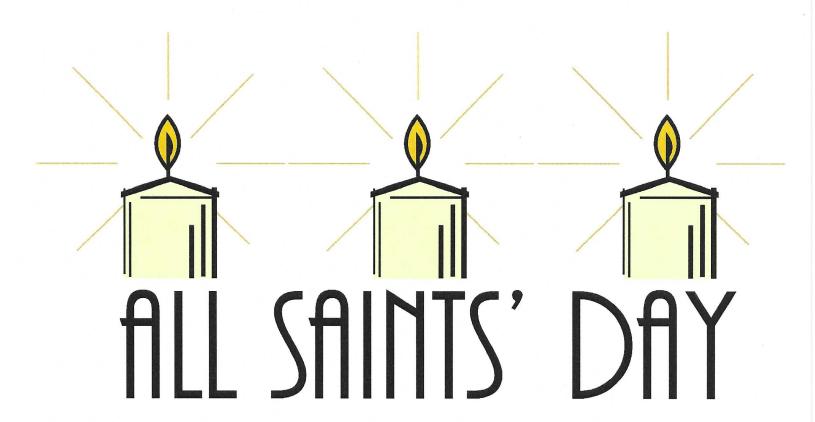
East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus'name.



November 7, 2021 All Saints Sunday Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Winifred and Karl Pettengill.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net.

* OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints" (vs. 1, 2, 4)"

#711

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24, Isaiah 25)

L: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

P: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

L: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

P: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

P: We come, seeking the face of God.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 John 11:32-44

SERMON

"Saints"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#545

(vs. 1, 3, 5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face. We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new. Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life. Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory. Forgive our unbelief, O God. Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing: "The peace of Christ be with you."

P. And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Shall we Gather at the River" Sung by Ron

Robert Lowry

* DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
God be with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.
Let us give thanks to our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

... we lift our voice to join their eternal song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

... As we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ, you died, are risen, and will come again. We await your kin-dom come on earth, when your peace and justice will reign.

... And now, as children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever.

* HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

#723

- * BENEDICTION
- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

#431

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Alice Jordan

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. 2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, 3 and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. 4 For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. 5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; 6 like gold in the furnace God tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. 7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. 8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and God will reign over them forever. 9 Those who trust in God will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with God in love, because grace and mercy are upon the holy ones, and God watches over the elect.

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

John 11:32-44

32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Sir, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who

opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Sir, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "God, I thank you for having heard me. 42 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." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 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."

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

Prayer List

Church of Christ and ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church Family and friends of Ashley Fowler (Craig's brother) Family and friends of Deb McAdams Family and friends of Vicki Hall Family and friends of John Kelly Sue Mitchells' family and friends Residents of Salisbury Assisted Living Mike and Alana Gilbert Candice Short Family and friends of Christina Roberts (Candice's son's aunt) Carolyn Blake (Candice's sister's mother) Buddy Merrick's Wife Steve Smith Joni McPhee Ken Eaton Julie Allred

Steve Csengody (Sandy's BIL) Steven Lovato (Courtney's BIL) Colleen Sanford Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray) Chris, Gary, Percy, Sheryl, Peter (friends of Jan Pretty) The Arrison family Kate (Jan's friend) Victims of natural disasters Victims of sexual abuse and assault Division in The United Methodist Church For those whose voices are so often ignored For the slain everywhere Deplorable treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers on the southern border of the US. All who have suffered with, because of, or died from COVID-19 or addiction.

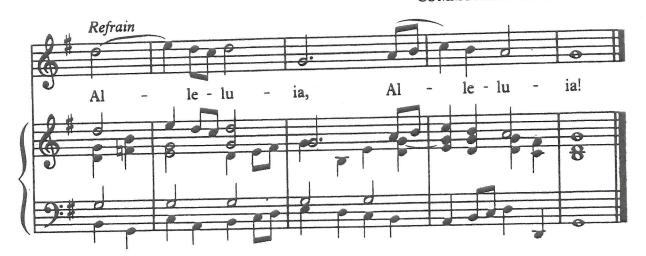
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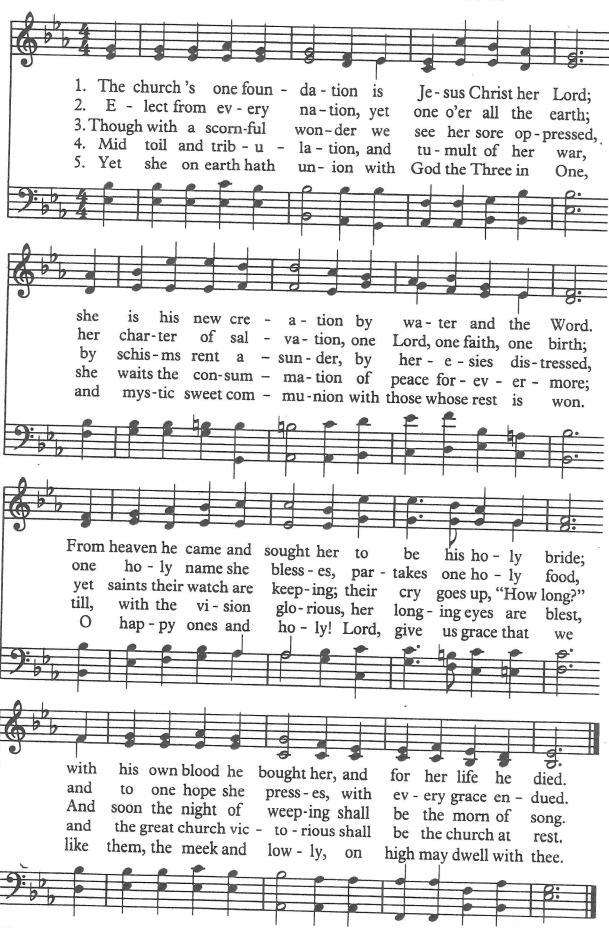
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