

*Moment of silence as the piper plays.*

**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.**

\*HYMN 326

*For All the Saints*  
SINE NOMINE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



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\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*For All the Saints (SINE NOMINE)*  
Paul Leddington Wright

\* *Those who are able, please stand.*  
† *Latecomers may be seated.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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IN MEMORIAM

*First Presbyterian Church Members Who Have Died in the Past Year*

**October 2022**

Billye Spicer Lee Grogan  
Katherine Beto Oliver Jones

**November 2022**

Shirley Burnett Gillespie  
LaReine Kramer Chapman  
Kathryn Bumgardner Cheek

**December 2022**

Jacqueline Postell  
William Preston Sutherland

**January 2023**

Sylvia Jean Plaxico Hartzog  
Amelia Johns Goar Trickett  
Elizabeth Taylor Fraser  
Gwendolyn Hale White

**March 2023**

Robert Edward Stone Jr.  
Robert Wayne Holland

**April 2023**

George Edgar Thornton  
Ernest Keesee Hardison III

**May 2023**

Roger Fielding Smith  
Sue Bomar Bartlett  
Kenneth Lee Groomes

**June 2023**

Patrick Leslie King

**July 2023**

Mary Caroline Wallace Morgan  
William George Heim  
Alex Fall Wade Jr.

**August 2023**

Janis Myers Parker  
Frances Leigh Swetman Ferguson

**September 2023**

Simeon K. ROUNGOU  
Edgar David Broadhurst III  
Richard Quinn Ford

**October 2023**

Catherine Buck Loflin

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**Advent Service of Hope | Sunday, December 17 | 12:15 p.m. | Stanford Chapel** — If you or a loved one is going through a challenging time this Advent, join us for prayer, Scripture, Communion, and lighting candles of hope. Hosted by our Stephen Ministry. All are welcome to come and find comfort.

**Grief Support Group | Sundays | January 14–February 4 | 3:00 p.m.** — First Presbyterian Church will offer a grief support group on Sunday afternoons, 3:00–4:30 p.m., January 14 through February 4. The grief support group will focus on understanding the stages and feelings of grief as well as how prayer can help us in seeking the comfort of God during the very difficult time of grieving the losses of life. The psalms of lament in the Bible will provide a model for our study of prayer. For more information, please contact Dr. Sandra Randleman, [srandleman@fpcnashville.org](mailto:srandleman@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9502.