

# The Presbyterian Church of Palatine

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Day Observance

October 30, 2011

10:00 a.m.

## We Prepare for God's Word

Today we look back and remember the saints who have brought our community to this time and place, our spiritual parents and grandparents. As people of faith, we not only look back and remember their work and impact, but we also look forward. We look forward to the reward in which they already share. We look forward to the tomorrow in which death and crying will be no more.

We look forward to the fulfillment of God's promises for us.

*God, on this day when we honor the saints, we pray for your loving presence to be felt by these gathered - and especially by those who aren't able to be here today because of life's struggles.*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Gathering the Week

*Celebrate God – Grow in Christ – Extend the Spirit*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty.

**People: All the saints in heaven and on earth sing praises of your eternal glory.**

Leader: For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

**People: You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen.**

**All: Glory to you O God, and to Christ our savior, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more.**

### \*Opening Prayer

### \*Hymn #262

*God of Our Fathers*

### Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God. Let us ask God to forgive us.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from your ways and follow the ways of the world. We want people to like us, to look up to us, and so we put down others and ignore the cries of those who are suffering. We look to our own interests, our own success and fortune, and not the well-being of the poor and the hungry. Forgive us, O God, for not looking to the ones Christ ate with and ministered to: the sick and the poor, the widowed and the orphaned, the marginalized and the oppressed. Forgive us, and help us to be humble. Challenge and encourage our service to humankind. In the name of Christ, who calls us to seek out the lost and the least, we pray. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved, God is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Believe the Good News of the gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Song of Thanksgiving #78** (verse 1) *There Is a Redeemer*  
(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.  
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ** (The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture of waving or a handshake.)

### Anthem

*I'm Gonna Rise*

arr. Lucas

### Children's Moment

*(please sing as the children leave the chancel)*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God

### Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 34: 1-10; 22

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### Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 11: 1-12; 2: 1-2

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

### Sermon

*A Great Cloud of Witnesses*

Dr. Dempsey

## We Respond to the Word of God

All Saints' Day Litany (insert)

\*Hymn #530

*O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be*

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Announcements

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer: 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.

## We Take God's Word into the World

\*Hymn #526

*For All the Saints*

\*Benediction

Postlude

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\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome to all who visit with us today! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew  
and pass them to others.

*This Morning*

**Lay Reader:** Dennis Reagan

**Ushers:** Kathy Winters (Head), Joe Brand, Lesley Brand, Nancy Keilman

**Nursery Attendants:** Judy Lundeen, Brooke Delzell, Hebron Taylor