



ALL
SAINTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire hope;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
To whomever will come—*

*All Saints Presbyterian Church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.*

Looking Ahead

TODAY – December 12

9AM at The Martin Center
and via live stream
Corporate Worship

10:30 at The Martin Center
and via live stream
Sunday School

December 15

6:30PM at The Martin Center
ASPC Prayer Meeting

December 17

5:30PM-8PM at The Broads
*Mr. Jay's Sunday School Class
Christmas Party*

December 18

9:30AM-11:30AM at The Broads
*All Saints Ladies' and Kids'
Christmas Gathering*

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Announcements

December Missions Prayer: Please remember to be in prayer for Equipping Leaders International (ELI). ELI exists to equip church leaders around the world and works especially in Africa and India. To learn more about this work and how you can pray for and support them, please visit their website, equippingleadersinternational.org.

Members of the Week: Aaron and Jen Broad; Joseph, Coralyn

Midweek Prayer: We will be meeting for prayer at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings at the Martin Center. We hope you will join us

Mr. Jay's Sunday School Class Christmas Party:

Mr. Jay's Sunday school class is invited to a Christmas party at the Broad's home on December 17th from 5:30-8PM. Let's get in the Christmas spirit together with dinner, games, Christmas cookie decorating, and a Christmas lesson by Pastor Nathan. Come as you are or wear your favorite fun Christmas attire. Please RSVP to Jen by Tuesday, December 14th.

All Saints Ladies' and Kids' Christmas Gathering: Please join us on December 18th at the Broad's home from 9:30-11:30AM. Come and enjoy a relaxed morning together. We'll have nut-free breakfast foods, coffee, and cocoa. We will pause around 10:30 to give thanks to God in prayer, sing a hymn, and read a short article. Please RSVP to Jen by Wednesday, December 15th.

Support: All Saints is a registered 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. Please consider giving to support the work we're doing to bring the gospel to Brentwood! There is a collection box on the table at the door for those who are able to give. You can also give on our website at allsaintspres.net. Thank you!

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

9:00 a.m.



Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Psalm 96:1–6

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Advent Scripture Reading Micah 5:1–5

Minister: Salvation belongs to the LORD;
People: Your blessing be on your people!

*Hymn of Christ's Advent. Trinity Hymnal, 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

**Please stand during these portions of the service.*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson John 1:29–42
(see page 10)

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin adapted from Psalm 6

O LORD rebuke us not in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath. Be gracious to us, O LORD, for we are languishing; heal us, O LORD, for our bones are troubled. Our souls are also greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver our lives; save us for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? *Amen.*

Meditation

Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Hymn of Christ's Incarnation Trinity Hymnal, 214

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 1:10–13
(see page 11)

Preaching of the Word Rev. Matthew Bradley
Our Only Hope

Prayer of Intercession

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. *Amen.*

*Affirmation of Faith Imperium Christi (from Hebrews 1 and 2)

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whom God appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs... Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. *Amen.*

The Lord's Supper

We use wine and gluten-free bread in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

*Doxology Trinity Hymnal, 193, 3rd stanza

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the darkness clears away.
his own self for heav'nly food.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

*Hymn of The Church Trinity Hymnal, 347

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Now and forever more. *Amen.*

Postlude



First Scripture Lesson

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of

God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

John 1:29–42, ESV

Second Scripture Lesson

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced

to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:10–13, ESV

Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

The mission of All Saints is to glorify God according to his Word by preaching the gospel to all people, equipping the saints for the work of ministry, and building up the body of Christ until the day of Christ's return.

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