



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Outdoor Order of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 1st, 2020 • ALL SAINTS DAY

† *For those who are able, please stand*

— GATHERING —

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Minute for Stewardship

Meg Christian

† Presentation of Candidate

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal. 3:27

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Eph. 4:4

In his baptism, Isaac was clothed with Christ,
and is now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter into ministry as a teaching elder.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's particular call to our friend Isaac.**

† Call to Worship

Beth Hudson

Give thanks to God and call on God's name,
Make God's deeds known among the peoples.
Sing praises to God,
Tell of God's wonderful works.
Seek the God and God's strength,
Seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.
Let us worship God!

Hymn #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold
So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

Litany for All Saints' Day

...Jesus said:

Blessed are the poor.

Blessed are those who mourn.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are those who are hungry

Blessed are the merciful

Blessed are the pure in heart.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

Blessed are the persecuted

Jesus named the blessed ones. On this day of remembrance, let us recall and give thanks for those blessed ones who have gone before us...

Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.

O God, keep them forever in your arms. May they stay forever in our hearts. Because of their living, teach us to live faithfully. Amen.

"By All Your Saints Still Striving"

KING'S LYNN

By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us,
we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you.

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Lisa Turney

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-9

Sermon

The Undefinable Kingdom

Christina Toney-Schmitt

“Be Thou My Vision”
Vivien Rothwell, Soprano

— RESPONSE —

Ordination of Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

† **Renunciations**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.

† Profession of Faith

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 living 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.

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination

Charge to the Newly Ordained

Rev. Bradley Kibler

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer Over the Elements, Prayers of Intercessions, Words of Institution, concluding with 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.

Post Communion Prayer

— SENDING —

Hymn #419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word,
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind
And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.

In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You--
The cross You hung upon--
All You endeavored done.

Benediction & Offering

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Leading Today's Worship Service

Lisa Turney: Ruling Elder, Shallowford Presbyterian Church

Rev. Bradley Kibler: Associate Pastor for Youth and Programs, Shallowford Presbyterian Church

Beth Hudson: Ruling Elder, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

David Barclift: Ruling Elder, Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Barrett Abernethy: Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt: Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Christina Toney-Schmitt: Guest Preacher

Matthias Young: Director of Music

Ryan Sawyer: Organist Apprentice

Vivien Rothwell: Soprano

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