

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
November 1, 2020 – 10:15 AM
All Saints' Day**

***Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIME OF CENTERING:

(We share a communal time of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship. Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

All: When I sought you, O God, you answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

One: Look upon God's countenance and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in you, O God

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Praise passes easily from our lips when it comes time to worship you. You are the source of all goodness as you bestow upon us bountiful mercy. When we feast our eyes upon your countenance, our faces radiate the glow of your glory. We lay before you now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Be pleased with our tokens of commitment to Christ who calls us, and may your Spirit enhance our efforts as we worship your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: It is easy to judge those poor in spirit a failure and not a blessing. We often ask those who mourn to call us if they need something rather than keep vigil by their side. We consider the meek weak and too often ignore them; those who hunger and thirst often take too much of our time. We hear how we are to be merciful and pure in heart, and how we are to make peace with our neighbors, yet we harbor resentments that keep us apart. Forgive our failure to live your beatitudes and in Christ give us your blessing as we confess our sin.

One: Sisters and brothers, John reminds us how we are the children of God. When the great revelation occurs, we shall know ourselves as created in that divine image. As Christ sits at God's right hand and intercedes on our behalf, we have hope that we are purified through such loving testimony and may dwell in the assurance of the pardon God gives us in Christ.

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 REMEMBER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SERMON: "Beloved Saints" **Rev. Ken Ribe**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

