

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA

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All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

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*“Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain  
will be no more, for the first  
things have passed away.”*

--Revelation 21:5

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton!** Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at [www.chrighthamilton.org](http://www.chrighthamilton.org). Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that **all are welcome** at Christ Hamilton! If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering. Please note there are also kids kits in the back for the children to utilize during the service. LARGE PRINT bulletins are available and hearing assisting devices, please ask an usher if you would like one.

**Today's service:** *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory Bob Conville by his beloved wife Kathy.

**Altar Flower Delivery:** Angela Trauger

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

## SONG

## For All the Saints v. 1-4



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glory passes on his way.  
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 dis-tant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 strong.  
 blest.

## **GREETING**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 25:6-9**

Reader: A reading from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.     **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****REVELATION 21:1-6A**

Reader: A reading from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.     **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOSPEL****John 11:32-44**Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.****MESSAGE**

# Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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## **NICENE CREED**

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



*Please be seated.*

## **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need . . .

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

## **Remembering the Saints**

Minister: Today we especially remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints.

We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promise in the waters of baptism. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you.

We pause to thank you for the lives of those who have died in this last year who we were blessed enough to know. Thank you for placing them in our lives. We especially remember:

*Candles are lit as names are read:*

<i>Mike Butts</i>	<i>Bev Scheller</i>	<i>Sandy Brinker</i>
<i>Kevin Yost</i>	<i>William “DT” Davis</i>	<i>Sylvia Johnson</i>
<i>Patricia McKnight</i>	<i>Bessie Foster</i>	<i>Dumitru David</i>
<i>Bruce Streck</i>	<i>Bea Snyder</i>	<i>Florence Collins</i>
<i>Helen Marsh</i>	<i>Grace Borger</i>	<i>Janet Long</i>
<i>Stan Teleski</i>	<i>Billy Leake</i>	<i>Todd Matlock</i>

We also lift to you at this time those near and dear to us who have died. Those we raise to you now from our lips and from our hearts. . . . Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us live as your faithful disciples. We pray this through the one who is the Alpha and the Omega.

**All: Amen.**

Minister: Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,

**All: And you will find rest for your soul.**

Minister: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**All: And you will find rest for your soul.**

**PEACE**

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*The Peace is shared with one another.*

**Offering**

To Every Generation  
P. Choplin

## Offertory

## We Are An Offering

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Merciful God,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

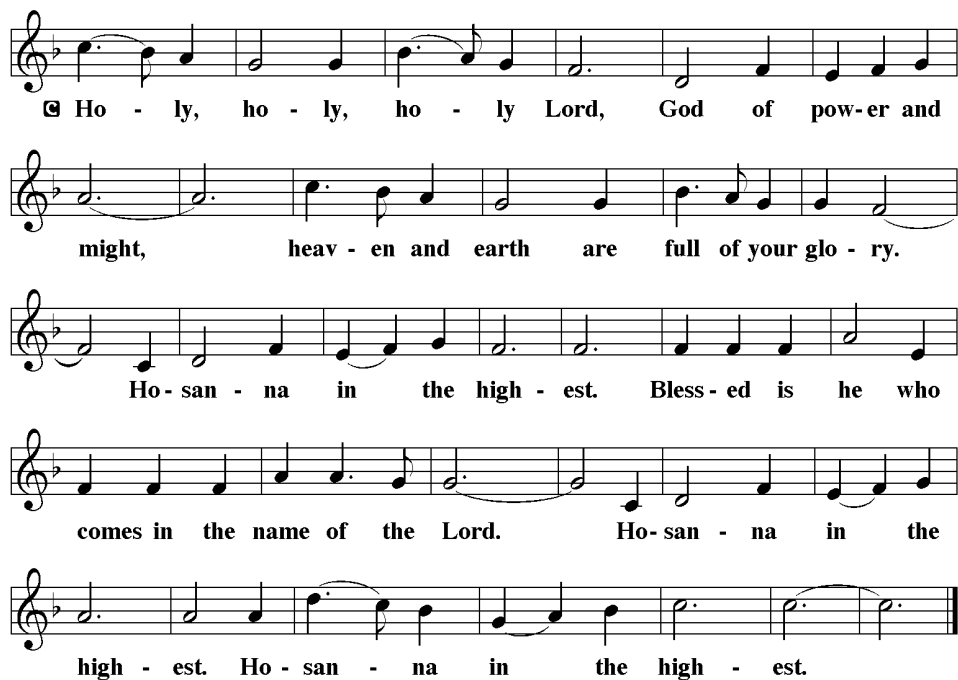
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

Minister: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Minister: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

Minister: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
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**

## Communion

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.*

*Please come forward by way of the right aisle, receive the bread from the pastor and move to the chalice. Return by way of the left hand aisle as you return to your seat.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

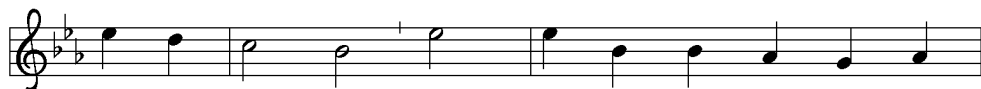
# Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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**SONG****FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS**

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new  
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

**BLESSING**

Minister: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen**



## SONG

## For All the Saints v. 5-7



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*Stanzas 3-5 below.*

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## **Dismissal**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Janet Catina
Lay Assistant:	Janet Catina
Greeters:	Bud & Rhonda Bonser, Bev Streck
Choir Director:	Tassy Gilbert
Announcements:	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

**Prayer at the Rail** - Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer at the altar after the service for any concerns that you might have.

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Sandy H., Jim, Bill and Jackie. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

**Happy Birthday!** Alice Possinger 11/1, Joey Marshall 11/3, Andy Porter 11/12, Bill Leap and Bill Smyth 11/17, Logan and Connor Potochnick 11/18 Stephanie Marks 11/25, Stephanie Bittenbender 11/25.

**Happy Anniversary:** Bob and Sue Hedgelon November 20<sup>th</sup>!

**The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please VOTE if you haven't already!**

**Cub Scout plastic bag collection!** Our Cub Scouts are collecting all manner of "soft" plastic! CLEAN grocery, bread, dry cleaning, ice, Ziploc, cereal, salt and produce bags, water case wrapping, plastic shipping envelopes and stretch film can all be placed in the containers in the LH lobby or Covenant House. If they can collect 1,000 pounds or more NextTrex will donate a bench to CHULC!

**First Communion Class** will be held this Saturday in the Lighthouse serving area from 9am-noon. Any student in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older is welcome to attend with a parent. If you haven't let the office know you are coming please give us a call. Students will receive their first communion on November 10<sup>th</sup>!

**A New Member Class** will be held in room F at the back of the gym after service on November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in officially joining the Christ Hamilton congregation, please plan on attending this class. New members will be installed on December 15<sup>th</sup> during the service.

**Fellowship Dinner:** The November fellowship dinner will be held at Mullally's Clubhouse at 5:30pm on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The December dinner will be at Sycamore Grille at 5:30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to the church office by the Tuesday before 570-992-4085.

**FALL CLEAN-UP** will be held this Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. Please bring all leave removing implements as well as gloves, snippers and lots of energy.

**Community Meal**, November 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-5:30pm. We will be serving chicken and stuffing casserole with green beans, cranberry sauce and homemade desserts. Please see Winnie Staples if you would like to help with this meal!

# Thanksgiving Food Drive at Ark 2!

CHULC and Ark 2 will be collecting the following items for PVEN over the next few weeks:

- instant potatoes
- stuffing mix
- gravy
- canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce
- canned pumpkin
- pie filling
- muffin/cake mixes
- icing
- cornbread mix
- coffee
- applesauce

*Donation boxes will be in the Covenant and Lighthouse buildings. Please have items in by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am.*

