

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Holy Communion/All Saints Day
November 1, 2020**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: Let us exalt God's name together.

SONG of PRAISE #150 Come Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!

**loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

**he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!**

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

**life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

LITANY OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to
live and die in faith. We confess that we are 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.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN Ecclesiastes 9:10 (Easy to Read Version)

Every time you find work to do, do it the best you can.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 NRSV

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters;^[a] we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lutheran Church of Australia

O God, we thank you today for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith.

We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our community who have passed away in the past year -.

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us.

We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive for unity.

Bring peace to those nations in conflict. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbor as themselves.

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look ahead in hope to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus holy name we pray.

Amen.

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SONG OF PREPARATION - Spirit

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer

SONG OF RESPONSE #438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION Bruce Prewer

Go on your way rejoicing; surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall. The blessing of God Most High, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!