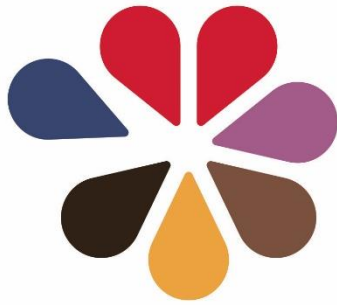




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Thanks Be to God

Celebration of Worship

November 24, 2024, 11:00 AM
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
[Click Here to Listen](#)

*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

A Thanksgiving Prelude

Tony Sun, flute

Charles Callahan

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

All Saints Day

Leader: All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served God. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs". It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

From The Book of Common Worship

Chime

Please join in the refrain:
"Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity."

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 132)

Nancy Simpson

Leader: Rise up, O God, dwell in the praise of your people. Make your home in our worship.

People: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

Leader: Rise up, O God, remind us of your covenant and your commands. May your presence be a balm and your direction our guide.

People: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

Leader: Rise up, O God, reign with power, wisdom and love. May your kingdom come full and complete.

People: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

Invocation

All: Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God
(*Music may be found on page 8.*)

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Magnificent God, your greatness humbles us. Your love can be overwhelming and incomprehensible. Your attentive care takes our breath. We recognize that we sometimes suppress the holiness you have embedded in us. We keep silent when our witness could make a difference. We turn away when the pain we observe in others becomes more than we can bear. Renew our spirits, strengthen our resolve, and fortify our compassion to put testimony on our lips, in our posts, and through our lives for your kingdom. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Dear one, God is sovereign and has chosen you to be a vessel of love, hope, and healing in the world. Creator has prepared you, and Spirit journeys beside you. And, as a community, we engage this work collectively. You are not alone. Heaven and earth join you with strength and grace. Rest in the peace and joy the reigns in Christ and through Christ as the kingdom comes.

Remembering The Saints Roll Call of The Saints

Charla Bolton
Judy Boyd
Jim Rees
Arthur Glenn Tweet

All: "All saints in Heaven, we thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven".

Scripture

Revelation 1:4b-8

Time for Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

*"Word, equal to (one with) the Highest, our only Hope,
Eternal day of the earth and heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!
Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul,
That drives us to forget your laws.
O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now assembled
In order to bless (thank) you now.
Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory;
And may they go forth filled (overjoyed) with your gifts."
Text: Jean Racine, Trans. from buffalochooralarts.org*

Scripture

John 18:33-38

Sermon

What is Truth?

Rev. Phil Davis

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation
(, Music may be found on page 9.)

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

River in Judea Jack Feldman and Linda Marcus

*" Oftentimes I dream of music, Of the river that freely flows. Arr. John Leavitt
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, One everybody knows.
Late at night, I hear it singing. Then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, The will to go on, Go on.*

*(Refrain) There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings. (Ref.)*

*May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more: (Ref.)
Hallelujah!!!"*

Text: Linda Marcus

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Let All Things Now Living
(Music may be found on page 10.)

ASH GROVE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Ash Grove

*Passing of the Peace

**The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.**

Thank you to:

Liturgist: Nancy Simpson
Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,

Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Children and Youth" for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our **services** of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers **as needed** so that they **express** your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns– If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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For the Fruit of All Creation

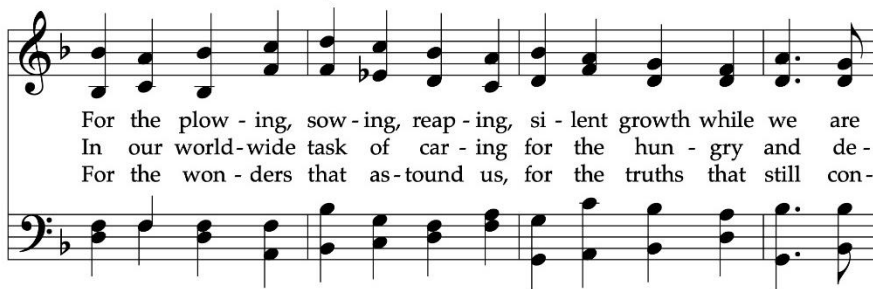
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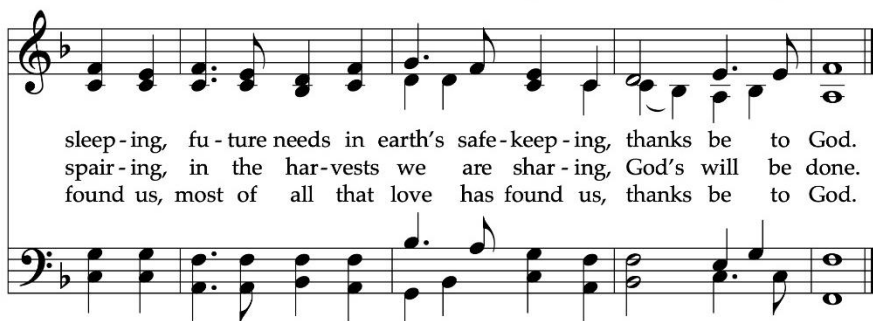
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

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Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
 Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company
 Music Harm. © Royal School of Church Music

ASH GROVE
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till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:
as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Sunday, November 24

9:45AM Sunday Forum- David Lee
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1

10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 3

10:30AM Bible study via Zoom

Wednesday, December 4

10:30AM Friday Book Group via Zoom

Thursday, December 5

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

The Downtown Church Staff

Keisha Betts, Office Administrator
Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist
Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
The Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.,
Stated Supply Pastor
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
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& Receptionist Coordinator
Tyrone Reeves, Maintenance
Robin Shultz, Sunday School Teacher
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Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees – Clerk of Session

Henry Ehindero, Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Philip B.
Davis, Moderator
Nancy Brown
David Lee
Bob Richane
Sally Allison
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

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