

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



Evensong
All Saints Memorial Service
November 1, 2026

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole, and the Lord's Table linen are currently green as this is the time in the Christian Year known as ordinary time or the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth in Christ.

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Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.
† Congregation stand*

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Welcome and Introduction to Evensong

Welcome! As the sun begins its descent on this All Saints Day, we gather for Evensong: an All Saints Memorial Service. Evensong draws on ancient Anglican tradition: sung psalms, Scripture, and prayer as day turns to night. Tonight we also give thanks to God for those who have died in the Lord and now rest from their labors. We do not pray to them or for them. We remember them before the Lord, and we take comfort in Christ's promise: "I am the resurrection and the life." Later in the service, families are invited to come forward, light a candle, and say the name of a loved one. Whether you come grieving, giving thanks, or simply seeking a quiet hour with God, you are welcome here.

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall show forth
Your praise.

**All: O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to
help us. Praise the Lord!**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.

All: Praise the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord's name be praised.

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 may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 Word Reveals the Origin of Death

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:8-13, 22-24*

Sarah Stone

Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:8-13

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BE STILL AND KNOW

God is our refuge, God is our strength;
a help when our troubled hearts are in need.

God is our refuge, God is our strength;
so we will not be afraid.

Be still and know that I am God,
though the mountains may fall to the heart of the sea;
though the earth may give way,
though its waters may roar, its mountains may quake,
be still, be still and know.

Nations may falter, kingdoms may fall,
but Almighty God is our fortress.
God is our refuge, God is our strength;
so we will not be afraid.

Be still and know that I am God,
though the mountains may fall to the heart of the sea;
though the earth may give way,
though its waters may roar, its mountains may quake,
be still, be still and know.

Come, see the works of the Lord!
Be still and know that I am God,
though the mountains may fall to the heart of the sea;
though the earth may give way,
though its waters may roar, its mountains may quake,
be still, be still, be still,
be still and know.

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The Word Announces the Promise of Deliverance

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Katherine Michael

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation

† Song of Reflection

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



1.The King of love my Shep-herd is, whose
2.Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow my_
3.Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but_
4.In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good-ness fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
ran-somed soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
thee, dear Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for-ev-er.
pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.



5.Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thine
6.And so through all the length of days thy_



unc-tion grace be-stow-eth; and O what trans-port
good-ness fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



of de-light from thy pure cha-lice flow-eth
sing thy praise with-in thy house for-ev-er.

The Word Declares the Savior Has Come

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:25-32

Crystal Pariseau

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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The Word Proclaims the End of Death

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Henry Haas

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

From Darkness to Light

Litany for the Bereaved

TO THE BEREAVED: FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

People: It is dark, Lord, and cold. Are You there?

Leader: Yes, I am here. "I will give you the treasures of darkness." (*Isaiah 45:3*)

People: Is there treasure here? If there is, I cannot see it.

Leader: Remember who I am. I form light and create darkness, I make well, and create woe; I, the Lord, do all these things. (*Isaiah 45:7*)

People: Why, my Lord, have you created woe, for it is mine, and it overwhelms me?

Leader: "I wound, I heal." (*Deuteronomy 32:39*)

People: Heal me, Lord, for my heart is breaking.

Leader: I will bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, but not before it is time. There is a time for every purpose under heaven. I have given you a time to mourn. (*Psalms 34:18; Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4*)

People: But it is so dark, dawn upon me, O my God!

Leader: The dawn is coming. But know that he is blessed "who walks in darkness, and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord, and relies upon His God." Know that I have promised not to break a bruised reed, or quench a dimly burning wick. (*Isaiah 50:10; 42:3*)

People: "My tears have been my food day and night." O Lord, how long? (*Psalms 42:3*)

Leader: No longer than is necessary. Weeping may tarry for the long dark night, but joy will come in the morning. During the night "I will lead you in a way you know not, I will turn your darkness into light and your rough places into a level ground." (*Psalms 30:5; Isaiah 42:16*)

People: When, Lord, and how? Tarry not.

Leader: "The true light that enlightens every man has come into the world." (*John 1:9*)

People: We will do well to pay attention to Him, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star rises in our hearts. (*2 Peter 1:19*)

Leader: Jesus is our bright and Morning Star. (*Revelation 22:16*)

People: He is the light of the world. (*John 8:12*)

Leader: The darkness is passing away; the true light is already shining. (*1 John 2:8*)

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them the light has shined. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

Leader: Light will dawn for the righteous, even joy for the upright in heart! (*Psalms 97:11*)

People: We shall see, and our hearts will rejoice. (*Isaiah 66:14*)

Leader: There shall be no night there. (*Revelation 21:25; 22:5*)

People: For the Lord God shall be their light, and they, and we, shall reign forever and ever. (*Revelation 22:5*)

**All: The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Our hearts say "Come!"
Come, Lord Jesus!
AMEN!**

An Offering of Names

Families come forward from the side aisles, light a votive, place it on the Communion table, and may say the name of their loved one (or ask the minister to say it). Return by the center aisle. Candles may be taken home after the service.

† Closing Song

GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

Refrain

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

And when I am alone
Oh, and when I am alone
And when I am alone, give me Jesus Refrain

And when I come to die
Oh, and when I come to die
And when I come to die, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

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† Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

exists, by God's grace and all for His glory, to **gather** for biblically saturated worship, **grow** together in the life of the gospel, and **go** out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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