



Service for the Lord's Day

All Saints' Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

November 5, 2023

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Karen O'Brien

Prelude

Aria

J. S. Bach

from the Orchestral Suite no. 3, BWV 1068

*Call to Worship

Karen O'Brien

One: Come, all who are weary from the past week.

Many: We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

One: Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

Many: We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.

One: Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

Many: We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

* Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

deNay Kirkpatrick

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(Isaiah 6:7)

*** Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to 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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Karen O'Brien

First Reading

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
- 7 he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
- 33 He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
- 34 fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

35 He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there he lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in;
37 they sow fields, and plant vineyards,
and get a fruitful yield.

This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Blessing Is You

Mark Burrows

Given to the Cahaba Springs Choir music library collection
in loving memory of John Holcomb, George McLean and Mary Hammett

What prayer can I offer? What peace can I share
to help you to know, wherever you go, my love is always there?
How can I bless the journey of one so kind and true?
How can I pray you a blessing when the blessing is you?
What words of assurance would help you to see
the shining star of all that you are is such a blessing to me.
How can I bless the journey of one so kind and true?
How can I pray you a blessing when the blessing is you?
The Lord, bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face
to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up
His countenance upon you and give you peace
How can I bless the journey of one so kind and true?
How can I pray you a blessing when the blessing is you?
The Lord, bless you and keep you; the blessing is you.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; 3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. 6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, 7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. 9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Naming of the Saints - following the naming of each Saint, a bell will toll. Once all the names have been read, we will have a moment of silence for you to remember those Saints, not named, but written on your heart. We will conclude this time with a unison prayer:

Naming of the Saints

<i>George Dean McLean</i>	12/22/22
<i>Buck Loveless</i>	12/23/22
<i>Robert Wayne Thomas</i>	02/11/23
<i>Mary Amelia Wein Hammett</i>	07/26/23
<i>Allan Greenberg</i>	08/18/23
<i>Billy S. Little</i>	10/13/23

A Time of Silence

Unison Prayer

(Adapted by Laura Reddick-Reichert)

Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the undeserving, and honor to the despised.

A Litany for All Saints' Day

(Adapted by Laura Reddick-Reichert)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you

All: Whether in green arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:

All: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease, soil, or paint, strong hands and those gnarled with age, holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

Leader: We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;

All: Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head wrapped or aproned, blue-collar or three-piece-suits, they left their mark on the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.055

One: What do you understand by the communion of saints?

Many: First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship.

Second, that we ought to know that we are obliged to use our gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

Pavane

William Byrd

* The 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

deNay Kirkpatrick

PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn 501

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

Strings of Hearts

Write the names of the saints/servants from your life that you know or have known onto these hearts. Put as many names on the hearts as you can as a tribute to their Christian contribution in your life. When you come down for the Lord's Supper, bring these hearts with you and we will place the hearts on the branches of the tree to represent God's beautiful family of loving Christians to whom we belong.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints .

Many: You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations.

One: You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.

Many: Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.

One: Therefore we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

Many: And so, in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.

One: In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

Many: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

One: Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

Many: As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way.

One: Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love: Speak your peace in the world where wars rage and violence triumphs. We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives. May your will be done. May your Kingdom come. We pray for those who grieve . . ., for those who are sick . . ., for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection . . . Send forth comfort as only you can give. Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others, and remember our making. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

Many: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

The 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.

Sharing of the Bread

We will be celebrating Holy Communion by intinction. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, please let one of the ushers know and we will gladly bring communion to you.

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God,

Many: thanks be to God.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Hymn 542	<i>God Be with You till We Meet Again</i>	GOD BE WITH YOU
*Charge and Blessing		
And all God's children say, "Alleluia! Amen!"		
* Choral Benediction	<i>Go in His Name</i>	Cindy Berry
*Postlude	<i>Largo in G major</i>	G. F. Handel

Welcome to Cahaba Springs

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at cspchurch.org. We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Tom Lowery
Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Betty Quattlebaum
Corbett Millar	Rosemary Holcomb	Julie Smith	Randy Little
Steve Goodwin	David Goodwin	Cynthia Sartin	

for our extended family...

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Virginia Yarbrough	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Andy Lewis
Nancy Carlisle	Beth Lundberg	Bennett Fuller	Gene McKean
Philippe Lathrop			

If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.

Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 PM, Edgewood Presbyterian church will host a retirement get-together in honor of Pat Fitzsimmons, long-time organist. Pat was the organist for Cahaba Springs Church for many years and moved with Amanda Klimko to work with her at Edgewood. Please join us in recognizing Pat on this special day. Questions? Call Laura Reichert 205-601-0327 or email Laura Reichert 2023@gmail.com

November Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Fellowship Lunch – today immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

Stated Session Meeting – today at 1:00 PM.

1st Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

Knit Wits – Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 AM

XYZ Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30 AM. We will have a covered dish meal and follow with a few games of bingo.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, November 19th immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 3 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. We are having soup; please bring a side or dessert.

Church Office Closed – Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

TEAM Food Collection & Communion of Empty Hands – Sunday, November 26th. Please bring nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

Decorating for Advent – Sunday, November 26th immediately following worship. We really need everyone that can to stay and help make our church a beautiful place for the upcoming Advent season.

Community Caroling & Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Sunday, November 26th beginning at 4:30 PM on the Trussville Mall. We will invite children to “write letters to Santa” with the assistance of our own Mrs. Claus.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 PM in Room 226 led by Karen O’Brien. This month’s discussion will be on *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.

Mission Projects

Mistletoe Market

We are collecting new and like new toys and book for kids of all ages for local families in need. Donations can be placed in the safe room across from the choir room or given to Haley Crew. Please contact Haley with any questions!

Classes Offered at Cahaba Springs

Reel to Real – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically. Some of the movies we will be discussing include:

Nov. 5 – *Gladiator* and/or *Spartacus*

Nov. 12 – *Lilies of the Field*

Growing in Grace & Gratitude -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer. Please see below a schedule of teachers that have volunteered:

Nov. – Linda Inzer

Dec. – Lynda Mclean & Linda Inzer

Jan. – Liz Hughins

Thursdays Together – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

Other Weekly Events

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Chordmakers – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

Birmingham Youth Group – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

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A church where all people
are welcomed and cared for,
empowered to grow spiritually,
and equipped to serve God
and each other in meaningful ways