



Galloway Presbyterian Church *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

A combined worship service of our two congregations

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Disciples – Everyone here!

November 3, 2024

All Saints' Sunday

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As we prepare to worship - "Every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master," (I Corinthians 11:26, *The Message*).

Ring the church bell calls us to worship

Welcome & Prayer Cards

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Prelude

Music today by Alex Toth + Olivia Mitchem

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist Pam Johnston

We are called to be saints when Jesus commands us "Come, follow me."

We are called to be saints, holy people of God, because we believe the astounding story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are called to be saints because here in this family of faith we are empowered to live the Good News.

In the midst of war we dare to hear his word: "Peace."

In the midst of hatred we dare to hear his words: "Love one another."

In the midst of hunger we dare to remember: "Feed my sheep."

In the midst of hopelessness we dare to abound in hope.

Let us worship God as sisters and brothers in Christ.

***Hymn**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" # 730

Call to Confession (Please be seated)

Martin Luther described sin as being turned in on oneself. If that's the case, then the opposite of sin is being open—open to learning, open to others, open to grace and compassion. Beloved, God is opening us to see our differences not as a threat but as an opportunity to learn and to grow in compassion toward ourselves and others.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess together and I confess to you, Lord, the walking wounded I have missed seeing because I was too busy. Forgive us for thinking our Baptisms make us better than others. Show us how our Baptisms make us responsible for one another. As you come close to us in our prayers, show us how to get closer to others, especially those with whom we differ.

...a time of silent prayer... Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

As water is poured in the baptismal font, God pours grace and mercy into our hearts. Because of Jesus Christ, and his grace,
we are all forgiven. Thank you, God!

Remembering the Saints Who Have Gone Before Us

Introduction to All Saints Sunday

Those who are remembered...

Jan Howsmon remembering her husband, **Ron Howsmon**, who died December 31, 2021.

Carol Jones remembering her brother, **James Jones**, who died May 2, 2024

Marsha Ross remembering her mother, **Darleen Pershing**, who died July 7, 2024; a member since January 24, 1958.

Melinda Rowe, remembering her brother, **John Scior**, who died August 27, 2024; a member since August 8, 1979; and her mother, **Carol Scior**, who died July 10, 2022; and her father, **Fred Scior**, who died January 4, 2017.

Trent + Melinda Rowe, remembering their son, **Aaron Rowe**, who died May 31, 2021.

Galloway Presbyterian Church remembers long time members, **Carl Catlett** who died on October 17, 2023, and **Peg Catlett**, who died on March 17, 2024.

Others who are remembered.

You may come forward and light a candle.

A time of quiet meditation

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Singing the Psalm "Lift Up the Gates Eternal" # 364

Olivia will sing the stanzas and the
Congregation will sing the **refrain**

Gospel Lesson John 11:32-44

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "They Walk through Our Neighborhoods"

Rev. Thom Shuman, Pastor, Galloway Presbyterian Church

***Confession of Faith** – from *The Scot's Confession*, 1560 (the word "Kirk" means "church")

As we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men and women chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together

As the offering plate is passed, put in the offering plate your impatience, your greed, your lust, your anger, your covetousness, your pride. God will accept your offering, lifting a weight from your shoulders. In its place, God will give you patience, generosity, love, calm, sharing and selflessness. What a deal!

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

We praise you, O God, for creating maple and oak trees, red-bellied woodpeckers and sandhill cranes, mums and fire bushes,

cumulus and cirrus clouds, daddy long legs and orchard orbweavers, Presbyterians, Muslims, Catholics and Nones. Wow! You are an awesome God and we praise you. Amen.

The Invitation to the Lord's Supper

All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and confess their sins are invited by him to come to his table.

A Communion story.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... as we pray together as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Acclamation of Faith

According to Christ's commandment:

#553 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen; Christ Will Come Again"

The Words of Institution and Celebration of the Feast

Please hold on to the bread until all have been served. Hold on to the juice until all have been served.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** "For All the Saints" # 326

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Westminster Presbyterian Church is one of eighty-four member congregations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
Founded April 8, 1956

Our Mission - our purpose

To bring God's word to everyone, that God loves **everyone**, including you. The Gospel calls us not to just preach, but also to practice Christ's compassion for all by serving others and leaving no one out.

Vision – our roadmap

The vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is to build our community of Christ with love and care. We are committed to reaching across the street, and around the world to proclaim the Gospel.

Serving Westminster Presbyterian Church

Our Session - Elders - Trent Rowe, Karen Flowers & Lynne Kelly (Clerk)

Our Deacons - Jim Benney, Pam Johnston, Carol Jones & Joyce Sizemore

Church staff – Karen Flowers, Sexton Rene Miller, Treasurer

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor Olivia Mitchem, Pianist

Announcements

A Special **Meeting of the Westminster Congregation** is hereby called for the close of worship on November 10th for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregation Nominating Committee to present an elder and a deacon for election as new officers. Installation will follow on the 17th

We began worship last Sunday with a **pumpkin**. In case you want to check out the Bible verses: Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin! God picks you from the patch and brings you in (John 15:16); Then washes all the dirt off of you (II Cor 5:17); God opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. God removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6); Then God carves you a new smiling face. (Ps 71:23).

Tuesday, 4:30, **Deacons** meeting.

Cap City Helping Hands Coat Drive goal is to provide 10-20 jackets to each elementary, middle, and high school in the Columbus City Schools. Thank you for your contributions.

From last Sunday's sermon: "God cannot change your life until you change some habit you do every day." What habit is God calling you to change?

Healing holiday remembrances of your loved one: Spend time with the family photo album with each family member sharing a special story about the one who died. Provide memorial flowers for a Sunday at church. Choose a candle or a single flower for the table to mark the continued presence of your loved one. Use a special ornament for the tree in your loved one's memory.