

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



November 3, 2024
11:15 am
24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day recognition

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME:

Welcome on this last Sunday before Election day in our secular calendar and the Sunday celebrating All Saints Day in our church calendar. We look to all those 'saints' who are the church in our present and our past for strength, inspiration and unity in this time.

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

An Election Day Prayer

Oh God of Love
who made us all in Love, for Love,
whatever the outcome of our election,
if one side wins, or another,
it there is a red wave or a blue one,
are Your commandments still the same?
do I still love You
with my whole heart and soul and mind and strength?
do I still love my neighbor as myself?
Oh God of Love,
wake my heart this election day to remember,
we are all already sacred citizens of Your country of Love,
we are all already equally precious to You, equally free,
in this holy experiment of Love
we call democracy.

Ken Jacobsen

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives. Thanks be to God!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: PH#319 *Spirit Verses 1,2 4*

*CALL TO CONFESSION: (Hebrews 4:15-16)

The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

A time for silent reflection and self-examination

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*PEACE OF CHRIST:

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our Sanctuary. The Peace of Christ be with You!!

And, also with You.

*GLORIA PATRI:

*Glory to be the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE:

First Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34
Reading for All Saints: Revelation 21:1,3&4; 22:6-9

MESSAGE: *Neighbors on Earth and in Heaven* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN: PH# 526 *For All the Saints* (note: each verse ends at the line at top of page 2)

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE:

*We remember the souls of the faithful departed at this time,
especially those members of our congregation and loved ones of our congregation
who have passed into heaven since last All Saints Day;
United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.*

[We will light a candle as each individual is honored. Congregants are welcomed to call out names of others whom they continue to hold dear and would like to remember here as well.]

David Haughwout d. October 28, 2024

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from Colossians 1:15-20)

God bound his people to himself in covenant. Freed slaves became the people of God when they accepted the Lord's covenant. God charged them to respond to his rescuing love by obeying his commandments. Their life together was to express the justice and compassion of their holy God.

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**The sum of the Ten Commandments is:
to love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul,
with all our strength,
and with all our mind;
and our neighbor as ourselves.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

CALL for the OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY:

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG:

***All I am, Oh all I am, all I am I bring to you, I bring to you.
All my joy, Oh All my joy, All my joy, I bring to you, I bring to you***

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And, also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, you call us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[The bread is shared and when all are served we take it together]

Again, after supper, he took the cup, blessed it, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[The cup is distributed and when all are served we take it together]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

God of abundance, in Christ's ascension and with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN: PH# 507 *I Come with Joy* (verses 3-5)

*CHARGE (from Hebrews 12:1)

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- November 6 **Session Meeting** in the manse, at 6:30
- November 10 **Guest Speaker:** Gail Wagner, CLP
- November 24 **Reedsville Community Thanksgiving Service**, Evangelical Lutheran Church of
Reedsville, at 7 pm
- Dec 1 **Advent Begins**
Christmas Eve Services
- Dec 24 7 pm East Kish
 9 pm West Kish

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ela will be away for a retreat on the Lord's Prayer Nov 7 – 12. Emergency pastoral concerns may be directed to Gail Wagner (CLP) who will be in contact with Rev. Robertson and/or Rev. Joy Kaufmann. Gail can be reached at (717) 348-1059.

This week, we continue our **collection for those affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene**. East Kish Mission Fund has already contributed \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, earmarked to directly support victims of these two storms. The previous two weeks' and this week's collection will also be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support these efforts.

If you are participating in the **Mifflin County Children and Youth Christmas Program** THANK YOU in advance. Thanksgiving has not yet occurred but I am trying to get things organized for this busy season. Those of you who requested a child's name have received that information and their tags. This year the gifts should be WRAPPED and labeled. Those of you who choose to participate through monetary donations should make the check out to EKPC (indicating it is for the Children and Youth Christmas Program) and we will issue them one check. Your monetary donations can be put in the weekly offering plate. All money and gifts need to be at

the Church by Sunday December 8th. **Please contact Cassie Campbell if you have any questions. (717) 247-5478**

The Reedsville Community Thanksgiving Service, featuring the bell choir, will be held at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reedsville at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is Jeffrey Bell, Director of Habitat for Humanity in Mifflin County. Habitat for Humanity recently celebrated its 25th anniversary here in Mifflin County by breaking ground on a 12th house. Habitat provides personnel and counseling to assist in life skills in economics, budgeting, and fiscal management. All donations collected during this community service will be given to Habitat of Humanity.

Adult Sunday School meets at 10:15, each Sunday, in the Parlor.

Dave Adams is now in Room 409A at Valley View. Morning is the best time to visit.

Credits: Parts of this liturgy written by John Philip K. Gladden (*Presbyterian Outlook*, November 3 2024) Charge and Benediction: Bruce Prewer from re-worship.blog.com

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