



First Presbyterian Church

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*Following Christ
So All May Thrive*

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November 4, 2018

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

November 4, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC *When the Saints Go Marching In* Traditional/Carl Seal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God of Our Fathers* George Warren/Carl Seal

INTROIT: *Behold* Thiman

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) [verses from Psalm 24]

L: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it;

P: the world and its inhabitants too.

L: Who can stand in God's holy sanctuary? Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart!

P: That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves.

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #611

CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader) [based on Romans 6]

We believe that God is gracious, ever willing to forgive us; yet we are not to abuse God's mercy! The Apostle Paul reminds us that "all of us died to sin" so "how can we continue to live in it?" Aware that we do not live fully as God desires, let us confess our shortcomings before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we admit that we are not always as loving as you have called us to be! We like to keep our distance from those we disagree with; we prefer to go along with the ways of our culture even when they conflict with your ways; and we do not honor all persons as people you have created. Forgive our failings and clear our hearts of all that is not in accord with your heart! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS ASSURING US OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive): [based on Romans 6]

L: Hear this good news: "because Christ was raised from the dead, we too can walk in newness of life"!

P: We rejoice that we are "dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus"!

L: Because we are under God's grace, "sin has no power over us"!

P: We are no longer "slaves to sin" – thanks be to God!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* #582

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also, with you.

Please welcome your neighbors, sharing the peace of Christ with them.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Help us, O God, receive the encouragement you offer through your holy Word. As your Spirit works in and among us, summon us into closer companionship and deeper commitment, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**Ruth 1:8-18****(CEB, below)**

8 Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, “Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. 9 May the Lord provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 But they replied to her, “No, instead we will return with you, to your people.” 11 Naomi replied, “Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? 12 Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons— 13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the Lord’s will has come out against me.” 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. 15 Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law.” 16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17 Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you.” 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ✠ **People:** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Larry Shackley

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**Mark 12:28-37****(CEB, below)**

28 One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus replied, “The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, 30 and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. 31 The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.” 32 The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions. 35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “Why do the legal experts say that the Christ is David’s son? 36 David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool.’ 37 David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ so how can he be David’s son?” The large crowd listened to him with delight.

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SERMON*Crossing Friendly Lines*

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING OUR SAINTS**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 11)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer* Dietsch

OFFERING

Offertory *Upon This Rock* Pepper Choplin

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #321

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *An Irish Blessing* Thiman

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Finlandia"* Franklin Ritter

L = Leader

P = People

*indicates that one is invited to stand in body or spirit

Hymnal: # indicates the hymn number in *Glory to God*

Bibles: NIV — *The Holy Bible: New International Version (pew racks)*; CEB — *The Common English Bible*

*** THE LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK ***

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; **Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44**

Questions for Reflection

We serve a living God. This week look each day for the presence of God alive in the midst of God's people and the creation God has made. Where is God at work, bringing people together for good?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, on this new day, I give you thanks for all that lies before me and those I love. Guide us and keep us on the path that you intend. Help us to see the journey you set before us when the way grows dim. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious giver of all good things, for all that has transpired in your world today, I pray for peace and quiet to come where it is most needed. I thank you for the work I have had to do and pray for those who have no work. I ask your presence now for rest and renewal, in safety and calm, that tomorrow I may again see your face in those I meet, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE TEXTS IN BOLD will be used in worship next Sunday; please read them during the week and pray that God's spirit will help and guide us all as we encounter God's word!

OUR STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Pastor
Barry Dietsch, Director of Music
Heather Dietsch, Organist
John Lasher, Percussion

Marilyn Dunkle, Office Manager
Betsy Griffin, Financial Secretary
Kyle Brecht, Property Manager
Ben Check, Night Custodian
Jen Neall, Worship Child Care
Terri Shaw, Worship Infant Care

***** OUR WORSHIP SERVICE *****

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH, and are interested in uniting with this congregation, please speak to Pastor Rebecca or one of our Elders. We would love to have you as a member of our church family. Visitors are encouraged to fill out the pink visitor card found in the pew rack.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, BULLETINS, Children’s Activity Bulletins, and hearing assist radios are available from the ushers.

THE PRAYER REQUEST FORM is located on the lecterns at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill in your concerns prior to worship.

WE WELCOME AND THANK Kay Dolan, today’s liturgist, and Carrie Salapek for providing the Children’s Sermon.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Paul Hishman, and my granddaughter, Sarah Nicole Hishman by Joyce Hishman.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE is an ancient tradition of acknowledging the unique fellowship we have in Christ Jesus. Please take this opportunity to share the peace of Christ by whatever means you and the one you are greeting are most comfortable; a handshake, a hug, or a simple verbal greeting.

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES — From babes in arms to elementary school age children, we welcome the children forward to the chancel at this time. Parents should feel welcome to accompany younger children. After sharing and a closing prayer, children age 5 and younger may go upstairs for childcare or return to their seats with their parents.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP — Our church welcomes children and families in worship. Nursery care is available on the second floor for infants and very young children. Elementary aged children are encouraged to be part of the service and are welcome to use the worship kits and books located in the back of the sanctuary. Silent pagers are available from the nursery and Terri will be happy to arrange notification of your child’s needs.

ONLINE GIVING OPTION – You are able to donate to the church and any of the special offerings by going to the “donate” link on our website (presbyterianwarren.com), or with the QR Code included here.



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*** EVENTS ***

DINNER WITH FRIENDS – Cindy Hammersley and Zora King are hosting the November 17 Dinner with Friends event at 5:00 P.M. at Ribs ‘n Bones. A signup sheet is available in the Third Avenue hallway or call the church to sign up.



THE WARREN CONCERT ASSOCIATION will present in our Sanctuary on **Saturday, November 10, 2018** the Chautauqua Brass, Musical Journey – Instrumental. Chautauqua Brass is an energetic young brass ensemble on a mission to connect and communicate through music. Hailing from all over North America, they have settled in Chautauqua county to rehearse, and prepare to tour the USA. They enjoy playing music of all ages and styles, and love to share the

history of these pieces with their audience. Each of Chautauqua Brass's members have different musical interests, and this variety keeps their performances diverse, and interesting. Apart from their musical outreach, they work with Musician's Wellness of North America, located in Chautauqua NY, to foster healthy performance practice in musicians. As the outreach branch of MWNA, they will travel North America, guiding musicians toward healthy practices, and helping to prevent injury. Their goal is to help the music community at large become a healthier society, and to help musicians focus on enjoying music! The concert begins at 7:30 P.M. and the \$20.00 ticket cost is discounted for our congregation. \$10.00 tickets for this concert are available in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 A.M. in the Craft Room. All are welcome! The study is from the Book of Genesis. We will talk about the myths and the metaphors behind the Scripture and compare the ancient legends and their similarities around the world. We all worship God, but by different names and in different ways. We will also look at the strong roots of our faith in Judaism.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

THIS MORNING we will observe a celebration of the saints who have *“gone before” us!* You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one... not only church members but family members and dear friends who have entered their promised rest. Let’s join together in worship as we honor the “great cloud of witnesses surrounding us” (Hebrews 12:1)!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – The choir is extending an invitation to members of the congregation who might be interested in participating in this year’s Christmas cantata. If you would be interested in singing for the Christmas season, please let Barry know.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – You are invited to a coffee and cupcake reception in honor of Jack Lee’s 90th birthday. The reception is being hosted by his family at 615 Rouse Avenue, Apt. 96, Youngsville from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Saturday, November 10.

SALVATION ARMY TREASURES FOR CHILDREN— Twenty (20) tags for children in need this Christmas will be available next week, Sunday, November 11, for those interested in helping with this program. Please deliver your tag, purchased Christmas gifts (clothing and items on their wish list) and return the unwrapped gifts and tag to The Salvation Army located at 311 Beech Street in Warren in early December. An individual may purchase Christmas for a child or multiple people can go together and each purchase something on the child’s list. Thank you for sharing your blessings and the gift of giving this holiday season.

RED KETTLE RINGERS – First Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to ring the bell for The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle drive between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Saturday, November 17, at Tops Market. A signup sheet is located in the Third Avenue hallway for those willing to spend an hour or two helping those in need.

THANKSGIVING HOT HOLIDAY MEALS—First Presbyterian Church will again this year be participating in the Thanksgiving Hot Holiday Meal program, a combined effort with Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, and First Lutheran Church. These meals are prepared at First Lutheran Church and delivered on Thursday, November 22, to people who are homebound. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Third Avenue hallway. Ways to participate include pie donations, which need delivered to First Lutheran or Trinity by Tuesday, November 20. Kitchen tasks include organizing on Wednesday, November 21 from 1 – 5 P.M, Thursday morning cook and serve, first shift 6:30 – 9 A.M., and Thursday morning serve and clean up, second shift 9 – 11:30 A.M. Drivers to deliver the meals are needed, both for long distances beginning at 9 A.M., followed by the short distances. Your participation would brighten someone else’s Thanksgiving.

UNGLUED CHURCH UPDATE - Your team continues to meet and to work to ascertain God's will for our church and to plan for its future. In the weeks ahead, you will hear regular reports during the services. Join us.

PURPLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH T-shirts are available in the office; small through 3X.

THE SESSION WELCOMES INPUT from our congregation. Suggestions, questions, opinions can all be expressed by e-mailing marilyn@presbyterianwarren.com or by directly speaking to an Elder.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE ERIE, PC(USA) met on February 24, 2018. The 48 presbyters who met at First United Presbyterian Church in Edinboro endorsed a renewed list of goals to shape presbytery activities into the future: "3 Priorities for the Next 3 Years."

1. **Praying** The Presbytery will ask questions and challenge churches to wonder, so that we might claim and reclaim the church's identity.
2. **Listening** The Presbytery will focus on congregations.
3. **Sharing** The Presbytery will offer leadership development and support for pastors, elders, and congregation members.

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY—4

9:00 A.M. All Saints Service
10:00 A.M. Non-Perishable Food Collection
11:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School – Craft Rom
11:20 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:20 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor
11:20 A.M. Mission Committee – Craft Room
3:00 P.M. The Shepherds – Conference Room
Hospice Memorial Service - Sanctuary

MONDAY – 5

4:00 P.M. Endowment Committee – Conference Room
6:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting – Craft Room
6:00 P.M. Scouting Groups – Downstairs Classrooms
6:30 P.M. Troop 8 – Scout Room

TUESDAY—6

12:00 P.M. AA—Calvin Corner
6:00 P.M. Properties Committee – Conference Room
6:00 P.M. Worship and Music Committee – Craft Room
7:00 P.M. AA (Women’s Group) – Calvin Corner

WEDNESDAY—7

5:45 P.M. Scotland Bell Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

THURSDAY – 8

4:30 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. – Sharing Place Meal – Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. District Scout Committee meeting – Craft Room
6:30 P.M. NA—Calvin Corner

FRIDAY—9

9:30 A.M. Story Time – Second Floor
6:00 P.M. AA (Men’s Group) - Calvin Corner

SATURDAY - 10

7:30 P.M. Chautauqua Brass Concert - Sanctuary

SUNDAY—11

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School – Craft Rom
9:00 A.M. Finance Committee meeting – Conference Room
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor
11:20 A.M. Deacons meeting – Craft Room



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***** JOYS AND CONCERNS *****

Ushers have word of encouragement cards. If you would like to write a word of encouragement to any of the people mentioned, or others on your mind, please raise your hand and indicate how many cards you would like. Fill them out and drop them in the offering plate and we will ensure they are delivered during the week.

Joys:

Prayers for Jan Scott, who is now at home.

Prayers for Dennis Bonace as he continues his recovery at the Rouse Home – Room #622

Concerns:

Our Christian sympathy to Ellen Plachter, Larry Zetterlind and their families upon the death of their mother, Ann Zetterlind, 96, who died Saturday, October 27, 2018

Prayers for Joann Chester who is under Hospice Care at Cambridge Warren

Prayers for Bob Matteo who is having open heart surgery on November 5.

Prayers for Stephanie Andersen & family; Stephanie is under Hospice Care due to leukemia

Prayers for Lisa Hochberg

Prayers for Emma and Leila

Prayers for Pat Fankhouser

Prayers for Linda Michael, Kay Dolan's sister, preparing for cancer treatments

Prayers for Ed Seebeck, who has health concerns.

Prayers for Nancy (Babcock) Biekarck who is under Hospice care.

Prayers for Connie Bartholomew Waxman who is battling cancer

Prayers for Kass Judson who is under treatment of a wound specialist for venous skin ulcers

Prayers for Rev. George Johnson

Prayers for Seth

Pray for healing and strength for Katie Rodgers, a teacher at WAEC, who is battling cancer

Prayers for Coleen Christy

Prayers for Ron & June Carlson

Prayers for Andy Slocum

Prayers for Larry Krespan

Prayers for all those killed or injured in the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh

Courage, strength, and faith to all those affected by violent crimes.

Those serving in our military, people struggling with addiction, & those in jail

Let us pray for all the downtrodden and those facing famine and hunger in remote and desolate places. Let the Light of the Lord shine on all peoples in all nations.

***** PRESBYTERY JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS *****

Joys and Concerns:

We acknowledge and pray for the churches and ministerial staff that constitute the Lake Erie Presbytery. This week we pray for the Kane Presbyterian Church, and Candidates under Care of the Lake Erie Presbytery.