

**November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday**



Gustav Klimt, *Tree of Life, Stoclet Frieze*, from wikiart.org

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

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(if you are asked for a password, it is: 890967). **To dial in by phone** call 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter **839 2872 7469#**. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; **simply push # again.**

Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude:

Welcome

Introit: "How Lovely Are the Messengers" by Felix Mendelssohn

Gathering Prayer: "Morning Invocation" by Tess Ward

Hymn 376: "God, We Thank You for Our People"

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

Poem: "'Tis a Fearful Thing" by Yehuda HaLevi

Naming Our Saints

L: Let us remember those faithful ones at rest here in our sanctuary.

Names are read and photos shown.

L: Let us remember the beloved members of our congregation who have died in the past year.

Names are read and photos shown.

L: Let us remember all our saints.

At this time you are invited to write names in the chat so that they can be read.

Lighting of the Candles

You are invited to light a candle in memory of your saints.

Solo: "Litanie" by Franz Schubert

Poem: "Now Voyager" by May Sarton

Anthem: "There Will Be Rest" by Frank Ticheli

Legacy Giving Moment: Xan Laurence

Hymn: "May This Church Be Like a Tree"

Prayers of the People

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

Lord's Prayer

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most meaningful to you.

Our God, 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 for ever. Amen.

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. November's special offering is given to Southeast Seniors and the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association. Give electronically at our website: www.firstchurchmn.org; click on the "Support Us" link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109: "\$(amount) Special" (for the monthly offering) or "\$(amount) General Fund. If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with "Good Neighbor" in the memo line.

Offertory: “Memories” by Maroon 5; arr. Andy Beck

Offertory Response: “For Such a Time as This”

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Communion Prayer

Retelling the story

Sharing of the bread and cup

Sung During Communion: “Though the Earth Shall Change”

Hymn 299: “For All the Saints”

Benediction: “Celtic Morning Invocation” by Tess Ward

Sung Benediction: “Deep Peace” Celtic trad., arr. Makeever

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Robert Payne

Usher: Mary Jean Korsmo

Readers: Jean Anderson, Don Brasted-Maki, Tim Danz, Jim Gullikson, Cynthia Hendricks, Linda Kelsey, Xan Laurence, Bill Lindberg, Glenn Strand, Sally Wingert

Special Music: Linda Valerian, soloist

Worship Planning: Maggie George, Joy Gullikson

Technical Support: Hikaru Peterson, Jeff Peterson

Coffee Hour: Christyann Ranck

Coming up this week

Sunday, Nov. 3

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship: All Saints Service (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Election Support Group

11:30a: “Walk Around” with Hospitality & Engagement Team

Monday, November 4

9:30a: SE Playgroup
7p: Congregational Care Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day
noon: Bible Study (on Zoom only)

Wednesday, November 6

11a: Crafting Group
7p: Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Sunday, Nov. 10

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12:30p: Hospitality & Engagement Team

Generosity Campaign. We've sent out a letter from the board as well as a pledge card requesting your pledge to support our congregation in 2025. Please fill out your card in time for Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 10. You can bring or mail the form to the church, or email your commitment to financial secretary Kathy Hansen (khansen156@gmail.com). Extra pledge cards are available on the back table in the sanctuary. Please fill out the form even if you have previously set up an electronic withdrawal. Many thanks for your support of the First Church community.

The Election Support Group, meeting today in the parlor, is a space for processing our thoughts and feelings about the election and also for developing concrete tools that can help us better navigate this political landscape. Everyone is welcome!

Faithful Hospitality Training Sessions. Our friends at University Baptist Church are making plans to house families seeking asylum in the month of December. A program of Interfaith Action, Faithful Hospitality partners with churches to house up to 24 people seeking asylum for a month at a time. Guests stay overnight at the church and then go to a Day Center where they get all their meals and have other programs. In partnership with UBC and

Interfaith Hospitality, we are hoping that folks from local churches will be able to help serve as overnight hosts. The program needs two hosts from 7p-7a. There will be 2 volunteer training sessions: Mon., Nov. 18 & Thurs., Nov. 21, both at UBC at 6:30p (and on Zoom.) If you are interested in volunteering, please contact UBC at 612-331-1768 or pastor@ubcmn.org.

ISAIAH post-election Strategy Meeting The Hennepin County Base of ISAIAH/Faith in MN, which includes everyone who lives and/or worships in Hennepin County, will gather at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (4537 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis) from 6:30-9pm on Thursday, Nov. 14 to debrief the election results, unpack what that means for our organizing going forward, and launch our efforts toward 2025 to create abundant, affordable housing and equitable, climate-friendly communities.

Wild Church monthly gatherings will take place on the second Saturday of each month, from 2-3:30p (beginning Nov. 9), at Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 Main St. SE, by the bandstand. Learn more about the Wild Church movement at: wildchurchnetwork.com.

Prayers for Advent. The worship team and the faith force, along with Jane, want to build on the experience of sabbatical Sundays, encouraging members of the congregation to share more in the leadership of worship. For Advent, we invite folks to consider composing and leading a prayer for one of the services. We will gather on November 18 for dinner and a time of conversation to help you prepare for your role. **Please sign up in the sanctuary or RSVP to Jane McBride: jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org**

Advent Devotional 2024 Contributions Needed. The Faith Force invites your contributions to our 2024 Advent Devotional. Contributions should be responding to or inspired by this year's Advent theme "All Shall Be Well," from Julian of Norwich. We welcome prose, poetry, reflections, images of artwork, photographs, drawings, excerpts from longer works, etc. These can be your own original creations, or you can submit items created by others (please include appropriate attribution). The devotional will be available in both print and digital format, so please make sure your contribution is usable for either format. Contributions should be emailed to Jean Anderson (jeanethanderson@gmail.com) no later than November 15. If you have questions, please reach out to any member of the Faith Force (Jean Anderson, Sarah Almén, Kim Cooper, Don Brasted-Maki, Mary Jean Korsmo, Brad Schumann, or Jane McBride) and we'll be happy to help.) And children are invited to participate, too!