



STEWARDS
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ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. We praise our God for all those who have faithfully served our Savior through the ages. We claim our kinship with the glorious company of apostles, the noble fellowship of prophets, the white-robed army of martyrs, and even members of our family who are now members of the Church Triumphant.

This day expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own circumstances and discouragements as we remember that our forefathers in the faith persevered through great difficulty.

On this day, we express our gratitude to God:

- For those who in ages of spiritual darkness kept the faith,
- For those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth,
- For those prophetic voices who have called the church to faithfulness in life and doctrine,
- For those who have given, prayed, and worked to ensure that the gospel torch burns brightly in Memphis and throughout the world

Why not make this All Saints' Day very personal? Take a moment to thank the Lord for people who are now with the Lord who impacted you during their earthly life.

PRAISING HIS NAME

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

SOLO INTROIT: "Lead Me, Lord" G.F. Handel

Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore;
Lead me in Thy righteousness now and ever more.
Let Thy love, Thy tender mercies be upon me,
For Thy law is my delight;
Quicken me in Thy loving kindness.

Lead me, Lord, lead me ever more;
Lead me in Thy righteousness now and ever more.
Teach me, Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
Teach me, Lord, all Thy commandments
For Thy law is my delight; for Thy law is my delight.

Lead me, Lord, lead ever more;
Lead me in Thy righteousness, now and ever more
I shall praise Thee now and ever more.

Christy Young, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:1-2, 28-29 Josh Preston

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

**looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving
a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

**and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.**

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 358 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 37 and 38 Marjorie Bowman (8:15)
Becca Sloan (11:00)

Christian, what benefits do believers receive from Christ
at death and at the resurrection?

**The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness,
and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies,
being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves,
until the resurrection.**

**At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

✦DOXOLOGY TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

REMEMBERING HIS SAINTS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father in Heaven, You are our covenant-keeping God.
Although we acknowledge Your great faithfulness to us
and to all the saints who have gone before us,
we admit that we are often faithless:
we doubt Your wisdom, power, goodness, and love.
We confess to You that although we are surrounded
by a great cloud of witnesses, we are weak-hearted and cowardly.
We have not taken up our cross to follow You,
but instead have chosen the way of ease, comfort, and security.
According to Your mercy, forgive our cold, apathetic, selfish hearts.
Pour out Your grace upon us that we might live lives
worthy of the calling we have received.
Teach us the joy of losing our lives for Your gospel.
Preserve us by Your grace that we might endure to the end
and join the heavenly throng
in the eternal worship and enjoyment of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON II Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Jubilate Deo"Peter Anglea

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in laetitia.
Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.*

*Quoniam suavis est Dominus: in aeternam misericordia ejus,
Et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness:
Come before His presence with singing.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth to all generations.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.Barton Kimbro

✦SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

These saints have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:

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| Arnold V. Lindseth, Jr. | Linda Parsley McVean |
| Alice M. Mote | Evelyn Leonard |
| Dulcie Jane Waskom Helm | Carita Allan Crump |
| Ray Lewis Weaver | Robert Andrews Bolding |
| Esther Klyce West Pearson | Alfred Carlyle Parker |
| Walter Franklin Baker | Franklin Delano Crowe |
| Robert L. Willis | Joe Hudgins Davis, Jr. |
| William Thomas Person | Flemie T. Cook |
| James Samuel Sorrels, Jr. | Marilee Baldwin Williams |
| William H. Rachels | Elizabeth S. Wellborn |
| Mary Wilder McCall | John K. Lawo |
| Albert M. Sanders | Margaret Parsons Douglas |
| Lucy Moore Loveless | Mary Alice Bennett Cole |
| June Montgomery Parker | Hester Carroll Power |
| Evelyn Frances Clark Kauffman | Eva Williams Jemison |
| Irma Rose McCullough | Roger Edmonds Fakes |
| Betty Wunderlich Rachels | John Richard de Witt |
| Willie H. Briars | Forrest Linton Morgan |
| Nancy Holman Frierson Jarratt | John Overton Gayden |
| Janice Lucille Pace | Alice Moffatt Howard |

✦GREETINGS

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

HEARING HIS WORD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

Soloist:

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
 Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
 Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
 You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

♦*Congregation stands and sings:*

2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
 3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace.

did not know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Then your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me,
 You are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

through the gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
 O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 20:1-37
 (page 929 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

Your Mission

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 359 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

♠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G Major” J.S. Bach

♠Indicates congregation standing

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I. Selfless Encouragement (*Acts 20:1-6*)

II. Sacrificial Study (*Acts 20:7-12*)

III. Steadfast Commitment (*Acts 20:13-37*)

A. Commit to the Whole Counsel of God (*vv. 20-27*)

1. Pastorally (*vv. 20, 21*)

2. Perseveringly (*vv. 22-24*)

3. Passionately (*vv. 25-27*)

B. Commit Your Lives to Each Other (*vv. 17-19, 28*)

C. Commit to the Pure Doctrines of Grace (*vv. 29-32*)

D. Commit to Generosity (*vv. 33-35*)