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November 1, 2015  
*Stewardship Sunday*



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.  
May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

A saint is anyone who places his or her trust in Jesus Christ. We become saints only because of the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ for us, not our work for Him. Today is All Saints' Day, when we honor the memory of our members who have died this past year. We do not worship or pray to them, but we remember their faithful service to Jesus Christ. Inspired by their example, we consecrate ourselves anew to live more fully yielded to our Lord.

How should the memory of these believers impact us? There is an American war cemetery in Madingly, England, near Cambridge. Under the serried crosses of the multitudinous dead lie the remains of the silent host who died for our liberty in World War II. An inscription around the base of the bronze hemisphere reads: "To you from failing hands we throw the torch. Be yours to hold it high." We remember today those who passed to us a more important torch than liberty. They passed to us the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please take a moment to give thanks for these men and women. Ask the Lord to strengthen you to imitate them by lifting high the torch of the Gospel and ensuring that it passes securely into the hands of the generations to come.

### PRAISING HIS NAME

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Major" . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Allegro" from *Concerto in E Major* . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Clay Hancock, violin*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Shall We Gather at the River" . . . . . arr. Tom Ritchie

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river  
That flows by the throne of God.

*The Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

♠ HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 358 "For All the Saints" . . . . . SINE NOMINE

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## HONORING HIS SAINTS

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE . . . . . Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,  
"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

**"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit,  
"that they may rest from their labors,  
for their deeds follow them!"**

### SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

*These Saints have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:*

Norma Faye McCrory Buttner	Charles M. Keith, Sr.
George A. Schroth	Thomas Edwin Tosh
Carlin Denton Stuart	Dorothy Dale Hubbard Thurman
Ann Peeler Dunn	Dorothy Liles Davis
John O'Neal Hammons, Sr.	William Ray Shelton
Suzanne Baker	Donna Kay Byrd Bridgforth
Martha Canfield Myers	Kenneth Chalmers Moore
Jamie Aydelott Downen	Winona Kay Pinner
Patricia Ann Gardner Klinke Veglio	Lora Cummings
Thomas Howard Green	Frankie Coldren Martin Givens
Angeline Katherine Hodges Parks	Jane Tyler Ratton
Thad Leary Morris	Mary Bright Adams
Hawley Wilson Ingram, Jr.	Louis Goodno Britt
Elizabeth Chilton Ricketts Todd	Charles Hobart Housholder
Finis Eugene Rogers	Lisa Joy Remeur
J. Howard Lammons	Elizabeth Weaver Tully
Margaret Ellen Clark Henry	Dorothy Kamke
Mary Lou Shelton	Elizabeth Moore Stout

### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Eternal God,  
Your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith  
will be raised and produce a great harvest.  
This we celebrate as we proclaim:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We remember and praise You  
for the saints and martyrs of this and every age.  
We name them before You now in silence.  
These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground,  
yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We pray for Your Church throughout the world  
and for that part to which we belong,  
that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in Your service,  
that the love of self-preservation may be set aside,  
that the deaths You demand of it may be embraced joyfully,  
and that through all it may proclaim:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We surrender to Your will and purpose  
ourselves and all that we count important.  
For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection  
if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings.  
And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest  
if we do not sow the kingdom's seed.  
In us and through us, may Your Spirit proclaim:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Salutaris Hostia" ..... Eriks Esenvalds  
Text by St. Thomas Aquinas

<i>O salutaris Hostia,</i>	O saving Victim, opening wide
<i>Quæ cæli pandis ostium:</i>	The gate of Heaven to us below;
<i>Bella premunt hostilia,</i>	Our foes press hard on every side;
<i>Da robur, fer auxilium.</i>	Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.
<i>Uni trinoque Domino</i>	To thy great name be endless praise,
<i>Sit sempiterna gloria;</i>	Immortal Godhead, One in Three.
<i>Qui vitam sine termino,</i>	O grant us endless length of days,
<i>Nobis donet in patria.</i>	In our true native land with Thee.
<i>Amen.</i>	Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....David A. Bowen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Wayfarin' Stranger" ..... Appalachian Folk Hymn  
arr. Mack Wilberg

I am a poor wayfarin' stranger while trav'lin' through this world of woe;  
But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger in that bright land to which I go.

I'm goin' there to see my father; I'm goin' there no more to roam.  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep;  
And yet green pastures lie before me where God's redeemed no more shall weep.

I'm goin' there to see my mother; she said she'd meet me when I come.  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.

I'm goin' there to see my Savior; to sing his praise for evermore.  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home.

*Jauna Ellis, soloist*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... arr. Mack Wilberg

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To sing his praise for evermore.  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,  
I'm just a-goin' over home.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP ..... Tread Thompson  
*Stewardship Chair*

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ..... Andrew E. Keasling

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Barbara Blair, Faith Blanchard, Tyler and Gray Blocker, \*Tatyana Bowen, Nancy Box, Kelsie Carter, Georgia Cross, Cameron Denny, Kevin Ellison, Alexis Greer, Ashleigh Himstedt, Aleesia Isom, Mary Raine Ivy, Esther Jeong, Denise Ladd, Abigail Lepsch, Justice Locke, Meredith Magness, Lashall McClain, Marcus and Maureen McWilliams, Abby and Rick Meister, Will Montgomery, Sam and Lacey Moody, Ginny Moseley, Ryan and Erin Murray, Chris Pruett, Jonathan Salinas, Lauren Smith, Zach Stephens, Haley Stewart, Liz Wellborn, Austin White, Worth Whitten

*\*to be baptized*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

HEARING HIS WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 12:1-8 . . . . . William Jorgensen (8:15)  
(page 898 in the pew Bible) Ruthie Mengistu (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Extravagant Love* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” . . . . . HENDON

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” . . . . .Albert Travis

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

**Sunday Night Worship**

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Tonight, we continue our series on Malachi with chapter 2, verse 17 through chapter 3, verse 5. We invite you to worship with us.