

# *All Saints Sunday*

November 7, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey

*(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

Call to Worship "I Love You, Lord" Choir

Greeting 6

\*Hymn "For All the Saints" 711

*(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided.)*

Opening Prayer

Prayer for Illumination 6

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 Page 620 (O.T.)

Psalter Psalm 24 755-756

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-6a Page 249 (N.T.)

Gospel Reading John 11:32-44 Page 101-102 (N.T.)

Sermon "Death, Grief, and Resurrection" Rev. John D. Jordan

Response to the Word "The Apostles' Creed" 881

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

Anthem "In Remembrance of Me" Choir

Taking of the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer 895

Remembering Our Saints

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer

\*Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" 383

\*Dismissal With Benediction

\*Benediction Response "The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve" Choir

\*Postlude Christopher A. McCroskey

\*The Congregation May Stand

# *Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: Rev. John D. Jordan Time Together: Wayne & Charlie Hooker

Choir Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Director: Marie Stiles

Church Musician

**VISITORS ARE WELCOME** in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

## *Remembering Our Saints*

### *Members and Constituents*

Sara Efron

Francis Hipp

Grover Shuler

Maurice Robinson

Dean Frye

### *Family of Members and Constituents*

Charles L. Von Glahn, Sr., brother of Jo Ann Heiting

Billy Newton, brother of Mary Kamoroff

Wayne Newton, cousin of Mary Kamoroff

Iris Turlington, aunt of John Zeigler

Jared Greshel, father of Dan Greshel

Margie Ogburn, sister of Jean Raynor

Elon Maffett, brother of Gillett Hipp

Clovis Carpenter, grandfather of Kelsey Tolliver

Today is also **Consecration Sunday**. Pledge Cards can be left at the Altar when you come up for Communion.

**TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS** are given to the **Glory of God** in honor of all **Veterans that have served in the U. S. Military**, by the family of **George Hardee**.

**“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS ...**

Marie Stiles	Bonnie Ramsey	Jeanette Hornsby	Patsy Zeigler	Dale Wells	Charles McNeill
Pauline Wenner	Bill Pearson	Latson Lewis	Irvin Wells	Steve Aiello	Patsy Shuler
George Taylor	Oren Edwards				

**Shut-Ins:** Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Carolyn Hardee; Gillett Hipp; June Hutto; Georgeann Pace; Shirley Padgett; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Wayne Tallon; Irvin Wells

**Family and Friends:** **George Teague** (father of friend of Ellen Matthews); **David Wright** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **Mildred Hart** (mother of Dee Senn); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **Jane & Bob Bryant** (sister and brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Wessli-Ann Hardee Singleton** (niece of Lynn Martin); **Addie Kinard** (cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek); **Stuart & Penny Lloyd** (son & daughter-in-law of Tom & Marilyn Lloyd); **Cindy Ellenberg** (friend of Ray Frady); **Megan Corby** (daughter of Carlis Edwards); **Mitch Kelly** (Dale Wells' nephew); **Chip Hooker** (Wayne Hooker's father); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Dino & Wanda Moore** (friend of Tommy Gleaton); **Dave Burrell** (Business Associate of Tommy Gleaton); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Wade Albert Payne** (friend of Mary Louise Robinson); **Audrey Cassidy** (sister-in-law of Mary Louise Robinson); **Monnie Tiller** (friend of Chris Derrick); **George Rentz** (father of Marty Johnson); **Betty Jean Newton** (sister-in-law of Mary Kamoroff); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Katelyn Rose** (daughter of coworker of Kathy White); **Vickie Edwards** (neighbor of Kathy White); **Heather Stevens, Ty Moore, George Dorn** (friends of Kay Jordan); **Teddy Derrick** (uncle of Arvan Derrick); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Dianne Schmotzer** (sister-in-law of Gale Frady); **Denise Paul** (cousin of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Ray Culbreth's Group House; Nellie Gantt** (mother of friend of Ray Culbreth); **Amelia Zinski** (great-niece of Linda Maloch); **Wayne Blair** (son of Dot Johnson); **Xavier Crane** (grandnephew of John Ballentine); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Jeff DuBrul** (son-in-law of Walt and Janet Beck); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at [trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 10/31 Sunday School: 8 Morning Worship: 28

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 10/31 \$ 5,670.00

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Church Calendar**

**TODAY** Lunch Bunch

**11/08** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.

**11/10** Wonderful Wednesday Meal, 5:30 p.m.

Devotional, 6:15 p.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m.

**11/ 11** Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m.



**Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Resident Bishop**

**District Superintendent**

**The Congregation**

**John D. Jordan**

**Jonathan Holston**

**Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson**

**Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform**



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Today we remember those of our congregation who have died this past year. We have many euphemisms for that word, died: passed away, gone to the church triumphant, went home, and many others. We use these euphemisms to cushion the reality of death.

Jesus uses a euphemism near the beginning of the story of Lazarus. In verse 11, Jesus says that Lazarus has fallen asleep, a common euphemism of the day, and he will awaken him. As often happens, the euphemism leads to misunderstanding. The disciples, hearing that Jesus is going to awaken Lazarus, think he has gotten better and is going to be all right. Jesus has to tell them bluntly, "Lazarus is dead." That was the present reality.

Sara, Grover, Francis, and all the others whom we shall light candles for in a few minutes, are dead. Their bodies have worn out. They are no longer breathing, nor are their hearts beating. They are dead. As much as we may want to cushion the blow, that is the reality.

With death comes grief. The passage we read today begins amid grief. Martha and Mary are grieving the loss of Lazarus. The Jews who are with Martha and Mary are also mourning. They are weeping over the death of Lazarus. Their tears come from the pain of losing their brother.

We all have experienced the pain of grief. We shared the pain of losing Sara, Grover, and Francis, and the families so much more. You have had the pain of holidays, birthdays, and other family events without them. You are facing some of the most painful times as you go through these upcoming "happy" family-focused holidays without them. All I can say to you is to ride the waves of emotions you may have this season.

Jesus also begins to weep. It appears that even Jesus, the Son of God, knows grief. Jesus is joining Martha and Mary in their grief. Jesus shares their pain.

Jesus shares our pain. Jesus knows our pain and walks with us in the midst of our grief. We do not walk through the valley of grief alone. Jesus walks with us and helps us get through to the other side.

The story begins with Jesus saying that Lazarus' illness will not lead to death but that the Son of God may be glorified through it. When Martha comes out to meet Jesus, she expresses the belief that Lazarus would rise again in the resurrection on the last day. Jesus tells Martha that he is the resurrection and life, and whoever believes in him will never die. Both Martha and Mary express dismay that Jesus had not been there to save their brother from death. So, Jesus' tears are not just tears of grief. They were also tears of anger and frustration at their and the Jews' unbelief.

We grieve because of our loss. We may be angry over our loss. But as we believe in Jesus, they will live, even though they die. Therefore, as Paul says in First Thessalonians, we do not grieve as others. We grieve with hope.

Lazarus had been dead four days. His internal organs would have decomposed. His body would be bloated and begin to putrefy, emitting unpleasant odors. Thus, Martha's comment about the smell. But Jesus tells them to roll the stone away. Then he calls for Lazarus to come out.

Lazarus comes out, still bound in the clothes of death, so Jesus tells them to unbind him and let him go. Lazarus comes to Jesus and receives life.

At the point of death, Jesus called Sara, Grover, and Francis to come out and receive the life he gave. It is not a life that began at that moment but began as they believed. They were given eternal life, unbound by time and space. Thus their presence is with us at all times wherever we go. Sara, Grover, and Francis are with us today, as are all the others we will name.

They have died. We grieve, but we grieve with hope. We have the hope which comes with the knowledge that Jesus is the resurrection and life. We know that our loved ones live on, and their presence remains with us at all times. As we believe in Jesus, we know that we will be reunited with them in the body at the resurrection.