



Worship with Us All Saints Sunday

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CLC Weekly Update - November 6, 2022

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This Sunday, November 6th at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

All Saints Sunday

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

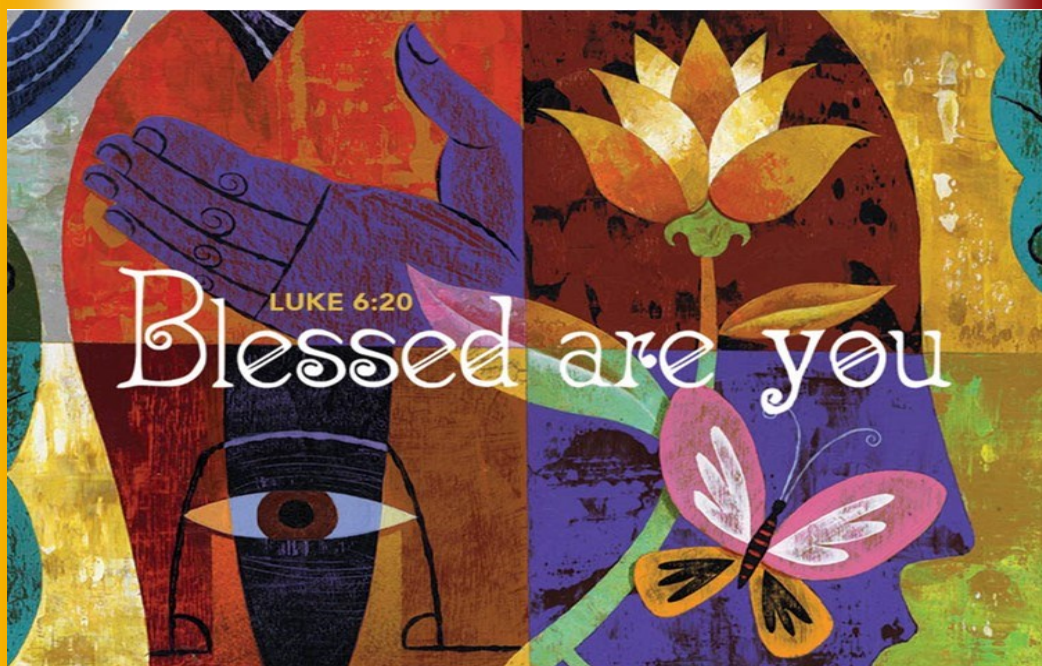
Psalm 149

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS at 2AM on November 6—
Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour!**



In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Stewardship Series Part 2

I ended part one with a question, "What will you give?" Perhaps the question "what will you give?" is premature. For certainly there are members in every congregation that do not give an offering. Perhaps the question to start with is, "Will you give?"

We base this decision on many factors, some of which we are conscious of, some we are not. First, perhaps we think about your own budget and where the support of the church or other charitable giving fits in. Scripturally, we are asked to give a tithe, of first fruits. That's ten percent, right off the top of what we bring home. If you can't do that, you're not the only one.

Belief in the mission of the institution is one of the top reasons people give to nonprofits, including churches. It is vital for churches to communicate a clear mission, a plan for how to use our resources to support that mission and a purpose for existing that serves someone or something outside of just ourselves.

Do you believe in the mission of the institution? Our most used tagline, "in the neighborhood, for good!" describes our purpose and presence for our community. However, the reason we are in the neighborhood to begin with goes much deeper. We are not just a people who do good things for the community, but a people who have been made the body of Christ – the very presence of Christ for our neighbors.

We serve with compassion as Christ served, and then are blessed to see the face of Christ in our neighbor as well. **If you believe in the work of the church, in the value that our presence has for this community, then what would compel you to regularly support it?**

Pastor Erin



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm
(11/9, 11/16)**

**Pastor Erin leads
"Psalms and Prayers."**



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All Saints Sunday is November 6th

We'll remember by name all those from our congregation who have died over the past year, but we also invite you to remember your loved ones who now live with God. Please bring a picture or two and place them on the tables around the church to remind us that we are always surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses".



Congregational Meeting - Elections and Budget

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Our Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 20th, to approve the budget for 2023, elect new council members, and elect call committee members. You'll receive a letter in the mail with all the pertinent details next month.

Please mark this on your calendar, read the materials sent to you, and plan to attend!

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food pantry update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS

5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

MACARONI AND CHEESE



The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

TURKEY TUESDAY

Volunteers needed for our one-day turkey give-away and food pantry special openings.

Tuesday November 21st: 9:30am-11:30am OR 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

*See
Pastor Erin
to sign up to
volunteer!*



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Home Communion Training

Do you have a few hours once a month to make a visit to one of our homebound members or a member in a nursing home facility?



Pastor Erin would like to train a team of folks to make these visits and provide regular care and connection for these members who are unable to attend worship. Please plan to attend information sessions after worship on either Sunday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 11th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL for PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

Sunday STEAM is a one room school house model for kids PreK through 6th grade. We share bible stories and incorporate STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. We have several main teachers to cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, art projects, problem-solving and make music. Join us each week for some chemical reactions!

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NEW! Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Medical Unit At CLC

Do you need a local Dr. you can walk to? Need a quick check up or conversation and not sure where to go? The Mobile Medical Unit RV will be parked here on **NORTH AVENUE, TWICE A MONTH**, for all your primary care needs! See the Flier below for more information and dates.

SQUIRREL HILL

HEALTH CENTER



SHHC'S MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IS COMING TO MILLVALE

Squirrel Hill Health Center's mobile medical unit provides primary healthcare services to Pittsburgh communities, regardless of patients' income level or insurance status. We treat patients of every age.

PAYMENTS AND INSURANCE: SHHC ACCEPTS ALL INSURANCES AND OFFERS A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNINSURED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHHC, PLEASE CALL
(412) 904-5284**

CLINIC DATES:



1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH



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For all the Saints

Joseph Imhoff

Hot on the heels of Reformation Day, November 31, observed last Sunday on the 30th, the real date coinciding with All Hallows Even, 'Halloween' for those of you who can't figure that one out, comes All Saints Day, November 1, celebrated by many churches on that day or the first Sunday in November, in this case November 6. The staple hymn for the day is Ralph Vaughn Williams' well known setting of the words: 'For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!' to the tune 'Sine Nomine', the one you will be humming as you leave the service.

Just who are the saints being referred to? Reading through the stanzas we don't find who they are specifically but a description of the characteristics they display. First of all they are the believers in Jesus Christ, those who confessed him as their savior before the world, he their captain. They are part of the blessed communion, a fellowship divine who in glory shine.

But those so designated as saints are not the only subjects, we who remain though feebly struggling become one with them in Christ because all are his. This should come as no surprise as there is one Church in all places, at all times; the Church with the saints in heaven, Church Triumphant, and the Church with us on earth, Church Militant, with the strong spiritual bonds between them making them one.

There are a number of hymns in the LBW (the old green book) and a few more additional ones in the ELW (the new cranberry book) that make for some good reading and, of course, good singing, that I recommend.

All Saints Day had its actual beginning in Britain early in the 9th century when November 1 was set aside to commemorate the saints and martyrs who had been canonized; Pope Gregory IV @ 835 extended it to the whole of the Catholic Church. After the Reformation most denominations continued some form of the practice but only memorializing members of the congregation who had died the previous year. Some churches divide these two, All Saints paying tribute to the canonized saints and martyrs followed by All Souls Day on November 2 to remember their local loved ones. Some churches combine both into one service for the memorial. ~



Saints Named and Unnamed

On All Saints Day, many congregations read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We don't call them saints because they were perfect but because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full of both bad and good. We rest in the sure promise that at the end of their lives, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home.

In this passage from Luke, Jesus' words remind us that there are more saints than we could ever list in our litanies. There are many saints whose names we do not even know. Those whom God calls "blessed" are often marginalized and forgotten: the hungry, poor, suffering, and rejected. Yet, these unlikely saints are the ones Jesus calls us to emulate. We are to live with our hearts fixed not on the rewards of the world, but on the treasures found in God's unending presence.

So today, as we honor the saints we knew personally by speaking their names, we can also honor the saints we have never known, those who have been forgotten by humans but remain favored by God. We might imagine adding their names to our never-ending litany, an ongoing celebration of all the faithful who have gone before us.

We might even imagine our own names being added to that list. After all, we too are made saints, not by our own merit but by God's gracious transformation that begins at our baptism. When we reach the end of our own complex lives, we will join the lineage of saints, both named and unnamed, who have gone before us. Until then, we can still live into our sainthood, just as Jesus recommends, by living each day with radical generosity and love. ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday

November 6 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC—All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends, set clocks back 1 hour

Gathering Place in use

Monday

November 7 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5 TOPS CLUB

6:15pm YOGA

7pm Pain Support (Library)

Tuesday

November 8 - Election Day Voting 8am-8pm

Wednesday

November 9 - 4-8pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7pm PSALMS & PRAYERS Adult Education Class

Thursday

November 10 - 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts

6:30-7:30pm Violin Practice

7pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday

November 11 - Veterans Day

9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7:30pm NA in Library

Saturday

November 12 - 9am AA in Library

7pm NA in Library

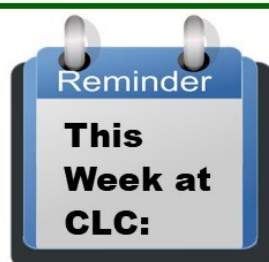
Gathering Place in use 11am-4pm

Sunday

November 13 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

Violin Recital in Sanctuary at 4pm



NOVEMBER

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Upcoming Commemorations

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries Monday, November 7, 2022

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the south-east coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 Friday, November 11, 2022

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 Friday, November 11, 2022

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.



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