

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, November 1, is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost! It is also our observance of All Saints' Day. For this observance we will have a candle lighting ceremony in memory of congregation members who have joined the Resurrection. We will also have some additional candles for other loved ones whom we have lost over the past year. I invite you to participate in worship with the truth in your hearts that the Church is made up of both those who are alive and those who are part of the great cloud of witnesses, all giving glory to God together. In preparation, reflect on this truth and envision your loved ones who have come before worshiping in that cloud of witnesses. How do you imagine them in this moment?

We will also be celebrating Communion. If you will be worshiping from home, I invite you to gather together bread, crackers, tortillas, or some other grain-based food along with wine, juice, or some other beverage. When you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all spiritually together in our communion.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/, subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Revelation*:

***For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.***

In Christ and with Love,

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