

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 31, 2021

10:00am

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' EVE!**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
“I Love You, Lord”
“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”
“Be Still, My Soul”
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
“Alleluia”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Come, Come, Ye Saints” (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7–10; Isaiah 25:9

Fling wide the temple gates!
Open up the ancient doors!
The mighty and glorious one is coming.
Who is this mighty and glorious one?
This is the Lord for whom we have waited.
Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

***OPENING HYMN #364** *“Lift Up the Gates Eternal”* (Israeli Folk Melody)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse—even through our tears—the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people, yet we remain shrouded in sin. We hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. And now it is finished! Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit write your word upon our hearts so that we may be your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 25:6–9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 21:1–6a

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 11:32–44

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #326**

“For All the Saints” (Williams)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Psalm 24:3–5

Who will enter the presence of the Lord?

Who will stand in this holy place?

Those who offer their whole lives to God—
heart and mind and soul and strength—
they will receive the blessing of the Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“In Humble Adoration” (Mozart)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all its people. For the blessings of this life and the gift of your salvation we give you thanks and praise. As you have sought us out to save us, help us to seek your face among our neighbors so that all may know the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR 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 and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #816** *"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*
(Neumark)

***MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *"To God Be the Glory"*

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.