

We remember, O God...

The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God...

The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us worship God with joy!

Prayer of the Day

Martha Barrick

On this all saints day we glorify you Lord by celebrating all saints who have gone before us and now rest with you. Their works of faith remain today in the lives of the faithful. As you guide us through Christ and your living Spirit, may our lives become our legacy of faith, hope and love for those who will follow us. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Call to Confession

Jean Chard and John Bayne

If we have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and have denied ourselves, or those close to us, that greater hope in the glory of things unseen.

Lord have mercy.

If we have chosen to nurse our grief for the loss of dear ones with the bitterness of those who weep without hope or faith in your saving love.

Christ have mercy.

If we put the saints on pious pedestals, and restrict ourselves to a diminished respect for our own capacity to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Lord have mercy. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

John Bayne

God of love, we thank you for your patience. You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us, and have given us the word that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is; yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn and sluggish in our efforts. We repent this lack of faith and love, and ask that the love of Jesus Christ, which healed and uplifted the saints, may mercifully deal with our sins and empower our renewed good intentions. Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

(Silence for reflection)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Bobby Simpson

My friends, the victory that overcomes the pessimism and recriminations of the world, is faith. For who is victorious except those who put their trust in Jesus, the only true Son of God? It is in his name that I declare to all repentant people: Our sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

Passing of Christ's Peace

Bobby Simpson

THE WORD

New Testament

Revelation 7:9-17

Robert Owens

Before God's final judgement, multitudes of the faithful who have endured great hardships emerge in white robes. They are protected in God's temple by the Lamb of God on the throne who will care for them forever.

Now, hear God's word:

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!”

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

14 I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

16

‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

Before today’s reading, Jesus declared the kingdom of God was present. The people of God are to repent – turn toward God and away from what separates us from God and the love of neighbor. Now, in the beatitudes we learn who and what pleases our Creator.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

Who Says You Can’t Take it with You!

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

RESPONSE

Honoring Saints Past and Present

Millicent Shyllon

Michael Leo Upchurch	July 1, 1953 – November 2, 2019
Mary Jane Roberts	July 8, 1926 – December 11, 2019
Cindy Rigsbee Woodruff	February 23, 1954 – December 16, 2019
Margaret Cox	January 22, 1930 – March 22, 2020

For all those men, women and children who lost their lives to COVID-19.
We honor the saints we know and have known throughout our lives.

A Time of Silent Thanksgiving for All Saints

Offering (See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response

Blest Are They
solo, Beth Ware

David Haas

Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.
Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit
created all things and called them good.
In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
Through Jesus' suffering and death
you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus,
who now reigns with you in glory,
and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Nimrod (from “Enigma Variations”) Sir Edward Elgar

Prayer after Communion

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

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!

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

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

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give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly
give again from your phone.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- For Miss Ella, dear to the Whitehursts' hearts, who is now in hospice care in heart and kidney failure.
 - For Holly Webster's seminary partner, Rochester Neely, who just lost his nephew to Covid-19 & the president of Holly's seminary, Rev. Dr. Jody Hill, who has tested positive for Covid-19.
 - For Amy Allridge, WBPC administrative assistant, who is recovering after having extensive surgery on Oct. 22.
 - For Anna and Jonathan Raab as they mourn the loss of Jonathan's grandfather, Fred Raab, on October 19.
 - For the Family of Eleanor Sykes, who passed away at the age of 97. Eleanor was a long-time member of Western Boulevard.
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