



The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 3, 2024 + 9:30AM

Welcome to the Church of the Messiah.

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. From its earliest days, the Church has recognized as its foundation stones the people of the faith whose lives have inspired others to holiness and action. It is also the time we recognize the ongoing close connection of the church here on earth with the communion of saints in heaven.

Before worship begins, you are invited to write the names of departed friends and family on slips of paper then place them on the altar of remembrance at the front of the church. If you have brought photos, they can also be placed there.

Prelude

In Heaven Above
Aaron David Miller/Norwegian Folk Tune

Hymn # 287 v.1-4

For All The Saints

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God's kingdom: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
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.

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.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

**1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.**

**2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

**3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"**

**4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

**5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”**

**6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.**

**8 “Who is this King of glory?” *
“The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.”**

**9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.**

**10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *
“The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.”**

The Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6a

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
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."

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." Then he said to me, "It

is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal #556, verses 1-3
The last verse is sung following the Gospel.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (11:32-44)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 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." The word of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Emily E. Given

The Nicene Creed

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For Doris; Kim; Joan; Kathy; Eamonn; Bruce; Jake; Lexi; Jenni; Brad; Julia; Lora; Deb; Doris; Lynn; Selinda and Phillip; Joy and Cal; Jeanne; Ken; Laura; Bobby; Don; Peggy; Debbie; Sharline; Elisabeth; Elouise; Doris; Ken and Valerie; Shelley; Beth; Phillip; Joey; Sam; Scott and Becky.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those from the Messiah community – Renee Marsh, Jeanne Shirk, Joe Wilus, Brooke Hallman, Sara Joan Benninghoff, Dianne Boldt, Ron Robinson and Isabelle Murphy, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share a greeting of peace with your neighbor.

Announcements

Please consider taking the last two pages of the bulletin home today for future reference.

Offertory – Hymnal #618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Doxology

Please rise in body or spirit as the offering and gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creature, here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance of that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Please place your right hand over your left to receive the bread. Wine may be consumed by drinking directly from the cup or dipping the wafer. A gluten-free option is available by asking at the rail. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn

Andante Religioso
Franz Liszt

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Priest and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Stand in body or spirit for the blessing, as the celebrant says

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love.

May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone.

Your lips - so you speak nothing but the truth.

Your ears - so that you hear the cry of the poor.

May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch becomes a sacrament.

Your feet - so that you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened,

so set on fire

that your love changes everything. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #544

Jesus Shall Reign

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

What God Ordains Is Always Good

Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEW RECTOR

Monday, November 4 at 9:00AM
Turning Point - 1469 Bethlehem Pike - North Wales

Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00PM
Phil's Tavern - 931 Butler Pike - Blue Bell

Sunday, November 10 at 2:00PM
Nina's Waffles & Ice Cream - 30 East State Street - Doylestown

Wednesdays starting November 13 - 8:00AM-10:00AM
Backyard Bean - 408 West Main Street – Lansdale

Email Emily@messiahgwynedd.org or text 214.929.7772 to RSVP.

ELECTION DAY – 11/ 5

The church will be open from 7:00AM – 8:00PM for prayer and meditation. For those interested in gathering, Emily will be leading a brief prayer and candle lighting service at 7:00PM. Open to the public.

CHALICE BEARER INFORMATION MEETING AND TRAINING – 11/17

Have you ever considered serving at the altar? It is a wonderful opportunity to serve others and be a part of the most special part of our worship. Anyone sixteen years and older is welcome to come to learn more and take part in a basic training session immediately following the 9:30 service. If you attend the 8:00 service and are interested, contact Emily (emily@messiahgwynedd.org) and she will find a time to share more information and train you.

“FRIENDS OF BELFRY” FUNDRAISING GOAL REACHED

It is with deep appreciation and joyful hearts that we announce the fulfillment of the fundraising goal for Patterson House! Your generous spirit enables the necessary work to begin on the building more quickly than had been anticipated. And as soon as Belfry reopens, we will continue our support of worthwhile charities and organizations in need of our financial assistance. Thank you so very much.

Additional repairs are needed to Patterson House that are necessary but not required by the township. If you're still inclined to help, your donation will be allocated solely to Patterson

House repairs. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Messiah with "Patterson House" noted on the memo line.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – 11/26

A service of thanksgiving and simple supper will be held at 6:00PM. More details to follow.

ALTAR FLOWER SPACES AVAILABLE

There are many openings for Altar Flowers for Fall. Please contact the office if you would like to honor a loved one with altar flowers. The suggested donation is \$75.

THE PRAYER BOOK

A book with a white cover and cross can be found at the back of the church. In the book please write the names of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit or in any kind of need. Their names will be included the following week in the prayers of the people.

Those whose names are entered will be prayed for on Sundays and by members of our prayer chain. Along with their names, please also write the current date. After four weeks - or before if requested - their name will be removed from the prayer list. To continue to include them on the prayer list, after four weeks their name must be entered again in the book.

PHOTOS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

We frequently take photographs in and around the church that may appear on our social media account, website and print materials. If you do not wish to be in photographs, please contact the church office, and we will be sure to respect your wishes!

SUPPORT MANNA ON MAIN STREET

As you do your weekly shopping, please pick up some non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies. These donations can be left on the back pew of the church or left outside the Rector's office door. These will then be delivered to Manna to stock their shelves for distribution to meet clients' needs.

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES AND NOTIFICATIONS

Each week, the church office sends an email to all parishioners with important notifications and information about parish events and other happenings. If you are not currently receiving these messages, please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the database.

If You Do Not Have Internet Access: Please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the mailing list of those parishioners who receive hard copies of the messages and sermon by mail.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Please contact The Rev. Emily Given: 214-929-7772

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

In loving memory of Isabelle Murphy, by her family.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

- Gloria Jones
- Tonia Uffner
- Mercer Sisson

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

Ushers	Walt and Linda Unangst
Lector and Intercessor	Brenda Weir; Cheryl Sargent
Chalice Bearer	Linda Unangst
Altar Guild	Betty Buchecker; Dale Murphy; Eileen Patram
Altar Flowers	In memory of Isabelle Murphy
Crucifer	Maddy Putterman
Chimer	Vicky Fogel

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: November 4 – November 10

Monday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM Meet the new Rector 9:00 AM at Turning Point, North Wales
Tuesday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM Election Day – Church open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Prayers and candle lighting 7:00 PM AA, AlAnon and AlaTeen meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM ACA meeting 7:00 PM Meet the new Rector 7:00 PM at Phil’s Tavern, Blue Bell
Thursday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM
Friday	Church Office Hours 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
Next Sunday	All Saint’s Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. Emily Given, Rector (emily@messiahgwynedd.org)

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Hannah Albrecht, Organist & Choir Director (01hannah01@gmail.com)

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CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH VESTRY

Susan Hess, Interim Warden

Sam Frenkel, Financial Warden

Lynn Mangan, Clerk

Class of 2025: Susan Hess, Dale Murphy, Warren Tudgay, Cathy Wallace, Marissa Beaver

Class of 2026: Marsha Althouse, Barbara Osborne, Linda Unangst

Class of 2027: Brett Baker, Claudette Sudlow, Cindy Wilkinson

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