# POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH est. 1794

The Lord's Day, November 6th, 2022 All Saint Day

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

#### MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts unto the Lord! *Congregation:* **We lift them up!** 

#### HYMN

We Are Called to Be God's People Celebration Hymnal #415

# **CONFESSION OF SIN**

THE LAW OF GOD

Deuteronomy 5:16

"Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you."

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

All: "Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great Amen." (Martin Bucer)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

#### Congregation: Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Doxology Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH Celebration Hymnal #815

# CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Daniel 7:9-14

Revelation 7:1-17

Matthew 5:1-12

Minister: May God bless the reading of His Word.

# Congregation: Amen.

# PASTORAL PRAYER

*Minister:* We make these petitions, ending with the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

All: "Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (Matthew 6:9-13)

#### PSALM

Psalm 149 Tune: LYONS Celebration Hymnal #104, "O Worship the King" O praise ye the LORD! Prepare your glad voice, New songs with His saints assembled to sing; Before his Creator let Isr'el rejoice, And children of Zion be glad in their King.

And let them His name extol in the dance; With timbrel and harp His praises express; Jehovah takes pleasure His saints to advance, And with His salvation the humble to bless.

His saints shall sing loud with glory and joy, And rest undismayed; with songs in the night In praises to God they their lips shall employ; A sword in their right hand, two edg'd for the fight;

The heathen to judge, their pride to consume, To bind kings with chains, due vengeance record, To execute on them their long decreed doom: His saints have this honor. O praise ye the LORD!

#### SERMON

"What TIme is It?" Matthew 25:1-13

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers Celebration Hymnal #404

# COMMISSIONING

#### BENEDICTION

*Minister:* "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

#### Congregation: Amen.

Postlude

# **EVENING SERMON**

"PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY" Romans 12:9-13

# What is All Saints' Day?

By: URI BRITO

We celebrate —together with a vast majority of Christian Churches in the world—the feast of All Saints. On this day, we honor and remember the saints gone before us. Traditionally, All Saints Day is the day after All Hallowed Eve on October 31st, and the Church celebrates it on the closest Sunday to the first of November.

All Saints Day is also known as the day when we celebrate the hallowed ones, those who have been honored by God because of their faithful lives. The Bible does this frequently when it says that we must give honor to whom honor is due (Prov. 3:27) and when it lists the great heroes of the faith and praises them for their mighty actions in the face of grave danger (Heb. 11). All Saints' Day is the benediction of God upon martyrs, the "well done" upon the faithful, and the clothing in white robes on all those who, from their labors rest.

By celebrating the life of the saints, ultimately, we are celebrating the death of death. We celebrate that in the death of the faithful ones, Satan has been mocked. In fact, All Saints testify to the humiliation of the devil and evil throughout history. The Christian Church rejoices over evil by mocking death. The third-century theologian Athanasius gives a good example of the early church's attitude toward death:

"Death has become like a tyrant who has been completely conquered by the legitimate monarch; bound hand and foot the passers-by jeer at him, hitting him and abusing him, no longer afraid of his cruelty and rage, because of the king who has conquered him. So has death been conquered and branded for what it is by the Saviour on the cross. It is bound hand and foot, all who are in Christ trample it as they pass and as witnesses to Him deride it, scoffing and saying, "O Death, where is thy victory? O Grave, where is thy sting?" (1 Cor. 15: 55)."

Only the Gospel gave people hope that death could be defeated and reversed. Only the Gospel promised people glory at death and even more glorious resurrection life at the end of history. The reality is paganism cannot compete with All Saints' Day because paganism cannot offer hope after death. The Christian message can offer a definitive answer to death. Jesus is the answer to death's grip because Jesus overcame the grip of death.

Article: https://kuyperian.com/what-is-all-saints-day/

# SERVICES

# THE LORD'S DAY Morning Worship 10:00 AM Evening Worship 7:00 PM Children's Ministry 7:00 PM

# WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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