



November 7, 2021
Observance of All Saints'

Prelude

"The Summons"
Alex Clements, piano

arr. Alex Clements

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Adrian N. Doll

***Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 210, vs. 1, 2, and 4 – Celebration Hymnal

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the "amen"
Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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***Assurance of Pardon**

The Children's Sermon

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Neil Roy

Liturgy for All Saints' Sunday

Reading of Scripture

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Hymn

"For All the Saints"

No. 767, vs. 1-2 – Celebration Hymnal

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader We remember before God this day
those whom the Lord called home during this past year.

People **We are grateful for their memory,
and we look forward to a blessed reunion in heaven...**

Marilyn Baide

Fred Brown

Robert Diefenderfer

Josito (Chito) Dumo

Stephen Eshelman

Rev. Joseph (Joe) Fontana

Sherry Groben

Earl Hansen

Dan Hart

Kathy Indoe

Shari Jackson

Penny Kennedy

Virginia Larson

Linda Noel

Beverly (Bev) Rochelle

Larry Tobler

Lenor Yake

Leader Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me,
even though they die, will live.

People **And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**

Leader We pause to remember all our loved ones and friends who now dwell
and abide with God together in absolute peace, harmony, and joy.
We name them in our hearts...(silence)

Affirmation of Faith

People **With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymn of Response

“For All the Saints”

No. 767, vs. 3-4 – Celebration Hymnal

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

New Testament Reading – Philippians 2:12-16

Jerry Cooper (9:00)

John Noel (10:30)

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Sermon

“Shine Like the Stars”

Rev. Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Sermon Series – *People of Joy: A Study in Philippians*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Alex Clements

Michael Tierney, vocalist ~ Alex Clements, piano

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Communion

The 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.

Communion Music

The Prayers of God's People

***Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

No. 767, vs. 5-6 – Celebration Hymnal

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Benediction**

Postlude

"This Is My Father's World"
Alex Clements, piano

arr. Alex Clements

All music in today's service has been arranged by Alex Clements.

Today at GVPC

Welcome – A very warm welcome to all worshipping with us this morning. Please record your attendance in the black friendship pad located in the pew back. We invite all visitors to the welcome table located in the Narthex to learn more about GVPC.

Sanctuary Flowers – Today's flowers are provided by Sherri Brewer in celebration of Nathan and Kate Gingras' 20th wedding anniversary ~ November 10, 2001; and by the GVPC staff in loving memory of our GVPC family members and friends who passed away this past year.

Sunday School - For elementary students (K – 5th) is offered today during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Building. Nursery care for ages 0 - 5 years is available in the C.E. Bldg.

Youth Group – All junior and senior high youth are invited to join us today from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for a meal, lesson, fellowship, and fun.

Coffee Hour - Join us in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am this morning for refreshments and fellowship. Today's hosts are Betsy Johnson and Ted and Linda Rauenbuehler.

Grief Support Group – The *Grieve-Mourn-Live* grief support program meets **today at 1:00 pm** in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join.

This Week at GVPC

Congregational Meeting – Next **Sunday, November 14 at 11:30 am** (immediately following the 10:30 am service) in the Sanctuary to affirm the following: Pastor Adrian's terms of call for 2021, the election of Elders and Deacons who began service in January 2021, proposed changes to the GVPC by-laws, and to elect Elders and Deacons to terms on Session and the Board of Deacons.

2020 Annual Report – Copies of the GVPC 2020 Annual Report and Call for the Meeting are available for pick up in the Narthex. *One copy per family, please.*

Deacons Envelopes - This 1st Sunday of the month special offering helps to support the food banks that the Board of Deacons support in our community. The Deacons thank the congregation for your continued support.

Fellowship Activity - The Fellowship Committee has purchased 30 tickets for the 'Human Nature - Christmas, Motown and More Show' on **Sunday December 19 at 7:00 pm** at the Southpoint Casino. Tickets will go on sale today after both services. The ticket price is \$32.00 each.

Men's Group - The Men's Study Group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for a time of fellowship, discussion, and study. The group is currently studying "*Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation.*"

Surviving The Holidays - GVPC is pleased to present *Surviving the Holidays*, designed by Church Initiative and published as part of the Grief Share program. *Surviving the Holidays* will be presented next **Sunday, November 14 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study – Meets on **Mondays at 6:30 pm** in the Conference Room. We will be watching and discussing “The Chosen,” the critically acclaimed video series based on the life of Jesus.

New Member Inquiry Class – Would you like to explore church membership at GVPC? Join us for the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on **Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. RSVP on the signup sheet located in the Narthex or with the church office at (702) 454-8484. A light lunch will be provided.

Ladies' Shopping Day - This month's trip will be to Santa's Wrap, 9850 S. Maryland Pkwy, # 4 on Friday, **November 19 at 10:00 am**. After shopping we will gather for lunch at a local restaurant. All ladies are invited. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Bunco - The next meeting of the GVPC Bunco group will be **Thursday, November 18 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Bible Fellowship – Will meet **Wednesday, November 17 at 10:00 am** in the Conference Room. All ladies are invited to join us.

Hoodie-Coat Drive - The Missions Committee is gratefully accepting donations for its annual Hoodie-Coat Offering now. Your donations provide warm outerwear to students in need at our neighborhood schools. Gifts may be given on-line under the Coat Drive Fund or by check to GVPC with “Coat Drive” written in the memo line either mailed or placed in the offering basket.

Joys and Concerns

Please keep the following GVPC family and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Pam Bower was admitted Sunrise Hospital following a bad fall which has resulted in fractured pelvis. Please hold Pam and Bob in your prayers.

Susan Irish is recovering at home after being hospitalized for a heart cath. The tests revealed no need for any further cardiac procedures at this time. Susan thanks everyone for their prayers.

Chuck Smith continues to be under hospice care at home in California. As the cancer progresses, he is slowing down and his appetite is diminishing. Chuck and Eileene want to thank you all for your ongoing prayers.

Joe Willis is in home hospice care and in the final stages of his earthly journey. The family has gathered to be with Joe and Jann. Please no calls or visits at this time. Please keep the Willis family in your prayers during this difficult time.



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