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Covenant Presbyterian Church

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE 11:00am Worship

**All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion**
**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* arr., Hal Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP
From generation to generation, God's faithfulness endures. Across the centuries, the witness of God's people continues.
**We give thanks for those who have walked before us, whose faith and love have helped to light our way.**
We come carrying precious memories, unfinished stories, and the names of those we love but see no longer.
**We come trusting the God who knows us all, whose mercy reaches beyond the boundaries of life and death.**
Before the throne of God stands a multitude beyond counting, from every nation and people and language.
**And through Jesus Christ, we belong to that great communion of grace.**
So let us join our voices with the saints of every age, rejoicing in the love that gathers us and the resurrection hope that sustains us.
**Let us worship God!**

*HYMN 326 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **Eternal God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, with lives that have shown us something of your mercy, courage, and love. Yet we confess that we have not always been faithful to the inheritance we have received. We have forgotten the lessons of those who came before us, neglected the work they entrusted to us, and turned away from voices that called us toward justice and compassion. We have allowed fear to silence our witness, and weariness to diminish our hope. Forgive us, gracious God. Free us from the burdens of regret and the illusion that everything depends upon us. Renew our trust in your enduring faithfulness, and give us courage to live generously and truthfully in the days that are ours. Through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, we pray.** *[Silent prayers of confession]*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*
Our lives are held in the mercy of a God whose love is greater than our failures, and whose faithfulness endures through every generation.
**In this love, we are made new and set free to walk in the way of life.**
My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

1. **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**
2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible pp. 1098-1099 ) Hebrews 11: 1 - 12: 2

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p.1124 ) Revelation 7: 9 -17

PROCLAMATION *The Voices We Carry* Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 513 "This Is the Feast of Victory" FESTIVAL CANTICLE

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS
What do you bring to the Lord's Table?
**The gifts of God for the people of God.**
**Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
*Server:* The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.
*Server:* The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE
(Verse 5) **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun.**

*POSTLUDE

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