



November 5, 2023 – Livestream
All Saints Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on All Saints

D. Thorne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Sell

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

Leader: who endured the cross and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #708

Rejoice in God's Saints

***Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.***

***Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.***

***Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!***

***Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.***

CAROLERS' ANTHEM (11am)

Thank you for this Day

D. Lokensgard
Jim Caraher, piano;
Denise Page Caraher, director

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doshia Stewart

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

¹ 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 God. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

arr. D. Forrest

Text may be found in the Hymnal #77

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ 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."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What's Next?

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #2283

For All the Saints

***For all the saints who've shone your love in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.***

***For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.***

***For all the saints who named your will, and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.***

***Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.***

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace
with servants among us and saints above us,
united in the joy of Christ our Hope:

**People: Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us,
forgive us for sinning against our ancestors,
for failing to follow their example and heed their wisdom.
Forgive us for carrying on their sins,
and for failing to address the legacy of evil.
Forgive us for sinning against our descendants,
for our greed that threatens their well-being,
and our hatred that diminishes their peace.
Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: The saying is true for all generations:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
This proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Rooted in Faith

Rod Brown

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Remember Me

D. Govenor

In the night in which our Savior was betrayed, He broke the bread and to His friends He said:
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you; take and drink, this blood of mine is shed for you.
Do this always to remember me."
In the night in which our Savior was denied, He bowed His head, and to the Father cried:
"If it be your will, let this cup pass from me, if it be your will spare me this agony. In my
darkest hour will you remember me?"
In the night in which my deepest doubts are known, you come to me and I am not alone.
When I taste your blood and body given for me, when I hear your prayer in dark Gethsemane,
then I know you will remember me. O Lord, remember me.

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: *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.*

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts
of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed
by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you:

Larry Sanner	June Robbins
Bernard Wurger	Stuart Stinnette
Dotti Gerner	Richard Clapp
Marybeth Hunt	Lydia Moore
Jane Llewellyn	Merna Ruby

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, nricketts@northchurchindy.com

COMMUNION HYMNS

#314

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.*

Refrain: *And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)*

#614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

v. 1-3

***For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.***

***With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

v.4

***In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

arr. D. Cherwien

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*
Doshia Stewart, *Liturgist*
John Hague, James Horton and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

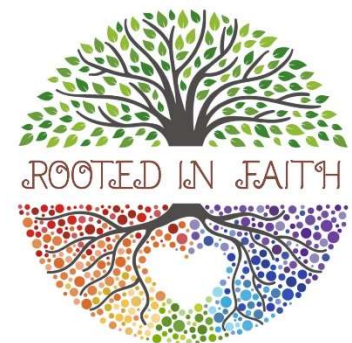
Hamilton Series Lecture:
Why Should Music Matter to People of Faith?

Dr. Jeremy Begbie

Saturday, November 11 at 10:30am

Young Adult Indy Fuel game, November 10 at 7pm. Cost is \$20

Thanksgiving Feast and Game Night, November 17, 5-8pm



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