## Worship Planner

21rst Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2019

**The Sunday Marking All Saints**

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Colour *White for All Saints or Green if Pentecost readings are used*

## Scripture Readings

## For All Saints:

## Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

## Psalm 149

## Ephesians 1.11-23

## Luke 6:20-31

## OR For 21st Sunday after Pentecost:

## Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-14 and Psalm 119:137-144

## Or

## Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32

## 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

## Luke 19:1-10

## Hymns

299 Holy, holy, holy

624 Blessed are they

476 Amigos de Cristo

441 Can a little child like me

481 Blest be the tie that binds

648 I’m goin’ to live so God can use me

371 Love divine, all loves excelling

611 For all the saints

## Call to Worship

## One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

## Many: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

## One: They shall run and not be weary;

## Many: They shall walk and not faint.

## One: In the company of all God’s saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

## Many: We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed.

## Prayer of Adoration

Ancient of days, God of our lives,

Each time we stand in your presence, we are aware of those who have gone before us,

those who taught us your name, those who brought us to faith.

In the great mystery of your love, we know that these saints gather with us here

to support us with their love as we face each new day.

God, we praise you for this holy mystery.

Though we cannot explain it in any scientific way,

we praise you for the comfort and hope we claim in the knowledge

that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

Ancient of days, God of our lives, you have been faithful to us from our very beginnings.

Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you.

We fill our time with activities that distract us from your purposes.

We do not always follow through on our good intentions.

Times of sorrow make us doubt your goodness and turn away.

Forgive us, God, when the light of our faith flickers.

Draw us back to you with the love and mercy we witness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Keep silence for 20 seconds.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned,

It is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

## Prayer for Understanding

God of the prophets and poets, the seers and storytellers of Scripture, we are grateful for the ancient visions of your truth which still guide us. Send us your Spirit this day to open our minds and hearts to the word you have for us in our times, in the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**Offering Invitation**

When we gather together as God’s Church, we celebrate the gifts of so many others, for so many centuries, offered in Jesus’ name. Now is our opportunity to join our gifts to theirs so that God will be praised and Jesus’ love will be spread in this generation and those to come. The offering will now be received.

## Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you are both faithful and fruitful as you embrace each generation of your people. So we ask you to bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in our generation so we can continue to offer the inheritance we have received in Christ to the generation that comes after us. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession/Prayers of the People**

God who calls throughout the ages,

we give thanks that you have spoken to your people in so many generations,

calling them into the light,

showing them the path of justice,

guiding them out of the bondage into freedom.

In every age you have called leaders to guide your people with courage and insight,

speaking through them to offer comfort and challenge.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit,

who offers the gift of faith to us,

and for the ways that those who came before us have handed that faith on to us.

As we give thanks for all that we have received,

remind us that we are but a small part of your creation, its history, life and love.

May such a reminder keep us humble in our mission,

even as you call us to take up our place in the ongoing story of your love with courage and creativity.

Hear our prayers, O God, for your church in this place and all around the world.

Sustain and support the work of the gospel in this and every place.

Where the church is in physical danger, protect it with your Spirit.

Where the church is facing division, unify it through your love.

Where the church lacks courage to stand up for justice,

embolden it with example of those saints who have gone before us.

Where the church lacks energy and vision, renew its hope in the presence of Christ

who is with us always.

God of the past, the present, and what is still to come

We thank you today for all those saints who have shown us how to love each other,

who touch those in trouble with their time and tenderness,

caring for the sick, cheering the lonely, helping the poor.

In this quiet moment, we remember those around us who need a saint

to reach out to them in their need this day:

*Keep silence for 15 – 20 seconds*

Give each of us the courage and compassion to be your saints alive today,

touching the world in Jesus’ name, as we pray in the words he taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Partnership**

Sunday, November 3 Pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partners rebuilding schools devastated by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique so that children may resume their studies.

Monday, November 4 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee as they meet today and tomorrow.

Tuesday, November 5 Give thanks for the Knox College Special Convocation marking the college’s 175 anniversary of providing theological education within Canada.

Wednesday, November 6 We pray for family members and caregivers who are caring for those with dementia or Alzheimer’s.

Thursday, November 7 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society Executive as they travel and meet at St. James Presbyterian Church in Truro, Nova Scotia, to plan the events for the coming year.

Friday, November 8 We pray for the people on the education tour to Taiwan that is connecting with partners from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, Indigenous church leaders and Bible translators.

Saturday, November 9 We pray for Captain David Clark, serving as a reserve force military chaplain in Toronto, Ontario, and for his ministry with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Mission Moment**

**November 3: Connecting with Neighbours**

Around the Well is a new missional experiment of the Presbytery of Westminster that reaches out to people living on the University of British Columbia’s campus and its surrounding communities. The focus of this ministry is to gather a diverse group of Christians invested in connecting with neighbours as part of their commitment to intentional Christian living. With events that draw people in and initiatives that lead the group out, Around the Well ministry hopes to be a blessing to their community and introduce their neighbours to a life with Christ.

*Presbyterians Sharing is reaching out to neighbours*