



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the Lord's Day

Building on a Sure Foundation

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 5, 2023
11:00 AM
All Saints Sunday
Commitment Sunday



MAY GOD
COMFORT
OUR HEARTS

Remembering those we have lost on All Saints Sunday

Photos of loved ones can be placed on tables at the front of the worship space before worship begins or during the first hymn.

Prelude

Cantilena (from Organ Sonata in D Minor)
Elegy

Josef Rheinberger
George Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Introit

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blest is the one that trusteth in him. (Psalm 34:8)

Kelly Lynch, soprano

*Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

*Hymn 326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we can be indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The asterisk (*) in the bulletin invites you to rise in body or spirit.
Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.
Children attending Kids' Church may meet Pastor Lori in the Narthex at this time.*

All Saints Remembrance

We remember and give thanks to God for the lives and faith of church members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. As each name is read, family members are invited to come forward and receive a rose.

Priscilla Rice Oehl 11/12/22	Susan R. Sphar 2/17/23	Patricia L. Huss 5/18/23
John A. Friday, III 11/23/22	Blyth Barnes Steere 3/9/23	Nancy Ann Eisengart 5/19/23
Janet Anne Butler 12/10/22	Nancy Mattern Happel 3/14/23	Dorothy L. Sherrard 6/8/23
Donald R. Null 1/1/23	Robert Burton Atwell 3/19/23	Joseph Jennings Stephenson 6/14/23
George S. Richardson 1/3/23	James Harwill Weber 3/27/23	Shirley Lacey Weber 9/7/23
Do L. Finlay 1/5/23	Nancy Ladley Becker 3/27/23	Gary A. Williamson 10/8/23
Laurie B. Culbertson 1/15/23	James R. Douglass, Jr. 5/7/23	

A final bell toll honors the memory of all whom we have loved and lost.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17 (NT, pg. 249)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Ordeal

Rev. Roger Owens

Offering

*Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.
Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate.*

Offertory Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! Blest are they that dwell within thy house. They praise thy name evermore. They praise thee evermore! How lovely is thy dwelling place. (Psalm 84:1,2,4)

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Table

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe...
...from all times and all places, who forever sing your praise:

Sanctus Nicaea

Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! One God Al - might - y!
 All your works shall praise Your name, in earth and sky and sea.
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless - ed is Christ who comes to set us free.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table...
 ...gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service:

Memorial Acclamation Nicaea

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
 Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain...
 ...All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

Great Amen Nicaea

A - - - men, A - men, A - men.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the center aisle. The pair of servers will offer you a piece of bread, which you will dip into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the server in the center. After receiving, return to your seat by the outer aisles. Those seated in the balcony will be served while seated in the balcony. For those on the main sanctuary level with difficulty coming forward, a server will bring communion elements down the center aisle; please indicate with a lifted hand at that time that communion is desired.

Communion Music

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)
 Lord, all pitying, Jesus blest, grant them thine eternal rest.
 Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano
 Lincoln Baldwin, cello

Maurice Duruflé

Prayer After Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your presence. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

We That Once Were Lost

Holy Manna

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Postlude

Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral

Maurice Duruflé

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)

Rev. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)

Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Director of Children and Family Ministries (lori@fcpc.us)

Dr. David A. Billings, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Guy Russo, Director of the Chancel Choir

Kelly Lynch, soprano; Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Boag, tenor; Logan Newman, bass
Lincoln Baldwin, cello

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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy, Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcyk, Beth Lockwood, Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Scott Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall, Louise van Mook, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Jack Oehrle, Ray Overmyer, Wilberta Pickett, Takako Petek, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Tommy Walters, Joanne Welsh

Chancel Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in remembrance of our sister Gwen Siple Moss and her Christian devotion by Jen and George Siple.

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For Children & Families During 11:00 Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Following the Passing of the Peace, children may meet Pastor Lori in the Narthex and are led to the lower level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lower level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance to the building.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The **Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (next to the nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.