

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024 || Virtual Campus

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Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Reflection and Prelude as a time of preparation.

Prayerful Reflection

Philippians 2: 5-11

*Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!*

Prelude

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

Thom Shuman (adapted)

*Leader: God is ruler of all. In God's Kingdom:
People: the hungry are served first;
the thirsty drink life's water.
Leader: Christ is King. In Christ's reign:*

People: the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.
Leader: *While the ways of the Kingdom are not yet those of this world,*
People: we come to worship the One who still reigns, still speaks,
and still leads this world into all it's intended to be.
Leader: *Let us worship God!*

**Hymn #409*

God Is Here!

Abbott's Leigh

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

God of All,
 You sent Jesus to reveal your kingdom of love
 amid his reign of grace.

While we have pledged to follow him,
we have been reluctant to trust his rule.
Amid a world filled with idols,
we've placed our trust in earthly powers
rather than your eternal reign,
and your call to pursue love and justice
before all else.

Forgive us, Eternal One,
for the times we've pursued selfish gain
before the common good.
Forgive us for putting subverting love and grace
with our fears and insecurities.

Remind us once more that your reign is above all and in all,
and in you we find our hope and refuge.

- silent reflection and confession -

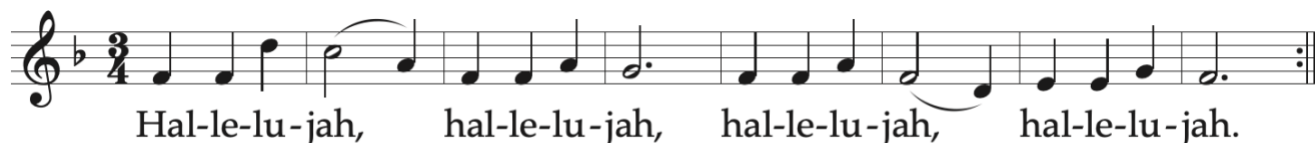
**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: Friends, trust the Good News of the Gospel, that you may live it out.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed for life in all its fullness!

People: We are—now and forever—loved and claimed by God.
May our lives reveal the way of God's love
and the reign of God's peace for each and all. Amen.

**Response to Grace*

Hallelujah (Maraire)



GTG: #590

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: In a world filled with uncertainty and strife,
we are blessed to share Jesus' gift of peace.

People: Let peace flow among us and beyond us.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Children's Message

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Lessons

Mark 1: 14-15
John 18: 33-40a, 19: 8-16

*Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Christianity and Patriotism – Part I

Rev. Rob Carter

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Anthem

Let Us Love In Deed and Truth

Larry King

Offering Our Gifts to God

- Towsonpres.org – click orange “Give” button at top of page
- Text “CheerfulGiver” (one word; no spaces; case sensitive) to 73256
- Drop off or mail check to the church
- Scan this QR code →



Offertory

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of new life be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

People: We freely give God thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

The Institution

The Communion of the People

Jesus welcomes all to share in his feast. At this time, you may come to the table where communion is celebrated via “intinction.” All are invited to take a piece of bread, ripped from a common loaf, and dip it into the cup before consuming.

Those preferring may take an allergy-free wafer from a bowl on the table.
Those preferring to remain seated are invited to raise a hand and a server will
bring the table to you.

Prayer of Response

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?

You have met us, fed us, drawn us to you,
and bound us to one another.

Now send us out to share your love
and proclaim the hope we have in you. Amen.

Hymn #326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude on "Sine Nomine"

Matthew Corl

All Saints Sunday

We give thanks to God for the life and blessings of those from our community of faith who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. We pray for their loved ones' peace and comfort amid their grief.

Nancy Allchin – 2/10/24

Ellen Barnhart – 7/9/24

Judith Belsinger Sams – 5/28/24

Margie Busko – 8/25/24

Virginia Cooley – 6/27/24

Barbara Davis – 3/16/24

Darrin Furgason – 7/22/24

Stephanie Herd – 3/8/24

Bob Marta – 2/4/24

Ann McKim – 7/19/24

Ann Phillips – 1/7/24

Mary Phillips – 10/11/24

Dale Rauschenberg – 2/2/24

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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith,
growing as disciples of Christ

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*,
and a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you're here! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our community of faith. TPC offers two worship opportunities on Sundays: 10:00am in-person and 10:00am live-stream via Facebook, YouTube, and towsonpres.org.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome at all TPC's worship services, our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 0–4 (see a deacon with a red nametag for directions).

We'd cherish the chance to connect with you. If you feel led, please fill out a visitor form at towsonpres.org/contact, so we can get to know you! We appreciate your presence here today, and we hope you are blessed by your time worshiping with us.

Prayer List:

Bob Adams, Laura Adams Wentling, Dotsie Bregel, The Bugg Family, Walter Cesewski, Jim Flick, Max Frey, Jennifer Gettier, Aldean Howard, Bill Kladky, The Family of Peter LaPaglia, John Lewis, Julie Mertus, Julie Morris, The Family of Mary Phillips, Phillip Pugh, The Family of Patty Rath, Janice Searles, Calvin Symons, Layla Tabeling, Sue Thompson, Mitzi Tyrie.

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Shirley Albert, Beth Bugg, Karen Drake, Jason Fitzsimmons, Matt Hemm, Paul Schwab, Bill Herman, Ellen Tully.

Peacemaking Action Team Meeting || Sunday, Nov. 3, 11:20am–12:30pm || Our Peacemaking Action Team (PAT) invites anyone interested to sign up to receive PAT-specific email updates at towsonpres.org/peacemaking, and to attend their meeting today in the Chapel.

Brushes and the Bible: An Anecdotal Exploration of Faith and Art || Sundays, 11:20am–12:30pm, Nov. 3–17 || Join Jim Kuhlman in the Library today to explore oft heard Bible stories within equally familiar sculptures and paintings from the Renaissance and the Baroque periods of European Art.

ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets || Sunday, Nov. 3–Sunday, Nov. 17 || It's that time of year again! Every November, we assemble and donate Thanksgiving dinners to families in need through the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. Packing lists can be found at towsonpres.org/events or in the Narthex, and bags can be dropped off in the Narthex or Thompson Hall.

Youth Group || Sunday, Nov. 3, 5:30–7:30pm || 6th–12th Graders are invited back to TPC this evening for dinner, discussion, and games in the gym.

Towson Presbyterian Preschool Preferred Enrollment || Monday, Nov. 4–Sunday, Nov. 17 || Preferred enrollment for TPP will start tomorrow for church members. Visit towsonprespreschool.org to download the application.

Election Night Concert || Tuesday, Nov. 5, 8:00pm || Join Stephen Harouff and friends this Tuesday for a casual concert on the evening of our national election. This event will take place at prime time – 8:00pm – just as the polls close, offering a healthier alternative to watching the news. We will gather in the Sanctuary for triumphant organ music, and songs with texts ranging from deeply romantic to hilarious and absurd. *This event will not be livestreamed. Due to the Peabody Chorus' use of Thompson Hall and the Chapel on Tuesday nights, concert goers are asked to please use the main Sanctuary door only. While the elevator will not be available, the Sanctuary entrance's chair lift will be available.*

Put the Garden to Bed || Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30–11:30am || Join us for the final group workday of this season as we clean up the garden and prep it for the winter. We'll pull up finished crops, possibly try planting some winter cover crops, and weed and mulch-cover empty beds.

IGG Volunteer Potluck || Saturday, Nov. 9, 6:00–8:00pm || Intergenerational Garden volunteers are invited to the Appleby/Vanko home for an end-of-year potluck to celebrate another successful season.

Earth Care Action Team Meeting || Sunday, Nov. 10, 11:20am–12:30pm || Learn about upcoming creation stewardship efforts at the Earth Care Action Team meeting next Sunday in the Chapel.

LOGOS Encounter Training || Saturday, Nov. 16, 8:30am–3:00pm || The Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Committee is currently exploring a program called LOGOS – an intergenerational gathering that incorporates 1) bible study 2) recreation 3) a family-style meal, and 4) a variety of worship arts that we bring back to Sunday morning worship – for the purpose of growing in relationship with God and one another. Any interested parent, grandparent, ministry leader, committee member, or congregant can register to attend at towsonpres.org/events.

Exploring Contemplative Prayer and Practices || Mondays, 7:00–8:30pm, Nov. 18–Dec. 9 || In-Person and Virtual || Explore ways to deepen your attentiveness and prayerfulness, such as centering prayer, praying with images, scripture, poetry and music, journaling, breath prayers, and more.

Sunday Community Lunch (SCL) || Every Sunday, 12:00–1:00pm || SCL is our weekly missional lunch gathering that brings together church members and those who face food insecurity and/or homelessness in the surrounding community. SCL needs additional volunteers to round out our existing ten teams. Teams serve a meal once every two months – only six times a year. To learn more, please contact Kimberly Light (light.kimberly@yahoo.com).

TPC This Week

Sun 11/3:	10:00am	Noah's Nursery, 0–4 (Lower Level)
	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
	10:15am	Children's Chapel, PreK/K–2nd (Chapel)
	11:00am	Coffee Hour (Thompson Hall)
	11:20am	Brushes and the Bible (Library)
	11:20am	Peacemaking Action Team Mtg. (Library)
	11:30am	Children's Music (Choir Room)
	12:00pm	Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
	5:30pm	Youth Group (Thompson Hall/Gym/Youth Room)
Mon 11/4:	10:00am	Bible Study: New Testament Letters (Zoom)
	4:00pm	Mary, Martha, and Me (Thompson Hall)
Tue 11/5:	10:30am	Staff Mtg. (Library)

	7:00pm	<i>The Only Prayer You'll Ever Need</i> (Zoom)
	8:00pm	Election Night Concert (Sanctuary)
Wed 11/6:	7:00pm	Men's Group (Library)
Thu 11/7:	6:30pm	<i>Habits of the Household</i> (Library)
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat 11/9:	9:30am	Put the Garden to Bed Workday (IGG)
	6:00pm	IGG Volunteer Potluck (Appleby/Vanko Home)