

# The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

G.F. Kaufmann

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

***Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.***

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

***Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.***

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this Holy place?

***We come, seeking the face of God.***

## OPENING PRAYER

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear,  
that death and mourning will be no more.

You make your home among us,  
and abide with us as our God.

Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,  
that we may truly be your people,

living and doing your will,

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.

***Amen.***

## HYMN

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*For All the Saints*

W.W. How & R.V. Williams

***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!***

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

***We hold on to ancient angers and hurts and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new.***

Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life.

***Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory.***

Forgive our unbelief, O God.

***Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.***

(Silent Personal Confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Holy One shows us a vision  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
where everyone will live in peace and blessing.  
Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      John 11:32-44

Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON**                      *If You Build it – He Will Come*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone; we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### **ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYERS**

*God of both the living and the dead: today on this All Saints' Day we give you thanks for all those who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you.*

***We are thankful for those who have given the world truth and beauty,  
for the wise and good of every nation and age who, by teaching and life,  
have given light to those who have followed.***

*We are grateful for those who have labored in the causes of peace, justice,  
and freedom, and for those who have blessed the lives of others through  
their love and caring.*

***We thank you for the Apostles and martyrs of our faith;  
And for those who have given sacrifices for the sake of Christ.***

*With grateful hearts, we remember those who taught us by word and guided  
us by their example and, most of all, those who loved us and cared for us:  
fathers and mothers and all those of our family and friends we hold dear who  
we know are now with you.*

***Especially, we thank you for those friends and members of our family of  
faith who have passed from this life.***

(Please refer to Service of Remembrance insert)

**Strengthen our trust that we are one with them in fellowship.  
May our lives bear witness to their lives as we seek to serve you.  
Enable us to always remember those who have gone before and  
follow them in the path of righteousness and truth.**

*And now hear us as we pray our concerns and joys for those suffering pain  
and illness ...*

*For those walking the shadowed path...*

*We pray for those traveling the journey of life as they celebrate birthdays ...*

*For those celebrating marriage as they give thanks for love ...*

*Now hear us as we share the prayers of our hearts ...*

*And let the people say*

**Amen.**

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

Offertory                      *Album Leaf*

Alexander Seriabin

Prayer of Dedication

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, a good, and a joyful thing  
always and everywhere to give our thanks to you,  
Alpha and Omega, beginning and ending of all creation.  
In the days of Isaiah, you promised to lead  
all the nations to your holy mountain,  
and swallow up death forever.

**You have revealed the coming of a new heaven  
and new earth, in which every tear  
will be wiped from our eyes,  
and all will feast at your heavenly banquet.**

And so, with your saints now on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in your holy name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and holy is your son, Jesus Christ.  
When he raised Lazarus from the grave,  
he showed us all your glory,  
giving thanks only to you and praising your name.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
so that we may become one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry  
to all the world, until all things are made new.**

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and Ending,  
Spirit of new beginnings, we praise your holy, eternal, triune name.  
**Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

#### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

**Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to  
come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length  
celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN #364 I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God L. Scott & J.H. Hopkins**

**I sing a song of the saints of God,  
Patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,**

*And one was a shepherdess on the green:  
They were all of them saints of God,  
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
And God's love made them strong;  
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
The whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
Why I shouldn't be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past;  
There are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too.*

#### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

J.G. Walther

Today's written prayers are by Deborah Sokolove for the *ministrymatters.com* website. The *Affirmation of Faith* is from the *Uniting Church of Canada*. The post-communion prayer is from the Southminster Presbyterian Church of Waukesha, WI.

Tatiana Akhounzianova is the church organist/pianist. Today's Liturgist is Janet Parziale.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Bill Richter (Marie Darby), Nina (Tatiana's Mother,) Kristin & Karin & Steve (Joyce Koenig), George Armenti III, Ann Ventura (Toni Hopcraft), B.J. Cardinali, Robin Schmidt, Sheryl Greife (Tom Parziale), Art Fletcher, Jennifer Moore, Bill Hurlock (Joyce Koenig), Phyllis Clemson, Justin Byrnes (Tom Parziale), Bryan Hague, Al Wermuth (Paul & Sue Wermuth), Maryann (Leslie Beechner), Howard Boice (Bill Hopcraft), Vicky Sama (Joanne Sama), Jean Marie Dowling (Lore & Rich Pateman), Marge McKeever (Brooke Parziale's grandmother), Danica Lamza Ridgway (Kim Ridgway), Peg Arnold (Jan Somers), David Parziale (Janet & Tom Parziale)

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Brendan Higgins	November 1
Ryan Higgins	November 1



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## Service of Remembrance

*Today we remember those who have died in the past year*

*We especially remember...*

<i>Alice Berry</i>	Mother	Susan Brodziak
<i>Heather Calhoun</i>	Cousin	Sandy Mackay
<i>Bob Caride</i>	Humphreys Pest technician	Tom Parziale
<i>Tony Cavallo</i>	Friend of the family	Janet & Tom Parziale
<i>Mike Cioffi</i>	Cousin	Toni Hopcraft
<i>Rosemarie Foley</i>	Very special friend	Lynn Rosol
<i>Shirley Hamilton</i>	Long-time friend & softball teammate	Jan Somers
<i>Gary Kase</i>	Cousin's husband	Janet Parziale
<i>Veronica Moore</i>	Church friend	Jan Somers
<i>Mary O'Connor</i>	Long-time family friend	Jan Somers
<i>Kathleen Parziale</i>	Tom's mother	Tom Parziale
<i>Flo Rosol</i>	Sister-in-law	Lynn Rosol
<i>Robert Ventura</i>	Godfather	Toni Hopcraft
<i>Dawn Wolfe</i>	Long-time friend	Jan Somers
<i>Judy Yellin</i>	Long-time friend	Jan Somers
<i>Amalia Young</i>	Bill's Grandmother	Chrissie & Bill DiBartolo
<i>Ruth Young</i>	Great member of our church	Janet & Tom Parziale
<i>Marge McKeever</i>	Grandmother	Brooke & David Parziale