

# Remembrance Sunday



**October 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

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*At the ringing of the carillon please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment. **Bolded text is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

# COME

## Voluntary

## on *Sine Nomine*

setting by Jan Bender

## Choral Procession with Pipes

## “Amazing Grace”

Dave Forshew, piper

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Kate Clark

God of all ages: we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

**We praise you for all who have sought your new creation, and who, by their steadfast faith, have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus.**

We praise you for those we have known and loved, and we pray that we, with them, may follow in the way of Christ, and, at the last, dwell in your holy city, sharing the inheritance of the saints in light, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Hymn #364

# I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

## GRAND ISLE

# ENCOUNTER

## Call to Confession

For the peace and unity of the saints, trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save; Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574

# Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Response 567

## Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Amen. Amen.**

## \*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,

**The peace of Christ be with you.**

*During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.*

## Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Romans12:1

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.

*Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.*

## Offertory

## Let the Life I've Lived

American Spiritual  
*Arr. Andy Davis*

*Let the life I've lived speak for me. When I come to the end of this road,  
and I lay down my heavy load, Let the life I've lived speak for me.  
Let the friends I've made speak for me. Let the work I've done speak for  
me. Let the love I've shared speak for me.*

[illegible]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Time with Young Disciples

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the children's K-5 choir rehearsal in room 207 or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

# GROW

## Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# The First Lesson

## Micah 4:1-4

## Old Testament

1 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established  
as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it,  
2 and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the  
mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may  
teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion  
shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;

4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:11-12,15-23

New Testament

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Committed to Memory

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

# SERVE

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Served by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness. Restored in Christ's presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God's reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.**

**We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Prayers of the People

Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we pray to the Lord, saying,

**O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

We pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working for good in your world.

**O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace.

**O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

We pray for this community. Make your home among us; dwell with us in this place. Let it be a city of heavenly peace, a place of refuge for all.

**O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

We pray for our loved ones. Soothe those who are suffering; comfort those who mourn. Let us be glad and rejoice in the gift of your salvation.

**O Lord our God, have mercy, and wipe away our tears.**

As you have sustained your saints through centuries of service, keep us faithful, here and now, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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.**



## ***Service of Praise and Remembrance***

*Today, we celebrate the saints of our church by reading the names of church members who have died in the past year, and by placing a stone on the Communion table in their honor.*

\*Hymn 526

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***Singing: For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee, by faith, before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:

**See the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God’s people, and the Lord will be with them; God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. For death will be no more.”**

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal. Inspire us, by the remembrance of those faithful who went before us, that even in their sin and shortcomings they turned to your throne of mercy and found in you the grace that was sufficient for their day.

**We give you thanks for all your servants and witnesses from times past: for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Aaron, Samuel and Hannah, David, Isaiah, and all of the prophets. We give you thanks for Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, John the Baptist and the Twelve Disciples; for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene.**

For Stephen and for all who have given their lives for Christ throughout the ages. For Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox; for all reformers and evangelists of our faith.

**And now, O Lord, for all those from this Body of Christ, known as Westminster Presbyterian Church, who have fought the good fight, finished their race, and to whom there has been given the crown of glory in your holy presence.**

*Singing:* **O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Great God we give you thanks for those from our fold who this past year entered into your Church Triumphant. In the light of your eternal Spirit we remember:



***A chime will ring for each person.***

Emily Arlene Stouffer Pierson.....	December 2, 2020
Frank L. Field, Jr. ....	December 20, 2020
Mary Elizabeth Swartzlander.....	January 31, 2021
Diane Hall Allison.....	February 4, 2021
Edith Lang (Edie) Willoughby.....	March 2, 2021
The Reverend Diann Santschi.....	March 31, 2021
Douglas Grant.....	May 29, 2021
Barbara Prentiss Davis.....	June 11, 2021
Robert Paden Prentice II .....	July 29, 2021

**God Eternal, we celebrate the Communion of the Saints in all ages and give thanks for the ties with which you bind us to the ones who have gone ahead, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Singing: From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Jesus calls us now to go forth in faith and love, living each day as a gift of God's grace, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed. **Amen.**

May the Lord our God - the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end - be with you this day and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Voluntary                      Highland Cathedral                      Uli Roever and Michael Korb

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

***David Robertson (Fraser) Forshew** has always felt a strong connection to his Scottish heritage through the sound of the Great Highland Bagpipes as well as his maternal grandparents (Fraser/Robertson). David is a direct descendant of Clan Fraser of Lovat, who's ancestral lands lie on the Western shores of Loch Ness. After a lifetime of involvement in vocal and instrumental music, David picked up the pipes in 2009. He is now the Pipe Sergeant with the Celtic Eagle Pipe Band.*

**The Flowers in the Chancel** are given by Roger Nelson in memory of all Westminster Saints Departed.

**Farewell to Reverend Hauerwas** As we prepare to say farewell to Pastor Jon, you are welcome to either hand deliver a card of appreciation to a box in fellowship hall, or mail them to our church office. There will be a reception following worship on November 7.

**December/January Script** Please have your articles and pictures ready to be send to [wpcoffice1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcoffice1250@gmail.com) on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

**Congregational Meeting** A congregational meeting will be held following worship on November 7. The purpose of this meeting is to formally dissolve the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Jon Hauerwas and Westminster Presbyterian Church, as our pastor departs for Savannah, Georgia where he has accepted a new call.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 7.**



## **Calendar of Church Events for the week of October 10/31 - 11/6, 2021**

### **Sunday, 10/31**

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Parenting group
- 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube Livestream  
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am Children's Message Team in Tween Room

### **Monday, 11/1**

- 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

### **Tuesday, 11/2**

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Chancel

### **Thursday, 11/4**

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

### **Saturday, 11/6**

- 8:00 am Food for Life in the Kitchen



Staff Schedule in the Office:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastor Jon	Pastor Jon		Pastor Jon	Pastor Jon
The Reverend Jonathan S. Hauerwas <a href="mailto:jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com">jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com</a> Cell phone 330-606-4551				
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Other Staff:

Val Stewart, Director of Children's Choir

Bruce Klucharich, Audio-Visual Technician

Traci Range, Director of Childcare [wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcchildcare1250@gmail.com)

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

Finance Office: Shelley Koutnik. Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact [wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com) for assistance.

*The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.*



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