

# *Welcome To Worship*



First

Presbyterian

CROOKSTON, MN.

*November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 // All Saints Day*

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO REST**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

We will bless the LORD at all times  
**God's praises fill out mouths.**  
Our soul boasts in the LORD  
**Let the humble hear and feel the joy.**  
We Look to God and shine  
**With faces that will never be ashamed.**  
Yes, taste and see that the lord is good.  
**Joyful are those who take refuge in God.**



*1 Saints: Broken Not divided by Ronald Raab*

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**#37**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**KYRIE**

*(Confession need not be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful relief. Like dropping a heavy load from tired arms. God's grace means confession can sound as much like "hallelujah" as "I'm sorry". For this reason, we begin and end our "Confession" A joyful song. Express how our confessing is also our act of love for the God who already covers it in grace.)*

***I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice To Worship You  
Oh My Soul, Rejoice...***

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us love in action through the way you lived every part of life. You gave away your power in service of others and turned our understanding of what it means to be God's people on its head.

**We confess we still struggle to understand and live out that truth as you did, ' loving as you loved.**

You did not just make us forgiven by God but full children of God. So that we can all be called one of your “saints” without irony or reservation.

**We confess we struggle to see ourselves as you do. To imagine ourselves as saints, with all the power to bless and heal the world that you did.**

You claimed us by your grace and called us with your hope to be your hands and feet in the world.

**We confess we are reluctant to try. We fear we may fail or feel to uncomfortable.**

**We assume we are too busy, too old, too poor, too imperfect, too normal or too Human to live as you command.**

Stir up your Spirit in us, God of new identities, and give us the courage to experience the joy and blessing of being your disciples in ways that sing your song of love in service our neighbors, kindness to all strangers, justice for all people and even forgiveness for our enemies.

## **KYRIE**

*Take Joy My King*

*In What You Hear*

*May it be a sweet, sweet song*

*In Your Ear.*

***SILENCE for confession and resting In God’s grace.***

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

May you know God’s grace poured out and embrace God’s truth hung over you; “For you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light”.

**Hallelujah and Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN**

**#458**

**Thy Word**

## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** READING 1..... Revelation 7:9-17

READING 2.....Matthew 5: 1-12

*Leader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON.....Testemonies To Honor The Saints of Our Lives**  
**w/ Marsha Odem**  
**Marley Melby**  
**Martha Wissmann**

**Contemplation Hymn:**

**#306**

**Blessed Be The Tie (V. 1 & 5)**

### **Litany For All Saints**

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labors.

**We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us.**

Today we give thanks for those who have recently died and entered into the fullness of your glory. We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them "all is well, and all manner of things will be well."

### **Naming of the Saints.**

- **Betty and Frank Janecky**
- **Julie Janecky Pries**
- **Pat Barry**
- **Ed Haugen**
- **Arlo & Jullian Gould**
- **Donovan Gould**
- **Cleon Melsa**
- **Danny Stan**
- **Relda Newsom Bateman**
- **Laurie Wilson**
- **Scott Broisma**
- **Judy Roelofs**

*(At this time all are invited to light a candle in remembrance of a saint in your life, at the front)*

God of Jesus Christ, mindful of all those souls who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, and all other twenty-first century disciples of every race and place,

**to follow their example to the best of our ability:  
to feed the poor in body or spirit,  
to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,  
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,  
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
to cherish and learn from the merciful,  
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.**

Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen!**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**#326**

**For All The Saints (v. 1 & 5)**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

# A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

*Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:*

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## Next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

10:45 am                      **Worship**  
11:45 am                      **Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters**..... Dan & Laurie Wilson  
**Organist**..... Caleb Mendez  
**Music Director**..... Sandy Perkins  
**Reader**..... Sandy Perkins

## Tuesdays November 7<sup>th</sup>

Area Woman's Chorus  
Rehearsal

## Wednesday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Bell Practice

## Thursday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

No Book Study!

## Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

10:45 am                      **Worship**  
11:45 am                      **Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters**..... Gordy & Monica Terpstra  
**Organist**..... Hannah  
**Music Director**..... Sandy Perkins  
**Reader**..... Ralph Pester  
**Communion Serve/ Prep**..... Marlys Mjoen/ Marsha Odom/ Sandy Perkins

# **Worship Notes & Holy Doodles**