

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness

November 1, 2024

All Saints' Sunday



All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century. In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of this festival is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks for members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

Isaiah 40:31

Lynette Strickland

OPENING SENTENCES

Barbara Dee Cawley, Elder

Enter God's presence, you who yearn for the day when death is no more.

From age to age, God is with us.

Enter God's presence, you who are filled with hope and you who find it hard to hope.

From age to age, God is with us. Let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
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who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

O Christ, when you saw that Lazarus died, you began to weep. So you weep with us, O Lord, when we are surrounded by death and decay. Unbind us, O Lord, from the destructive forces of this world. Unbind us from greed, power, and shame. Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt. Bind us instead to one another and to you. Forgive us when we do not live like your new creations, and, by your grace, free us from all that keeps us bound. (silent confession) Let all God's children say, Amen.

***PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA**

Halle, Halle, Halle

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone" Lynnette Strickland and Bruce Cook

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament

Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel

John 11:32-44

SERMON

Let Loose

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

— *Communion* —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.....You prepare a heavenly banquet for us:the feast of your victory over sin and death, of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior... as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...as our lord taught us, **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.**

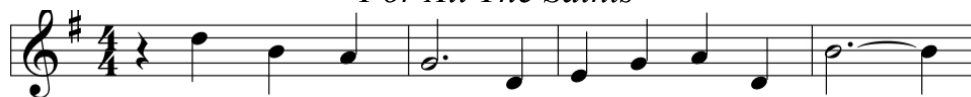
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

— *Sending* —

*HYMN #326

For All The Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Closed on Friday

Our Elders

Class of 2024: Caryl Birstler (clerk), Alicia Downing, George Schumacher, Carolyn Smith

Class of 2025: Barbara Dee Cawley, Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson

Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, Lesa Shelton, John Morrison

Our Deacons

Class of 2024: Wilma Abel, Ron Shafer, Mary Beth Smith

Class of 2025: Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Adele Wardrup

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Worship Flowers are given in memory of Donald Johnson's would-have-been 96th birthday, by Caryl and Ray Birstler.

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Infants and Pre-K

CE Hall, Room 2

Ms. Vicki

Elementary (K-5)

CE Hall, Room 4

Ms. Mary Beth

Men's Bible Study

CE Hall, Room 5

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Adult Sunday School

Library

Barbara Caudill

Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Krys

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hopefully, all of you have received a letter from The Finance and Stewardship Committee asking you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church in 2025. We will be dedicating our pledges in worship NEXT SUNDAY, on November 10. The Finance and Stewardship Committee will be available to answer questions, to discuss our goals, share information, etc.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 10

The Fellowship Committee and the Session invites everyone to join us after the worship service on November 10. The committees and the session are providing lunch for you including ham & turkey, rolls, potatoes, green beans, dressing and dessert. Come celebrate and offer thanks with us.

LOCATION CHANGE FOR SET

Singles Eating Together will *NOT* meet at Sandra Koontz' home on **November 6th**. Instead, we will meet at **Chili's**, 800 W Main Street, Inverness, at **4:30 p.m.**

MARK THE HOLIDAYS IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have completed our study of "The Way – Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" and in preparation for the holiday season, Barbara Caudill will be teaching on Christmas traditions. Please join us in the Library on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

THEOLOGY & WINE – NEW TIME!!!

Please join us on **Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.** for conversation and fellowship. We will meet at Angelo's Pizzeria in downtown Inverness. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

COME ONE - COME ALL!

The Christmas Memories Dinner is quickly approaching – circle the date of **December 13th**! Tickets go on sale this Sunday at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Bring your family and friends. We still need volunteers for hosts, cleanup, and donations for giveaways such as crafts, gift cards, anything else you can think of. Looking forward to having a great time! Contact Leah Robinson - 404-667-3198

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner! The Christian Education Committee and Session has decided to sponsor 10 children from the Family Resource Center. Beginning **THIS SUNDAY**, you may take a child's name from the tree. All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, November 24th** in order to be delivered to the Family Resource Center before November 30th. If you have any questions, please see Lori Wolford or Krys D'Aquino.

Please **DO NOT** wrap the Angel Tree gifts.

Please **DO** attach the angel with the child's name to the gift.

THANK YOU!!!

GOD CALLING?

Is God calling you to get more involved in our church leadership? This is the time of year when we consider new candidates who may feel called to serve as an Elder or a Deacon for our congregation. Please speak to Ray Birstler, Bruce Cook, Bev King or Pastor Lou Ellen for more information.

DONATIONS WERE DELIVERED TO CRYSTAL RIVER



LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID!!!!

On Tuesday 10/22, we FILLED my car with the donations you brought for Life Tree Presbyterian Church in Crystal River. I, and others, have already made at least three trips to the church to deliver relief. When I was there on Tuesday, the food pantry was open and buzzing with activity. Lorraine Adams, Life Tree's clerk of session, was so appreciative for our generosity. Thank you for supporting our sisters and brothers in Crystal River. – Pastor Lou Ellen

NOVEMBER 17 ANCHORED OUTING

Anchored Youth Group will meet at Pine Cones Ice Cream Parlor at 1:00 for ice cream and an afternoon at Liberty Park.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Saints Day/Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
- 10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

Monday, November 4, 2024

- 5:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 4:30 Singles Eating Together-Chili's, Inverness

Thursday, November 7, 2024

- *9:00 Blessings
- 10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
- 4:30 – 6:00 Raise the Roof Festival Singers Rehearsal
- 6:00 Theology & Wine – Angelo's Pizza

Friday, November 8, 2024

Saturday, November 9, 2024

- *10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Lori Wolford is preaching at First Presbyterian Church of Zepherhills

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
- 9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
- 10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 Fellowship Dinner - FH
- 6:00 Anchored Youth Group

*Outside Groups
** FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

*Mary Palmer
Robert Ramsey
Toni Scott*

Ask Me Desk

*Sandra Olson
Sally McKenzie*

