

## Music in This Morning's Worship Service

I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.  
(1 Corinthians 14:15)

### This Morning's Hymns:

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* calls all of God's creation in heaven and earth to join together in a mighty chorus of exuberant praise. First, the orders of angels are invited in stanza 1, followed by Mary leading the chorus in stanza 2 ("Thou bearer of the eternal World"). Stanza 3 invites the souls in eternal rest – patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all saints – joined by everyone on earth singing a Doxology to the Trinity in stanza 4.

*I'll Praise My Maker* is one of Isaac Watts' versions of Psalm 146. The psalm begins with the words

Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
While I live I will praise the Lord;  
I will sing praises to my God  
while I have my being.

Watts treats the psalm with his customary freedom, but in the process produces a magnificent hymn. The hymn was a favorite of John Wesley's, who in his 1737 *Charleston Collection* altered it to its present form. Wesley used the hymn in his last sermon and, one week later, sang it on his deathbed – the significant words being from the first stanza.

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers;

Although it begins with God of creation, the hymn ends with concern for the blind, the troubled, strangers, widows, fatherless children and prisoners. God whose concern reaches to everyone is worthy of praise, in this life and the life to come.

*For All the Saints*, composed as a *Saints Day* hymn by William How, carried the subtitle, "A Cloud of Witnesses." This phrase refers to the passage found in Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

The hymn gives thanks for the saints of old and, in optional stanzas, makes a prayer that we, like them, may be found faithful. The crux of the text is the confession of a "blest communion" of saints in all times and places.

### This Morning's Anthems:

#### How Can I Keep From Singing?

Traditional Quaker Hymn      Arranged by Daniel Graves

My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentations.  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

When though the tempest 'round me roars,  
I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close,  
songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knell ringing,  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile,  
our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled,  
how can I keep from singing?

## This Week at First Presbyterian

### Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Child Care  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Acolyte Training  
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education

### Monday, November 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-Carriage Town  
10:30 a.m. Adult Education  
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
4:00 p.m. Communications Task Force

### Tuesday, November 3

7:00 a.m. Renovare  
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council

### Wednesday, November 4

8:00 a.m. Renovare  
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
1:00 p.m. Brenda Portman Organ Demo  
4:00 p.m. Budget Team Meeting  
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal  
4:45 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45pm. The suggested donation is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, maximum of \$20.00 per family. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. This week we will center in on meditation and prayer lifted up as incense to God. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

### Thursday, November 5

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club of Flint  
12:00 p.m. Sarah Circle at Wilma Thoms' House  
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team Meeting

### Friday, November 6

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

*Ministers,*  
Members of First Presbyterian Church  
*Senior Pastor,*  
John L. Musgrave  
*Associate Pastor,*  
Paul Ytterrock  
*Commissioned Lay Pastor,*  
Steve Baillie  
*Director of Business Administration,*  
James B. Hugan  
*Director of Children's Ministry,*  
Jaime Powell  
*Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,*  
Andy Armstrong  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts,*  
Mark Riddles

11:00 a.m. Adult Education Classes  
12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. GVYC Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

4:00 p.m. Budget Team Meeting  
7:00 p.m. College and Career Discussion Group  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice  
6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Team  
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal

4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice  
5:45 p.m. Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful Service Squad K-6  
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service

4:00 p.m. Budget Team Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Young Life Team  
6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

*Director of Women's Ministry,*  
Kim Skaff  
*Director of Youth Ministry,*  
Jim Pope  
*Building/Kitchen Manager,*  
Greg Kelly  
*Community Ministry,*  
Lisa Horne  
*Congregational Care Specialist,*  
Lee Doll  
*Gerholz Staff Counselor,*  
Jerry Walden  
*Organist,*  
Brenda Portman  
*Parish Nurse,*  
Frankie Bonner

# First Presbyterian Church of Flint

Engaged by Christ's love to invite,  
worship, nurture and serve.



I don't intend it to happen.  
It just sneaks up on me  
and before I know it  
there's been a kind of death,  
part of me wrapped in a shroud  
and buried in a tomb  
while the rest of me stands by  
wondering why the light has gone out.  
Then you, my Friend, all knowing,  
seek me out and knock  
at the edge of my heart,  
calling me to come forth.  
I argue that I can't.  
Death is death and I'm too far gone  
for the story book miracles.  
But you keep on calling,  
"Come forth! Come forth!"  
and the darkness is pierced  
by a shaft of light  
as the stone begins to move.

My Friend,  
I don't know how you do it  
but the tomb has become  
as bright as day, as bright as love,  
and life has returned.

Look at me!  
I'm running out,  
dropping bandages all over the place.  
~ from *Psalms Down Under* by Joy Crowley

## All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1, 2009 9:30 a.m.

# The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## *The Gathering of the People of God*

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Worship Carillon

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

\*Prelude

For All the Saints  
Brenda Portman, organist

Ross Anderson

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Jim Doan

\*Call to Worship

Death is swallowed up forever-let us wipe away our tears.

**We remember with thanksgiving all those who are dear to us.**

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**We remember with appreciation those who paved the way with their faith.**

Teachers, leaders, grandmothers and grandfathers, parents and friends.

**We remember with love and honor the people who blessed us with their lives.**

God brings a new heaven and a new earth-let us live with great hope.

**We look to the future in peace, even as we remember the past.**

\*Processional Hymn 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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Acolyte: Vance Powell, 7th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us forever.

You promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Through the prophet Isaiah you invite your people  
to a feast of rich food and well-aged wines.

We are slow to rejoice in your promises.

We are inattentive to the communion of saints  
surrounding us.

O God, forgive us and quicken our hearts.

Help us to believe your promises and live into them,

sustained by all the faithful who live with you in glory. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



*Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.*

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*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.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

## *The Service of the Word*

Prayer for Illumination

Patti Waxweiler-Higgins

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bibles pg. 613 O.T.)

Psalm 119



*O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.*

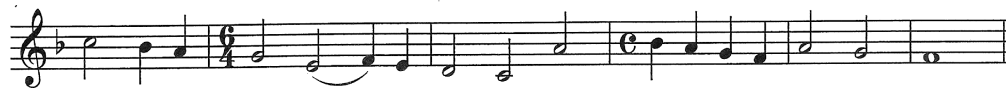
Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a (Pew Bibles pg. 244 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



*Al - le- lu - ia, Al - le- lu - ia, Al - le- lu- ia, Al - le - lu - ia.*



*Al - le- lu - ia, Al - le- lu - ia, Al - le- lu- ia, Al - le - lu - ia.*

Anthem

Keeping My Eyes on You

Stan Pethel

Cherub Choir

Lisa Koegel, director; Sheryl Powell, accompanist

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterock

\*Hymn 253

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

John 11:32-44 (Pew Bibles pg. 99 N.T.)

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing

Graves

The Chancel Choir

Sermon

Unbind Him

John L. Musgrave

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

\*Offertory Sentence

\*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*

\*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Prelude on "What Wondrous Love Is This"

John G. Barr

Christopher Newman, organist

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The family of Dorothy Doxey (sister of Edythe Wessel) deceased on October 26, 2009.

The family of Mel Gardner (husband of Doris) deceased on October 26, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Harriet Mestrezat and Mary Jo Stirling.

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Necrology

Mary Gross 11/09/08

Charles Bailey 11/26/08

Joan Crick 12/10/08

Dorothy Lohnes 12/12/08

Nancy Cook 12/23/08

Jean Calhoun 12/25/08

Dan Haggerty 1/5/09

Cornelia Norton 1/14/09

Azora Davis 1/23/09

Katherine MacConnell 1/27/09

Margaret Blain 2/3/09

Robert Hosie 2/7/09

Noriene Crabtree 2/8/09

Ted Routly 2/16/09

Betty Messenger 2/22/09

William Stone 3/4/09

Edward Goldner 3/6/09

Harold Hohner 3/9/09

George Rebrovic 3/21/09

Lois Diehl 3/31/09

Lee Davis 4/25/09

Richard Plymale 5/13/09

Ann Maxwell 5/13/09

Bruce Sitler 5/21/09

Robert Wismer 5/23/09

Mavis Burtrum 5/27/09

Mildred Adams 5/28/09

Vera Stoneburner 5/31/09

Mary Kay Drayton 5/31/09

Jessica Lirones Flayer 6/3/09

Russell Bowers 6/4/09

James Collins 6/16/09

Marian Slinkard 6/21/09

Mary Anne Sumner 7/3/09

Constance Henry 7/13/09

Robert Carter 7/18/09

Earl Berry 8/3/09

Ruth Cordell 8/3/09

Phyllis Brand 8/4/09

Raymond Whiting 8/24/09

John Brooks 9/9/09

Kelsoe Schadle 9/14/09

Norman Hardenburg 9/18/09

Samuel Jacob 9/28/09

Harper Scott 10/14/09

Norma Bruton 10/22/09

Mel Gardner 10/26/09

## *The Sending*

\*Closing Hymn 526

For all the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Benediction and Response

Postlude

For All the Saints

David Cherwien

## Personal Prayer

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the service of worship. Elder Vi Maynard will assist after the service.

~ \* Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

***You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.***