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*Sunday, November 5, 2023*

Gregory White, Organist  
Allan Andrews, Choral Director

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

All Saints' Day, November 5, 2023  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a.m.

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

(In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.)

*(Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.)*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the Pastor.

Prelude "O Lord, Have Mercy"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

*O give thanks to the LORD,*

***ALL: for your steadfast love endures forever.***

*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.*

***ALL: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.***

*For YOU satisfy the thirsty,*

***ALL: and the hungry the Lord fills with good things.***

***ALL: Let us worship the Lord!***

+\* Hymn # 320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Compassionate God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded ourselves in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,**

*(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)*

**And enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God does not require perfection from us. God loves us  
unconditionally and invites us to know a more meaningful way  
of living. Friends and saints, hear and believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and raised to new life!**

+\* Song of Praise **(in unison)**

**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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.....  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another.  
Worshippers may greet one another with a hand shake, fist bump, or  
steeped hands saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."*

+\*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 400) **(In unison)**

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.  
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination **(In unison)**

**Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit give us the words of  
life, that we may understand your way and follow your truth,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson: Micah 3:5-12 (p. 863 & 864 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12 (p.25 of the NT in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Proclamation: The Last Journey      Iona Boat Song (Trad. Scottish)

Sermon: "Lifetime Students"

"\*Hymn # 322 "We Are One in Christ Jesus"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM   Elianna Louise Ray**

Presentation

Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we reaffirm our baptismal vows together:

**Through the Sacrament of Baptism we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant, God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptism

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Elianna into the body of Christ.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

**After the service, please join us in the fellowship room for cake to celebrate Eliana's baptism.**

Apostle's Creed **(In Unison)**

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Offering**

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" David N. Johnson

Doxology (Hymn 592) **(In unison)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Joys and Concerns

### **LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE SAINTS** **AND** **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*After the litany, those who wishing to remember a loved one may place a memorial flower on the center table.*

*Those also wishing to receive communion may proceed around the memorial table to where the servers are distributing the elements.*

*Communion at University Presbyterian Church is open to all individuals of all ages. The elements served include bread, a gluten-free option in the center of each tray, and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

Everlasting God, Lord of Life, you have created the whole world with beauty, diversity, and wonder. For the gift of life,

**We praise you, O God.**

For the gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whose death and resurrection we receive the promise of forgiveness and eternal life,

**We praise you, O God.**

For all the saints, whose lives provide continual examples of faith and whose efforts sustain the church,

I **We praise you, O God.**

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

**They rest from their labors and their works follow them.**

We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died,

**So that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.**

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

**Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.**

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,

**We have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

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

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

For those who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you, we give you thanks and praise.

Robert Boag 11/19/2022

Barbara Bell 12/26/2022

Gladys Spielberger 3/23/2023

*(bell chimes in remembrance of loved ones)*

For all the saints who have gone before us, whose lives for your church made it a willing instrument of your care and mercy,

**We praise you, O God, and thank you for the lives and memory of these saints.**

Give us sure faith and true hope that we may, without fear, trust those who are dear to us to your never-failing love.

**O God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your living saints, imperfect though we are. We hold in prayer all those who are ill, those struggling with hardships, those who have lost their way, and all of us who know trials and difficulties. May we know the joy of your salvation both now and in the life to come.

In communion with saints both past and present, we gather around this Table.

**This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites us to share the feast he has prepared.**

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them,

**And their eyes were opened and they recognized him. We trust in him and want our eyes and hearts opened. We come eagerly to this table to be with him.**

Then lift up your hearts to the Lord.

**We give our hearts to him, and our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we thank you for your son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joys and sorrows. He told your story, healed the sick and was a friend of sinners like us. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by people he loved.

**We praise you that he is not dead but is risen to rule the world and that he is still a friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that tries to hurt or divide,**

So that when his promised reign comes, we will celebrate this victory with him.

**Holy Spirit, fill these elements with your spirit so that through them we may enjoy the gift of life and unity with you.**

O God, you called us from death to life. We give ourselves to you. With the church through all ages, we thank you for the love of Jesus Christ our Saving Lord, who taught us to pray saying.....

**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

*(Those wishing to place flowers and/or receive communion may come forward at this time)*

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion



\*Hymn # 326 "For All The Saints"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Plein Jeu (7 th Tone)"

Jacques Boyvin

*(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)*

\*congregation may stand

+latecomers may be seated

Participating in Worship: The Rev. Micah Nutter-Dowling, Pastor

Gregory White, Organist

Allan Andrews, Choral Director

Howard Henry , Liturgist

Greeters: Thomas Somerville, Val Macer, Amy Maundrell

Live streamer: Scott Horton

*Next Sunday:*

*Liturgist: Allan Andrews*

*Greeters: Amy Maundrell, Barbara Kraemer, Thomas Somerville*

*Live Streamer: Val Macer*

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## DECREE

Sunday, Nov. 5

9:30 am

Choir

10:30 am

Worship Service

11:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, Nov. 7

12:00 pm

Food Pantry Open

Wednesday, Nov.

Thursday, Nov.

12:00 pm

Food Pantry Open

7:30 pm

Choir

Sunday, Nov. 12

9:30 am

Choir

10:30 am

Worship Service

**For pastoral care please contact Rev. Elena Delgado  
716-860-2881 or edelgado47@gmail.com**

### **Welcome Visitors**

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Moreover, UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

Organist	Gregory White
Choral Director	Allan Andrews
Treasurer	James W. Smyton
Clerk of Session	Pat Cookfair-Casseri
Financial Secretary	Barbara C. Lyons
Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator	Kathryn F. Hallborg
Administrative Assistant	Peg Kovach
Custodian	David Winiarski

**Attention Soup and Pie lovers: The Deacons Soup and Pie sale is BACK!!!!** The sale will be Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service. So what can you do to help? Donate a tasty soup, Donate a yummy pie, Come and buy some samples of soup and pie on the 12<sup>th</sup> There is even a take-home option if you can't stay! All proceeds go to the Deacon's Fund which is used to help members of the congregation when they are in need. Hope to see you there.

Welcome to the Bible study, Sacred Encounters, to be held on selected Monday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am. The first session, November 6th, will focus on Luke 1:1-24, 39-45 which tells of Elizabeth's sacred encounter with Mary. This story leads us to hear how God calls us to make ourselves available for God's purpose.

All are welcome! Please come with your Bible at hand and with pen or pencil to do some journaling. We begin with prayer, review the text and its setting, share our own responses to God's calling, and finish with meditation and prayer.

See you, via Zoom, on Monday!

Gladys Gifford

Needed: Shoes! Cleaning out your closet? Bring your gently used sneakers/shoes/boots to church and place them in the red and white box at the back of the church. They will be donated to Hearts for the Homeless for those in need.

## **Thanksgiving Outreach:**

Volunteer opportunities for food prep will be available November 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> and packaging and delivery on the 18th. Talk to Val Macer or Howard Henry for details and sign up.

**Annual University Presbyterian Church Family Christmas Dinner** will be held on Sunday, December 17th following the morning service. Tickets will cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for Youth (4-15), and children under 4 are free. R.S.V.P either through the church office (716-836-7660) or Pat Cookfair-Casseri.

Join us for a concert with **Ars Nova Musician's Chamber Orchestra** - Buffalo's Premier Chamber Orchestra - as they present "Viva Vivaldi" in University Presbyterian Church, 3330 Main Street, Buffalo, NY (across from UB South Campus) on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 6:30pm. There will be a pre-concert talk given by Donna Lorenzo, Director, at 6:00pm. Recognized for their creative and inventive musical programming, Ars Nova Musician's Chamber Orchestra is well-known as one of Western New York's greatest treasures. The Viva Vivaldi Festival, held annually, features Buffalo churches with architectural significance. As the first local chamber orchestra to perform in Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in New York City, they were well received by audiences and garnered praise from the New York Times. The orchestra received the prestigious Peabody award nomination and were featured in a nationwide broadcast on PBS-TV network. Their various recordings are extremely popular and have all received four stars from the Buffalo News. This upcoming program will feature the Buffalo Suzuki Strings as well as Soprano, Holly Bewley. Also on the program will be the famous Albinoni: Adagio for Strings and Organ in G Minor (attributed to Giazotto) featuring the rich and bold sounds of the 3-manual Kegg Organ of University Presbyterian Church. Admission is \$20; 17 years and under are free. A reception will follow the concert.

