

# All Saints Day Worship Program

## First Church in Pembroke

### Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **PRELUDE:**

#### **MEDITATION PRAYER:**

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.” (John 21:25)

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Meet & Greet:**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: Take courage my people, take courage, because Jesus admonished us that while we are young we can dress ourselves and go wherever we want to, but when we are stricken in age we should be thankful that there will be someone there to help us.

**C: Today we remember our love ones who are no longer with us, but our hope is in Christ Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.**

P: Jesus spoke about the newness and the renewing of our lives until the day he was taken up into heaven. He dwelt among his own people and he came to this world so that we could have life, and have it more abundantly.

**C: Today we remember our love ones who are no longer with us, but our hope is in Christ Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.**

P: For having such an abiding faith in him, our Lord has declared himself as the 'The Author of our Eternal Salvation.’”

**C: What more can we say about the One who knew no sin and became sin for us? No love was ever so deep, no embrace was ever so tender, and no Savior was ever so forgiving as the man himself, Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God!**

**ALL: Mercy and truth are his, he holds the keys of life and death, and by his grace we the people say Amen, and Holy is his name forever!** (Excerpts from John 21:18 & John 11:25)

**HYMN: #251 (Red Hymnal) “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

As people of the world we are taught to “render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” Today Lord, we come to

render our hearts to you and to praise You as the only true God! In our earthly eyes and actions we get caught up in showing favoritism to our families, friends, and neighbors, and even many times we have allowed partiality to rule our lives. Father, re-direct our thinking and our ways to be more like yours. We are aware that in your eyes you see all humans as precious. In your eyes you see all as a piece of priceless fabric that is good enough to be woven into your kingdom above!

As we reflect on these words, we also remember the Saints who have gone on before us, and may they be forever in your care. To those of us who are still biding our time here on earth, allow us to continue to be good portraits of your representation in our ways and actions and in everything pertaining to your being. May we continue to live our lives as a caring people of faith in our homes and communities. As we seek your presence among us, let your love shine in our hearts, and may our souls be blessed by your presence. Amen

#### **SCRIPTURE [Ephesians 1:15-22](#)**

**SERMON: 'The Eyes of Understanding and Enlightenment' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

**HYMN R#481 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

#### **OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Psalm 110: 1-4)**

“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion, rule thou in the midst of thine enemies...The Lord has sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

#### **DOXOLOGY:**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

#### **SILENT PRAYER:**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER:**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

#### **MUSICAL RESPONSE:**

**HYMN: R#195 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

#### **BENEDICTION:**

#### **POSTLUDE:**