

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias

Worship Leader: Ann Morrison

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

TV Prod. Ast.: Elaine Nucci

Vocals: Chancel Choir

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Lord Is In This Place* ~ Colvin

Surely the Lord is in this place. Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the House of God,

none other than the House, the House of God.

And this is the Gate of Heav'n, the gate of Heav'n.

Surely the Lord is in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP ☩

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you saints who have gone before us;

People: **Who have spoken to our hearts and have warmed us with God's fire;**

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you saints who live beside us

People: **Whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own;**

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you saints who live beyond us

People: **Who challenge us to change the world with them –**

Pastor: Let all the faithful praise the Lord!

People: **Let us sing to the Lord a new song – Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 63

The Lord Is God

AZMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ✠

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

People: **Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Alleluia! Amen.**

**RESPONSE C54 *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE
**To God be the glory, To God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things He has done.**

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**
Take a few seconds to greet 1 or 2 people near you!

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 260 v.1 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."***

HT LESSON Ruth 1: 1 – 18 *Pew Bible P.210*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 146 *Canted* TONE 3: LORDSHIP

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Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

NT LESSON Hebrews 9: 11 – 14 *Pew Bible P.975*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12: 28 – 34 *Pew Bible P.825*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above.

the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,

we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

MESSAGE *“Having Courage For a Risk Like That”* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE 583 *Glory to God* GLORIA (Taize)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleuia!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Te Deum Laudamus (4th CY A.D.)*

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;1

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee;

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee;

The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father, of an infinite majesty;

Thine adorable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

**When Thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge;
We therefore pray Thee,
Help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage;
Govern them and lift them up forever .
Day by day we magnify Thee,
and we worship Thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee;
O Lord in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.**

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *We Are One* ~ Tate

*When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one.
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are one.
And we shall love one another with all our hearts.
And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might.
When we stand, when we fall, when we rise, we are one.
In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun, we are one.
And we shall love one another with all our hearts.
And we shall care for each other with all our soul and might.
Ah, When we're hurting one another,*

that's the way we hurt ourselves.
With our sisters and our brothers we will rise,
And we do, and we try, we must live or we die,
we will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one.
And these words shall be forever within our hearts,
And we shall teach them to our children and remember them in our lives.
When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one,
when we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are strong,
we belong, we are one!

**DOXOLOGY 609 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (x2)
And now, let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what he has done for us!" (x2)
Give thanks. Give thanks.

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

 -- The bell will toll three times --

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Celebrant: Thanks and praise to you, O God,
 creator and lover of the universe . . . (the prayer continues)
 . . . Remembering that we are not alone at this table,

we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called,
from all times and all places,
who forever sing your praise:

Congregation: OLD 269 *Holy, Holy, Holy* SETTING THREE

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,
 our host and our guest at this table.

 . . . The prayer continues . . .

 With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine,
 gifts of the earth through which you bless us,
 and we offer ourselves in your service.

 Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,
 and upon these gifts of fruit and grain,
 that we may taste your goodness,
 see your presence,
 and become one with you and your body.
 Gathered at your table, we join all your saints
 who have gone on before us
 and remember them now before you:

*The names of members of Covenant, Loved Ones, and Friends who have joined the
Church Triumphant since All Saints' Sunday 2023 are spoken aloud, accompanied
by a one-time ringing of the bell with each name spoken.*

David Matthew Hall – January 21, 2024

Celebrant: We give you thanks for these your saints whom we have known and loved, who by their living have shown us paths of discipleship, love, and service; that we might follow in their steps, and so come, at the last, to share with them in the inheritance of all the saints in light.

Loving Lord, in life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

-- The bell will toll three times to finish the Great Prayer –
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Celebrant: Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us:

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

COME FORWARD

**THE RESPONSE AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: ***And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: ***And forget not all God's benefits.***

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: **God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

**HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**CHORAL REPSONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You ~ Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give your peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you.
and be gracious unto you , be gracious,
the Lord be gracious unto you.*

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**POSTLUDE

☩ -- *The Call to Worship (adapted) is by Janet Morley (of the Rev. Gal Pals. The Prayer of Confession & Assurance (adapted), are by the Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico.*

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Dorothy & Don Wallace for hosting today.

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Lighthouse Item of the Month:

NOVEMBER – Baking Goods (cake & cookie mixes, icing, etc.)

Covenant Sunday Calendar:

Nov 10 No Fellowship Hour – Steelers Game at Penn

Nov 17 Stewardship Sunday

Nov 24 Christ the King! & Pledge Dedication Sunday

Dec 1 Advent 1: Hope with Candle-lighting

Sunday, November 10: Steeler's Game at Penn Theatre

\$5 includes 2 pizza slices & a soft drink. Other snacks & drinks available at cost.

If you would like to go watch the sports ball n'at, the doors open at 12:00 PM &

Kickoff is at 1:00 PM.

Operation Christmas Child: If you would like to fill a shoe box for a child in need around the world, boxes are available. Include useful items such as health & beauty products (no liquids), socks, school supplies, and of course, a "Wow" item. Last Sunday to turn in is November 17.



Dress a Girl: Help sew dresses for little girls around the world in need. Please see Gina Loebell or Ione Mathias for information.



Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net
Please pray for:

Everyone profoundly affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and their deadly and destructive aftermath and for all who aid & assist them.

Dr. John Prichard, at home in Florida, is cancer free, but is beginning immunotherapy after recent kidney surgery.

The Riley Family, Zelenople neighbors of Pastor John & Elaine, who grieve the loss of mother and grandmother, Carolyn "Mickey" Riley, this past week.

David & Gina Loebell, visiting in Italy & Sicily.

Rita, daughter-in-law of Bill & Nancy Rice, who has long Covid and neuropathy.

Callie, granddaughter of Audrey Carlson, dealing with chronic narcolepsy.

Rosemary Quadrini, Elaine Nucci's Aunt, is now living in a memory care facility near family in Dallas, TX; prayers for all as they adjust to this new situation.

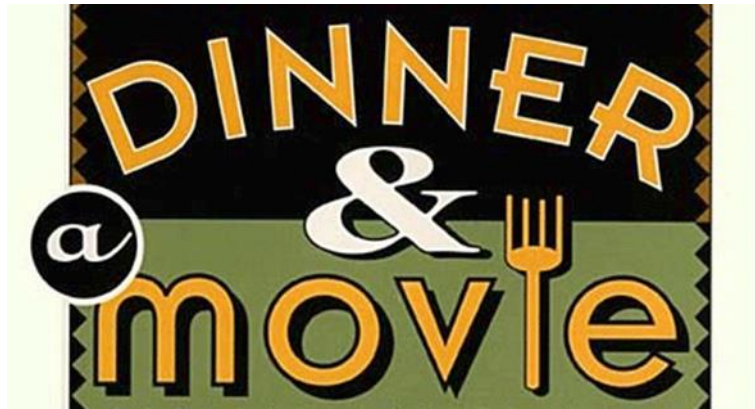
Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Dee Hall, known to the Mathias', is battling cancer.

Mason Martin, Karns City high football player, continuing with various therapies.

All who have already or will on Tuesday go to the polls and participate in the general election, and **for all the candidates** seeking office.

We also pray for the church in every place; for leaders and people in every land, but especially in our country and for all who are called to lead us; for peace & justice throughout the world; for all those who hunger & thirst; for all those who are ailing & in need of healing; for those we have in our hearts today ... **God of grace, hear our prayers.**



Friday, November 8

@ Trinity Church

6:00 PM Food; 6:40 Movie

Entrée Provided. Bring a Dish to Share!



Sponsored by the Trinity+Covenant Campus Task Force

Psalm 146: 5 – 9

G O D S P S F O R E V E R A H
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Word List

STRANGERS RIGHTEOUS PRISONERS OPPRESSED EXECUTES WATCHES UPHOLDS
 JUSTICE FOREVER WICKED PSALMS ORPHAN HUNGRY HEAVEN BRINGS
 WIDOW WHOSE THOSE THEIR OPENS LOVES LIFTS KEEPS JACOB HAPPY
 GIVES FAITH EARTH BOWED BLIND THEM THAT SETS RUIN OVER NRSV
 MADE LORD HOPE HELP FREE FOOD EYES DOWN WAY SEA GOD BUT
 ARE AND ALL TO