

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY
November 1, 2020

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we gather in this place, we join with all Your saints in every time and place, O God, to celebrate salvation. You heal the brokenness within and among us. You rescue us from the cruelty we impose on one another. Help us in these moments to know Your Spirit surrounding us, to sense Your love embracing us, to realize Your goodness, empowering us for joyous service. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "For All the Saints"

Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

Thou was't 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!

Verse 3

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!

Verse 4

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5

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!

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

To be called saints evokes in us knowledge of the many ways we fall short of that title. Today we are summoned to the throne of God to give account to the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. We come to be purified and made whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we often are more ready to admire the saints than to imitate them, to praise them than to follow where they have led. We give our lives to the pursuit of success, pleasure, and self-aggrandizement, rather than spending ourselves for the sake of the kingdom. We are rich in earthly things but poor in the things of heaven; we have filled our bellies with food that perishes but have not hungered and thirsted after justice. But in Christ, You have set before us a better way. Forgive our sinful and selfish choices. Renew and inspire us that we may once again set our feet on the path of holiness and service. Hear now our personal prayers and petitions.

A TIME FOR SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who seek God lack no good things. The gifts of God are already ours to enjoy. God saves us out of all our troubles and delivers us from our fears. All who hope in Christ are purified. Those who are mourning find comfort. The humble-minded, meek and merciful are blessed. The pure in heart see God. Rejoice, for what we are is but a hint of what we shall yet become, through Christ.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 1:1–10; Matthew 5:1–12

EPHESIANS 1:1–10

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

MATTHEW 5:1–12

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON: “What is a Saint”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

READING OF NAMES OF DECEASED/ BELL RINGING

CLOSING HYMN: “When We All Get to Heaven”

Verse 1

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing his mercy and his grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory.

Verse 2

While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky,
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

Verse 3

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

Verse 4

Onward to the prize before us
Soon his beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open
We shall tread the streets of gold [Refrain]

BALLOON RELEASE

BENEDICTION: We go forth to worship God through our service. We are blessed as saints of God. We are learning daily to claim our identity.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Name and Date of Passing

Harold Geiman, November 1, 2019	Kenneth Bachman, June 17, 2020
Robert Strausbaugh, November 19, 2019	Lila Garrett, June 20, 2020
Brooklyn Small, November 19, 2019	Nevin Raubenstine, June 24, 2020
Daniel Leese, November 20, 2019	Virginia Myers, June 26, 2020
Paul Zearfoss, November 28, 2019	Jacqueline Gotwalt, July 3, 2020
Nathanael Wilson, December 22, 2019	Ernie Noble, July 4, 2020
James Riddle, January 6, 2020	Dr. Charles Thomas, July 6, 2020
Esther LeGore, January 8, 2020	Kenny Freeman, July 6, 2020
Marlene Rohrbaugh, January 23, 2020	Cynthia Miller, July 8, 2020
Gerald Bankard, January 26, 2020	Donald Gladfelter, July 11, 2020
Robbie Boyer, January 31, 2020	Gloria Baugher, July 21, 2020
Laverna Glatfelter, February 5, 2020	Anna Bankert, July 31, 2020
Jeffrey Resser, February 8, 2020	Wesley Taylor, August 1, 2020
Rev. Dennis Weidler, February 9, 2020	Theresa Naylor, August 5, 2020
Rebecca Gardner, February 16, 2020	William Utz, August 10, 2020
Carl Elicker, February 22, 2020	Roger Warner, August 14, 2020
Kathy Kane, March 23, 2020	Bernie Wineholt, August 25, 2020
Harold Bachman, March 27, 2020	Clayton Poff, August 29, 2020
Marlan Dutterer, March 27, 2020	Jean Kessler, September 29, 2020
Jack Taylor, March 28, 2020	Mary McClintock, October 19, 2020
William Schultz, March 29, 2020	Kathie Whaley, October 20, 2020
Sharon Raubenstine, April 6, 2020	
Kathryn Crooks, May 27, 2020	
Charles Whaley Jr., June 6, 2020	

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: New Email Addresses

If emailing the church office (Aimee): office@stdavidsucc.com

If emailing about media (Sally): media@stdavidsucc.com

If emailing Pastor Sager (Pastor Scott): pastor@stdavidsucc.com

The above emails are effective immediately.

Thank you!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Grove building.

GRIEFSHARE: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM in the Grove building. All are welcome!

HOMWOOD AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Throughout October and November. \$3/person or \$5/couple.

CANNED CORN FOR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNERS: We have reached our goal of 200 cans of corn for New Hope Ministries and we thank you for your generous donations. Although our pledge was for 200 cans much more is needed to provide for all the families in need, so if you would still like to donate, your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please have your donations to the church by **Sunday, Nov. 8.**

BLANKETS PLUS OFFERING: Church World Service (CWS) **OFFERING DATE:** NOVEMBER 15
We all know the frequent reports of devastation from floods, hurricanes and earthquakes in the USA and around the world. We want to help make our neighbors a little bit warmer with a warm blanket to comfort them in their need. Blankets can be used as a shelter, for carrying items, for providing warmth and security to displaced persons. Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Write on the memo line "For Blanket Sunday". Thank you for your love and generosity.

FEED-a-FRIEND MARATHON: The Marathon benefits New Hope Ministries and can be heard on Happy FM 95.3, Rocky FM 98.5 and WHVR AM 1280. We will be collecting canned goods and/or cash donations from November 15 through December 6 (Last day to donate, December 6). Every \$1 buys 3 cans and \$8 buys a case of canned goods. Broadcast times: Thursday, December 10, Noon to 8:00 PM and Friday, December 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

“CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS”—New Hope Ministries: Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting various toys and household items to be distributed by New Hope Ministries for needy families in our area. Lists of items will be available for you at church services and online (www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements). As well as toys for children, there is especially a need for teen items. *No clothing items will be collected.* Many clients do not have full size kitchen appliances, so we are focusing on providing small kitchen appliances such as crock pots and toaster ovens which are essential for them. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in making Christmas so much brighter for those in our area. Collections can be made at the church Sunday mornings. Deadline for donations will be Sunday, November 30.

CARD SHOWER: Nancy Garrett will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 26. Nancy's address: Nancy Garrett, Cottage 114, 425 Westminster Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Christmas Poinsettias, \$11/each. We will be using red poinsettias again. Order by December 6. Make checks payable to St. David's UCC and write "Poinsettias" in the memo section of your check. An order form can be downloaded by clicking on the poinsettia photo on the church website in the announcement section: <https://www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

HACC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

PAL — Packing, Serving, If Anyone Would Like to Volunteer For Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, a Few More Individuals are Needed to Work in the Kitchen.

Changing Lives Shelter — AM And PM Shifts

Meals On Wheels — Runners And Drivers

Front Desk —Tues, Thurs, And Fri Reception Help.

Cleaning— Wed

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL: Spaghetti Sauce, Ranch and Italian Dressing, Sauerkraut, Stove Top Chicken Stuffing, Individual Fruit Cups, Butter, Breadcrumbs

Changing Lives Shelter: Large Debris Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Medium Size Exam Type Gloves, Disinfectant Wipes/Sprays

HACC General (Benefits All Ministries): Lysol Spray/ Disinfecting Spray

Meals on Wheels: Prayer Cards/ Words of Encouragement for Our Shut-Ins, Large Print Word Find or Crossword Activity Books, (Old Extra-Large Print Devotion Books. We Currently Have 10 Books and Need 30 More to Reach All Our Shut-ins.

Clothing Bank: New Children's Socks

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid will be removing the bins from our church property. They are currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. We will soon be receiving a "Code" for donations of clothing items by our St. David's members. We will keep you informed when that information is available. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our code number and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

NEW HOPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Hanover Center, 135 Baltimore Street is in great need of various volunteer positions: Pantry Helpers, Parking Helpers and Administrative Helpers are needed. If interested in volunteering, click on the following link for an online application form:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=926601804&OR=1>

HYMN NOTES

FOR ALL THE SAINTS: William W. How (b. Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, 1823; d. Leenane, County Mayo, Ireland, 1897) studied at Wadham College, Oxford, and Durham University and was ordained in the Church of England in 1847. He served various congregations and became Suffragan Bishop in east London in 1879 and Bishop of Wakefield in 1888. Called both the "poor man's bishop" and "the children's bishop," How was known for his work among the destitute in the London slums and among the factory workers in west Yorkshire. He wrote a number of theological works about controversies surrounding the Oxford Movement and attempted to reconcile biblical creation with the theory of evolution. He was joint editor of *Psalms and Hymns* (1854) and *Church Hymns* (1871). While rector in Whittington, he wrote some 60 hymns, including many for children. His collected *Poems and Hymns* were published in 1886. (Source: Bert Polman)

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt (pseudonym: Lidie H. Edmonds) was born in Philadelphia, June 28, 1851. She was educated in the public schools and after graduation from high school became a teacher. However, she developed a spinal malady which cut short her career and made her a shut-in for many years. During her convalescence, she studied English literature. She felt a need to be useful to her church and began writing poems for the primary department. She went on to teach Sunday school, take an active part in the Philadelphia Elementary Union and become Superintendent of the primary department of Calvin Presbyterian Church. (Source: *Dianne Shapiro, from "The Singers and Their Songs: sketches of living gospel hymn writers" by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (Chicago: The Rodeheaver Company, 1916)*)