

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
**All Saints Day**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**      “Simple Thanks”      Handbells

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Chuck Carneal

Leader: Living God, You are the beginning of our  
journeys, our guide, and our teacher.

**People: As we come to worship you this day, we  
celebrate that you are present with your  
gathered people.**

Leader: You lead through times of sorrow

**People: And rejoice with us in times of blessings.**

Leader: You are abounding in steadfast love.

**All: As we worship today, we come to sing your  
praise, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      “For the Saints” #546

Vs. 1 – For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Vs. 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!

Vs. 6 – From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s  
farthest coast,  
Thru gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer      “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

**Gracious God, you call us your own children  
and cover us with your love. We would seek to be  
merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do,  
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.  
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we  
should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways,  
tame our wayward wills, and make us more like  
Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day.  
Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*RESPONSE**      “Gloria Patri” #623

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, Amen.

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**      Psalm 107:1–9

**GOSPEL READING**      Matthew 5:1–6

**RESPONSE**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      “For All the Saints”  
Reverend Lois Barnum Phelps

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**RINGING THE BELLS FOR THE SAINTS**

*We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the  
dead, both of our congregation and the Church universal.  
For this reason, the names of the persons who have died  
during the past year are solemnly read.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**      “Amazing Grace” #202

Vs. 1 – Amazing grace! How sweet the sound –  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Vs. 2 – ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first  
believed.

Vs. 5 – When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d  
first begun.

**\*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.**

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**      Finance

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## 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.**

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory*

*"Holy Ground"*

## \*RESPONSE

*"Doxology" #625*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. As we come to your table, we seek your forgiveness for things we've done wrong, and needs we have failed to notice.

**People: Wash us clean, O Lord, and make us new, by your grace.**

Leader: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you,.....the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER *"In Remembrance"*

### SENDING

## \*HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" #601

Vs. 1 – Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

Vs. 2 – Thanks we give and adoration  
For The gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To the truth may we be found.

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### \*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim  
Christ's love and grace through serving  
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*"Because He Lives"*

Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service for conversation and refreshments.



# Welcome to Swift Church

November 5, 2023

*Striving to bring God joy!*



We proclaim Christ's love and  
grace through serving and nurturing  
body, mind, and soul.

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