

NEW LIFE



**THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form.

We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: San Domenico Altarpiece, Fra Angelico, 15th c.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

-Eliza E. Hewitt, 19th c.

We are in fellowship with the holy patriarchs, who, although dead, cultivate the same godliness as we, so that we cannot be members of Christ unless we unite ourselves with them.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

-Westminster Confession of Faith

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting.

-The Apostles' Creed, 3rd c.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

-- *Revelation 7:14b Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*

HARK! THE SOUND OF HOLY VOICES



1. Hark! the sound of ho - ly voic-es chant-ing at the Cry-stal sea:



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to thee:



mul - ti - tude which none can num-ber, like the stars in glo - ry stands,



clothed in white ap - par - el hol-ding palms of vict-'try in their hands.

2. Patriarch, and holy prophet,
who prepared the way for Christ,
king, apostle, saint, confessor,
martyr and evangelist,
saintly maiden, godly matron,
widows who have watched in prayer,
joined in holy concert, singing
to the Lord of all, are there.

3. Marching with thy cross, their banner,
they have triumphed, following
thee, the Captain of salvation,
thee, their Savior and their King.

Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
gladly, Lord, with thee they died;
and by death to life immortal
they were born and glorified.

4. Now they reign in heavenly glory,
now they walk in golden light,
now they drink, as from a river,
holy bliss and infinite;
love and peace they taste for ever,
and all truth and knowledge see
in the beatific vision
Of the blessed Trinity.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

Music: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

A READING

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing 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 saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

-- *Revelation 7:9-17*

WHO ARE THESE, LIKE STARS APPEARING?



1. Who are these like stars a-pear-ing, these be-fore God's throne who stand?



Each a gol-den crown is wear-ing. Who are all this glo-rious band?



Al - le - lu - ia! Hark, they sing, prais-ing loud their heav'n-ly King.

2. Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand?
Whence come all this glorious band?

3. These are they who have contended
for their Savior's honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
foll'wing not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

5. These like priests have watched and
waited,
offring up to Christ their will;
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
now in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Author: Heinrich T. Schenk
Translator: Frances Elizabeth Cox
Music: Geistliches Gesangbuch, Darmstadt, 1698

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁸ To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

--*Psalm 30:4-5, 8-10*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!

Continue to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. ⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

--*Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12*

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to His people on earth.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith be -



fore the world confessed, Thy Name, O Je - sus be for - ever



blest. A - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers
faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who
nobly fought of old,
and win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors
comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words: William Walsham How
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear God, you have raised up saints of all kinds to be with you in heaven. Men and women, boys and girls, from every ethnicity and every language. Help us to be like these saints, always praising you in love and unity with each other. Help us to work as they have in the things that you have called us to do. Build up your church with more and more saints like these so that your kingdom may be extended to all the world. We love you. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 18 for additional prayers this week.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to “pass the peace of Christ” to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 19.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:1-6, 13-23

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your

love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 15:1-6

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you,

unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: "What Is A Saint?"
Scripture Texts: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tim LeCroy

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 Spirit,
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 sits 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCHARIST

THE 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 proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord—God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
6 morn - ing our song shall rise to thee; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
11 mer - ci-ful and might-y, God in three per - sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!

2. Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and
evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

- **Pray** for the country of **Somalia**, where **prejudice against Christianity** has **hindered its spread** because of the **Church's perceived association with Western decadence, European colonialism and Ethiopian interference**. **Pray** that **aid and mercy ministries** would bring help to the **poor and refugees**, and that our own **churches will share** the love and truth of **Christ**.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

- **First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, Mark Dunn**, senior pastor; **Matthew Mierski**, assistant pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

- **First Ithaca Chinese Christian Church; Bin Tang** and **Paul Epp**, pastors

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- **Bruce Cain, Wycliffe Bible Translators** in **Southeast Asia**

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- **Pray** for **God's guidance and leadership** as we **vote for our new political leaders** this week. **Pray** that the **voting process** would go **smoothly**, and that **we would trust in God** to raise up the **leaders our country needs**.

MEDICAL

- **Bo and Cindy Kao: Praise** for Cindy's **pregnancy**, and **pray** that she and the baby will **remain healthy** until her due date in February.
- **Nathan Liang: Pray** for his friend who is recovering from an accident, that they will heal quickly and get relief for their pain.
- **Scott Brodie: Pray** for his mom **Kristen**, who **experienced a dangerous medical complication** following her successful surgery for cancer. **Pray** that the effects of the complication are **not permanent**, and that she will experience a **complete recovery**.
- **Pastor Tim: Praise** that his friend **Jonathan King**, who had a **system-wide bacterial infection**, will be **discharged on Nov. 6**. **Pray** that **God** would bring **healing and provision** for **Jonathan and his wife and children**, as they still face a **long road to recovery**.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **Hannah Burnham: Pray** for Hannah and her family as they **mourn the death of her mother**.
- **Angela Brodie: Praise** for the **Spirit's work** during her recent **conference in Turkiye**, and for the **four New Testaments** that were **commissioned** there
- **Brad Helmetsie: Prayer** for his longstanding **homeless client**, who was recently **incarcerated**. **Pray** that that this experience will cause her to **confront her choices** and **turn her life around**.
- **Ann Williamson: Pray** for the family of a **missionary in South Africa** who was recently **killed**.
- **Toni Marcheვა: Praise** that her **recent presentation** was a success, and for what that means for the **rest of her time at Cornell**.
- **Heath Robinson: Pray** for his hometown of **Augusta, GA**, as they work to **rebuild** from the **damage caused by Hurricane Helene**.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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All Saints Chili Cookoff – TODAY after the service

Please join us immediately after the service for a delicious chili cookoff! Two chili judges are still needed – judges will get to sample all the chili before everyone else, so volunteer before someone beats you to it! Best wishes to all the competitors!

End of Semester Reception – December 8

Each semester we have a reception after service on the Sunday before everyone heads home. Please plan to join us as we celebrate and give thanks!

Christmas Party – Friday, December 13

Mark your calendars and line up your babysitters for this fun evening to celebrate the season. We will send out sign-ups this week!

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim’s “Office Hours” – Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

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- I am an out-of-town visitor.
- I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.
- I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.
- Please send me more information about: _____
- I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.

Other comments: _____