

O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Assurance of Forgiveness**

****Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Time with Our Youngest Saints

THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Names of Departed Saints

Litany of Reflection

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Holy God, we pray for your human family everywhere;

People: That we may be one.

Pastor Grant that all who are baptized into Christ may faithfully serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified on earth as in heaven.

Pastor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Pastor Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble;

People: Deliver them from their distress.

Pastor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Pastor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Amen

****Hymn 527**

“Near to the Heart of God”

Unison Prayer for Understanding

O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen-

The Reading from the Gospels

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'-this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

“Not Far from the Kingdom”

****Hymn 359**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

****Affirmation of Faith
Apostles Creed**

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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.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(debts/debtors)

*“Our Father, 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 forever.
Amen.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost!” Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

****Hymn 430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

~~**please stand as you are able~~



**First Presbyterian Church of
Lancaster
Order of Worship for Sunday,
November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday**

Liturgist: Mr. Eric Comley

Interim

Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish

Ushers—Ms. Donna Powell and Mr. Bobby Powell

Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

Please silence electronic devices prior to worship.

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

****Call to Worship**

Psalm

146:1-5

Liturgist: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God all
my life long.

Liturgist: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is
no help,
People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very
hope is in the
plans perish.

****Prayer of the Day** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose
LORD their God...

****Hymn 467**

“How Great Thou Art”

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**