



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 – September 3**

9AM at The Martin Center  
and via live stream  
*Morning Worship*

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

4:30 at The Martin Center  
*Meet & Greet with Rico Tice*

6PM at The Martin Center  
and via live stream  
*Evening Worship*

### **September 6**

6:30PM at The Martin Center  
*ASPC Prayer Meeting*

### **September 10**

9AM at The Martin Center  
and via live stream  
*Morning Worship*

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

6PM at The Martin Center  
and via live stream  
*Evening Worship*

## Announcements

**September Missions Prayer:** Please remember to be in prayer for Westminster Theological Seminary. WTS exists to train specialists in the Bible to proclaim the whole counsel of God for Christ and his global church. To learn more about this work and how you can pray for them and otherwise support them, please visit their website at [www.wts.edu](http://www.wts.edu).

**Members of the Week:** Nate and Tonya Philippi; Oliver, Sydney

**Midweek Prayer:** The church meets for prayer at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings at the Martin Center. We hope you will join us!

**Meet & Greet with Rico Tice:** We are hosting a meet and greet with Rico Tice, the author of *Honest Evangelism*, this evening. This event begins at 4:30pm and is followed by corporate worship at 6pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. This event is a kick-off for our upcoming walk through the course Christianity Explored. If you have any questions, please reach out to Billy King at [bking@allsaintspres.net](mailto:bking@allsaintspres.net).

**Family Worship Resources:** You can find our current family worship guide and many other resources to help you with family worship under the worship menu on our website.

**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](http://allsaintspres.net). Thank you!

### **Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:**

**September 24, 2023:** All Saints Fellowship Picnic

**October 24, 2023:** Nashville Rescue Mission Service Opportunity

**October 29, 2023:** All Saints Annual Chili Cook-Off

**December 16, 2023:** All Saints Annual Adult Christmas Party

# THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Morning, September 3, 2023

9:00 a.m.



Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship. . . . . from Nehemiah 9:5–6

Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.

**Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.**

You are the LORD, you alone.

**You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host,**

The earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them;

**And you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.**

Psalm Reading . . . . . Psalm 38

Minister: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

People: Your blessing be on your people!

\*Hymn of Praise. . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 97

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

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

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.  
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.  
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - them's we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,  
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

\*Prayer of Invocation

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson . . . . . Mark 4:1–20  
(See page 10)

Elder: This is the Word of the LORD;  
People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin . . . . . from Martin Bucer’s *Strasbourg Liturgy*

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression all our lives. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beg you, and for your Name’s sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.

Meditation

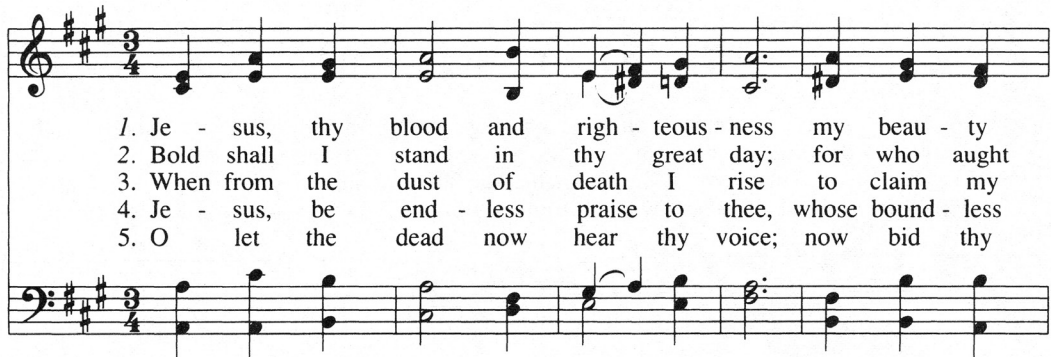
Here we pause in silence to confess our sins and meditate upon the forgiveness that is ours in Christ.

Assurance of Pardon . . . . . Psalm 119:49–50

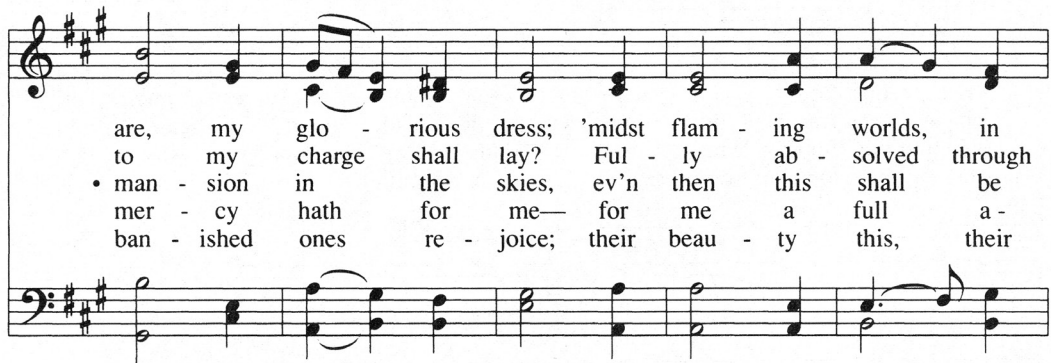
Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

Hymn of Christ, Our High Priest . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 520

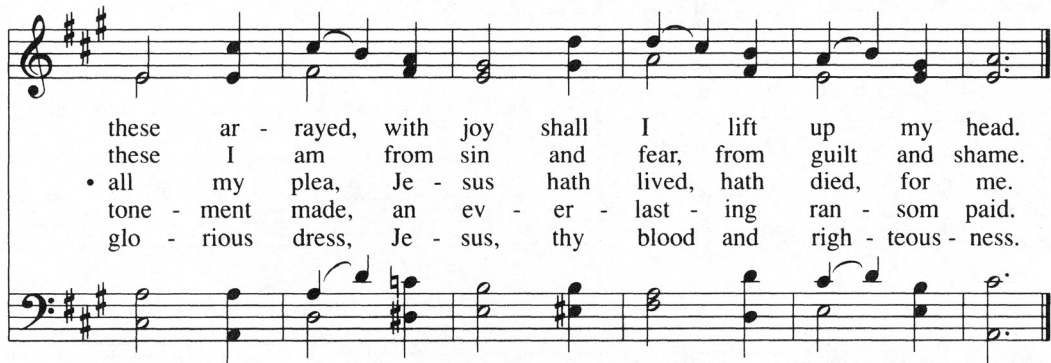
*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*



1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty  
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught  
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my  
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less  
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy



are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 • man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be  
 mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -  
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 • all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.  
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.  
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739  
 Tr. by John Wesley, 1740; alt.

GERMANY L.M.  
 William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

# GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Lesson . . . . . Genesis 15:1–21  
(See page 11)

Preaching of the Word . . . . . Rev. Matthew Bradley

## *A Simple Faith*

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 . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church\*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

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

\*Doxology . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*\*The term "catholic" means "universal" and refers to the Church throughout the world and throughout history.*



# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

\*Hymn of Our Love for God . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 660

## *O God beyond All Praising*

*Unison*

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,





at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

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THAXTED 13.13.13.13.13.  
From Gustav Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

\*Benediction . . . . . Psalm 29:11

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!  
*Amen.*

Postlude



# First Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>10</sup> And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that

“they may indeed see but not perceive,  
and may indeed hear but not understand,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven.”

<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. <sup>16</sup> And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

*Mark 4:1–20, ESV*

## Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup> And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup> the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

*Genesis 15:1-21, 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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