

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**REMINDER:** We have regathered for in person worship Sundays at 10 am. Masks are strongly encouraged. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.

### **MESSAGE FROM ROBIN+ / Come Worship With All The Saints This Sunday**

*I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.*

The Feast of All Saints is one of the principal feast days in the church, calling us to remember those whom we love but see no longer. The pandemic has changed so much of our lives, including our rhythms of prayer and worship, even fostering some disagreements and disappointments. Yet, the slow and patient work of God has held us together through it all. We hope you will return to church for All Saints' Sunday on November 7th at 10 am, as you are able. Our part of the Communion of Saints will be blessed by your presence. Additionally there will be special music from our guest violinist, Susan Bedell.

We will process in and out of the church again, and there will be an opportunity for any who wish to light a votive candle as a reminder of the Communion of Saints surrounding us. We will resume congregational singing therefore, it's important that masks remain on and cover our noses. You may find that singing quietly, instead with gusto, will be helpful as you adjust to singing while wearing a mask. We ask that you continue to allow space between your family group and others. Come be a Saint with us this Sunday!

*They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.*

Hymn 293, The Hymnal 1982, *I sing a song of the saints of God*

### **THE HOPE CENTER**

As grocery prices rise and temperatures fall, the Hope Center food pantry is in need of our food donations. You may bring items to church any time and leave them in the orange bin on the back porch. Marwee delivers these items to the Hope Center twice a month. Your assistance helps those in need in our community.

### **PRAYER LIST**

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Melba Felty, Michael Fowler, Pegram Johnson, Valerie Jones, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Eric Pitt, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Robbi Spencer, and Mary Villeponteaux.

## **EVERY PERFECT GIFT**

Think of the saints of Christ and Grace who have inspired us by their generosity, their willingness to embrace change, and most of all their faithfulness. They saw the mission of this parish as key to proclaiming the good news of God in Christ and they acted upon it. So much of what we treasure in our church we have received from God through the hearts and hands of the saints who came before us. It is always a community effort, because no one person has all the gifts or all the resources, and yet, the transformation continues as saints through time share the perfect gifts God has provided.

Lazarus was dead in his tomb, but Jesus called him to come out. But what is so interesting about this story is that Jesus did this despite the doubts of everyone present that day. In addition to that, Jesus called that gathered community to participate with him in the work of raising Lazarus, of unbinding him from what prevented life.

What is it that is binding you, that this community of faith might help you unravel through worship, study, fellowship, and service? Together we can do this lifegiving work for one another and for the wider community we are called to serve.

## **HOPE CENTER LUNCH**

Mark your calendars to help Christ and Grace feed the hungry. You can help! Donate needed supplies, make a financial offering, or come help assemble lunches.

Date: November 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10 am

Place: Meeting at the Hope Center to assemble lunches

Menu: pizza and salad, apples, cheese and chive crackers, Little Debbie snack cakes, water

Needed Items:

Water bottles (80)

Apples (80)

Cucumbers (about 6)

Large red onions (3 or 4)

Cherry tomatoes (about 4 containers)

Financial donations welcome

If you are able to help, please contact Elayne Pagano 804-586-2951 to let her know what you will be donating. She will then shop to complete the needed items.

## **REMINDER:**

**Christ and grace annual meeting**

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10 am service.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Our service of Holy Communion is held in person and live-streamed each Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel.

Please call the church office or email Robin+ rteasley@christandgrace.org if you would like a home visit with communion, or if you are worshiping online and would like to come to the church to receive communion after the livestream on Sunday.

## **MESSAGE FROM BOB HOLLEMAN, TREASURER**

The past couple of years have seen many challenges for everyone. Christ and Grace has also experienced many challenges. One of our biggest has been our operating budget. As costs continue to rise we find ourselves this year to be operating with an unbalanced budget. Our expenses are expected to exceed our income by approximately \$15,000.00. Fortunately, we have some savings that we can fall back on. But that can only last but so long given our current expenses such as:

staff salaries

heating and cooling costs

technology costs

grounds maintenance costs

costs to maintain support of our current ministries, music program, Christian education and outreach programs.

And the costs, sometimes unexpected, to repair and maintain our wonderful sanctuary and parish hall.

To cover our expenses our largest source of income is your pledge. And I want to thank you for your generosity over the years to help us to meet our financial needs. But I now ask you to please consider these challenges, for those who may have given in the past but have not pledged, please consider making a pledge. And to those who have pledged in the past, if you are able to, please think about increasing your pledge to support these increasing costs, continue our current ministries and to maintain our building and grounds.

Thank you, Bob Holleman

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

We remember and give thanks for those who have died and entered into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints.

*Cindy Adams*

*Peter Adams*

*Frederick Bergen*

*Esther Bristow*

*Ronnie Elder*

*Mary Brooke Steele Estes*

*Pret Kaichen*

*Frank Martin*

*Kyle Nelson*

*Oliver Pamplin*

*Martha Shackelford*

*Jane Yates Smith*

*Larry Tucker*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Colossians 1:11-13

## **THE COLLECT**

*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

### **Revelation 21:1-6a**

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 saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

### **John 11:32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."