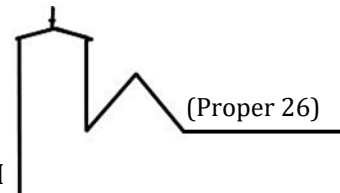


21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Westminster Presbyterian Church

11/2/2025 · 10:30AM



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

**Requiem Aeternam
In Paradisium**

*Gerald Near
Alfred Fedak*

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this All Saints Sunday, we come together to honor teachers and storytellers who brought God's stories to life for us

We give thanks!

We remember the choir members, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who have led our worship over the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who demonstrated how to hold fast to the faith.

We give thanks!

We remember our church families—this one and others we have loved.

We remember all those who have been part of this faith community,
with whom we have grown in our faith and love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We honor our faith ancestors whose courage allows us to be here today.

**We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are with us now, and will continue after us.
Thanks be to God!**

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 526**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

In Paradisium

Gabriel Faure

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Beloved God, who was known to our ancestors and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn away from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One—comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones we keep hidden from others but share with you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE **HYMN 565** Lord Have Mercy *John Weaver*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA **HYMN 567** Glory to the Father *John Weaver*

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

PSALM 32 **Hymn 184** **How Blest are Those** *Es Flog Waldvogelein*

EPISTLE: II Thesalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"Hope in Remembrance"** **Rev. Tim Mitchell**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 364** **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God** *Grand Isle*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*UNISON*) (A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray continually, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to reveal idolatries in church and culture, to listen to the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our work and play and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we wait for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers everywhere and at all times, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices

And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God,

Sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Touch in me grief and comfort. Sing me a lullaby.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 522

Lord, When I Came into this Life

Land of Rest

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Finale on Sine Nomine

Craig Phillips

Leading in worship today:

Rev. Tim Mitchell

Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Lara Reem, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, bass

Rebekah Dentino, soprano · Dan Stanley, tenor

All Saints Day



Open Mind Open Hands Open Heart

Westminster Presbyterian Church · 1420 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, IL 61606

This morning's service is live-streamed through YouTube. Ref. - Permission to perform and broadcast the music in this service is licensed by One License #A726060, Chicago, IL.