



*First United Presbyterian Church  
Sodus, New York  
November 1, 2020  
All Saints Day  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Reverend Gail Heimberger, Pastor  
Douglas Blackall, Organist  
Anne L'Hommedieu, Handbell Choir Director  
Tracey Fox Allen, Joyful Singers Director*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Meditation:** *“Teach by works, more than by words.”*

— St. Theresa of Avila

**Greeting and Announcements**

Reverend Gail Heimberger

*Let us quiet and still ourselves as we come into the presence of God.*

**Prelude:**

*“When the Saints Go marching In”*

Handbell Choir

**Hymn Congregation:**

*“When the Saints Go Marching In”*

Joplin

*When the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

*O when the sun begins to shine  
O when the sun begins to shine  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

*O when the trumpet sounds a call  
O when the trumpet sounds a call  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

*O when the new world is revealed  
O when the new world is revealed  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

**Call to Worship:**

***Blessed are the saints of God! Blessed are those who give cheerfully of time, talent and treasure.***

*Blessed are those who give graciously of compassion, creativity and courage.*

***Blessed are those who give joyfully of humor, healing, and hope. Blessed are we to know such saints of God. May we grow to be among them.***

*Let us celebrate the lives of those in our midst who have passed during this year, lighting a candle for each, to signify the ways in which they have illumined our paths.*

**Kenneth Johnson**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

*We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses Where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, Strong hands and those gnarled with age Holy hands Used as wave offerings across the land. We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, Head ragged or aproned, Blue-collared or three-piece-suited They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.*

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

*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 and be joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope and love so that we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*(Time of Silence)*

#### **Special Music:**

*"For All the Saints"*

*Brendlinger*

#### **Responsive Reading:**

*Psalm 34: 1-10, 22*

*I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. <sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. <sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. <sup>10</sup> The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

*As we hear your word, may we be filled with your peace, your joy, your love and with hope. May we work for justice, peace and reconciliation of the world.*

#### **Scripture Readings:**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say*

all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:**

*“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”*

- Reverend Gail Heimberger

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Offertory:**

*“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”*

Harold Arlen

**Call to Prayer**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Honoring the Saints**

**Litany of Gratitude:**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,*

**We praise you, O God.**

*For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world,*

**We praise you, O God.**

*For those we have known and loved, for teachers and students, colleagues and friends, for parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, for all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,*

**We praise you, O God.**

*Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints in light,*

**Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Empowered by the examples of those mentioned here today, we pray your blessings on these gifts we bring and intend to bring. May they transform our lives, the life of our church and the world you have made, and complete the work begun by those who have gone before according to your will. Amen. The Lord's Prayer**

*As Gail brings the microphone around, people are invited to name a saint(s) for whom they are thankful while someone will be at communion table to light a candle in their memory.*

**BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

**Hymn:**

*"For All The Saints*

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*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!*

*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!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*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!*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**

*"Postlude in D"*

*David Johnson*

***There will be a very short Congregational meeting next Sunday, November 8 to make a date change (to January 1, 2021) for the dissolution of the pastoral call. It is just a technicality but needs to be done. The meeting will be very short, but we still need at least 25 members to approve. Thank you.... Gail***

**Happenings**  
**November 1, 2020**

**Keep in Prayer:**

*All who face health issues: Bob Andrews, Bonnie Bolling, Nicky DeBadts McHenry, Gary DeBadts, Marilyn DeMarree, Linda Diehl, John Faulks, Roger and Debbie Gill, Nancy Gulino, Doris Keese, Rose Jock, Bob Leimberger, Anne Martini, Butch McMahan, Ed and Judy Merkel, David Neese, Chester Payton, Kim Perrotto, Jody Rolston, Carol Sergeant, Joyce Small, Corky Somerville, Bernie Stuttle and Mary Sue Switzer.*

- *All our children and teachers as they return to school.*
- *Bill Doyle, Cindy Rolston's son, who has Pneumonia.*
- *Some of Lynne and Julie's family members have Covid.*
- *Judy Nortier and her mother, Doris, who is struggling with a number of health problems.*
- *Bonnie Bolling who was in Newark-Wayne Hospital.*

**Thank you to:**

- *All who reach out to our families and neighbors to keep all of us safe during these trying times. Special thanks to our Deacons for keeping in touch with our folks.*
- *Nan Hanna-Paquin for serving as Liturgist on October 18.*
- *Our bagged lunch helpers, Carol Martini, Alice Irwin and Amy Johnson. Thank you, also, to Kelly Allen for providing eggs.*
- *Sue and Mike Mulberry and Cindy Rolston for cleaning the west nursery school room, which can be used for meetings.*
- *Keith Blackall, Ken Pierce, Frank Daratt, Gary Preston and Mike Mulberry for meeting with the "roofers" to discuss possible future plans for the roof.*
- *For your generous supports to the Trick or Treat UNICEF USA Annual Campaign. The total donation was \$62.00.*
- *Jim Hopkins and Harry Stiokas for Live Streaming each Sunday. Thank you to them for their faithfulness. We are looking for someone who could "learn the trade" and help them. Also, thanks to John Faulks for helping to navigate Facebook.*
- *Doug Blackall for providing such uplifting music for each Sunday's Service.*
- *Alice Irwin for putting bulletin and sermon on the website. Soduspresbyterian.com and Facebook.*
- *Connie Preston for faithfully watering and tending our flowers.*
- *All our financial people, Kate Daratt, Lorie Ribis and Keith Blackall and all of you who faithfully give, for keeping us in "The Black".*
- *Harry Stiokas for installing a new sound board and to Jim Hopkins for his help.*

**Congratulations to:**

- *Gerald Canne, Lisa's grandfather, who turned 100 on Wednesday.*

**AV HELPER(S) WANTED FOR OUR LIVE FACEBOOK SERVICE**

*We are looking for someone(s) who might be interested in helping out with our live broadcast. See Jim Hopkins or Harry Stiokas.*

CHURCH IS NOW OPENED AND, OF COURSE, ALL ARE WELCOMED.  
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF YOU ARE MORE  
COMFORTABLE WORSHIPING AT HOME  
AS COVID SEEMS TO BE SPIRALING UPWARD A BIT,  
LET US BE EVER VIGILANT HERE IN CHURCH  
TO WEAR MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE.

Free Organ in excellent condition: KK Datthyn 576.1658

Free 34' Sony Plasma TV: Ethan Irwin 573-3213

Starting on November 7 (no lunch on November 24)

Bagged lunches will be picked up at back door. We will bring to cars.

Food Pantry:

We have begun to collect items (again) for the Sodus Point Food Pantry so please bring in items and put on shelves downstairs by the back staircase.

Thanksgiving Take-Out Dinner

2020 Thanksgiving Dinner - or -

In the words of the 1970's Monty Python cast:

**"And Now, For Something Completely Different"**

Our Church's Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner is going to be a bit different...just like the rest of this year! We will be preparing a full Thanksgiving Dinner for Take-Outs only. Reverend Gail and I had conversations regarding feasibility of this undertaking and it has also been discussed with the Session and it's a "GO!" We are asking people to **reserve their dinners in advance if at all possible** - we know that we can't reach everyone in our community who might have normally just stopped in and that's OK. Drive / walk-ups without a dinner pre-order will be accommodated. As long we have the majority of the orders in early it will help with planning, prep, and dispensing of orders. We have put together a "Dinner Notice / Dinner Order Sheet" that is being distributed with the weekly Bag Lunches and also will be distributed with the October

Community Dinner take-outs.

Flyers will be posted in public spaces around our area. To volunteer to bring something, contact Alice Irwin, 573-2845

Hanging of the Greens: December 6, 2020

Our Hanging of the Greens Committee is working extremely hard to modify our yearly Hanging of the Greens service to comply with the present situation. We will be having fewer participants and our music will include Handbell Choir, Organ/Piano Music, and a few hymns (masks of course). Although we have had to make a number of modifications, I believe we can still keep beautiful tradition intact.

On-line Donations are up and running on [soduspresbyterian.com](http://soduspresbyterian.com)!

After months of investigation, trial and error, a huge learning curve and struggles to obtain timely technical support due to workforce furloughs because of the pandemic you can now make donations on the Church's web site through PayPal. As a not-for-profit organization, the Church receives a discounted transaction fee from PayPal. It's an easy, safe, and secure way to make a donation.

Just click on the "Donate" heading at the top of the Home Page on the web site and you'll get to a form where you'll need to enter your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and where you would like your donation directed: "Church Expenses" which includes Current, Benevolence, and Per Capita, or "Mission and Outreach" programs. Your personal information is secure and is not shared with any other organization, business, or mailing list. Our Church Financial team members are the only people with access to the PayPal account. When a donation is made through PayPal, the funds will be transferred to the Church's account at Reliant Credit Union. We hope to get the capability to make recurring donations available in the future, but right now, we're just really happy that the on-line donation option is up and running!

### **Christmas Sharing (a Preview)**

Christmas sharing: pickup of gifts is December 20th. Joan will give times to families for them to come for pickup. All food and gifts to be to the church by Thursday, December 17th. Joan will draft a letter to be sent out to the congregation regarding the new protocol for collecting gifts and food.

### **Mitten Tree:**

Friends, It is getting close to that time of year again and the Deacons are ready to accept your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves, for our Sodus students in Pre-K through 6th grade! Feel free to drop off donations on our Mitten Tree table downstairs or call Diane Trawitz 315 553-2406 for pick up! Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!!!!

### **This Sunday, November 1, 2020**

8:45 am: Handbell rehearsal

10:00 am: Worship, In-Church and Streaming ONLINE on FACEBOOK.  
All Saints Day; Handbell playing

11:00 am: A very short Session meeting

### **This Coming Week:**

**Wednesday:** Deacons, 9:00 am

Handbell rehearsal, 6:30 pm

### **Next Sunday, November 8, 2020**

10:00 am: Worship, In-Church and Streaming ONLINE on FACEBOOK.

11:00 am: Worship Committee

### **Giving Summary – October 25, 2020**

Current - \$1,120.00

Benevolence - \$10.00

Bagged Lunch - \$38.00

Community dinner- \$70.00

### **Highlights of Some of the Changes**

- Masks must be worn in the building until seated and socially distanced. When singing, please wear masks.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located at the entry. Please use when entering and exiting the bldg. Also, as required, we take temperatures upon entering.
- No coffee chat for now.



- *Bulletins located on table as you walk in.*
- *Offering will be placed in a plate at the back of the church.*
- *Seating will be by usher to areas marked off to provide social distancing.*

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov. 4:        *Deacons, 9:00 am; Bagged Lunches, 11: 30*
- Nov. 8:        *Worship Committee,11:00*
- Nov. 9:        *Session, 6:00 pm*
- Nov. 10:       *Gail General Council (9:30) Zoom (at home)*
- Nov. 11:       *Bagged Lunches 11:30; Youth Group, 11:00-1:00*
- Nov. 17:       *Gail: Presbytery Meeting 8:30 Zoom (at home)*
- Nov. 18:       *Bagged Lunches 11:30*
- Nov. 22:       *Communion*
- Nov. 23:       *Set up for Light and Music Show; Presbytery Pastor Care Committee, 9:30 am, Zoom (Church)*
- Nov. 25:       *Thanksgiving Prep*
- Nov. 26:       *Thanksgiving Take-Out, Noon*
- Nov. 30:       *Set-up for Hanging of Greens*
- Dec. 2:        *Deacons, 9:00 am; Bagged Lunches*
- Dec. 6:        *Hanging of the Greens*

*Members and Friends,*

*While the church is going through change, our bills and financial obligations continue. Please do what you can to keep your pledge and contributions current. You can use the new PayPal donation button on website or mail your check to the church using the following address:*

*First United Presbyterian Church of Sodus  
Attention: Financial Secretary, 31 West Main St. Sodus, NY 14551*