



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2009

Eleven o'clock

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
ALL SAINTS DAY

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## THE GATHERING

*The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.*

*\*Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE	Cantilène (Suite Breve)	Jean Langlais
* HYMN 526	For All the Saints	Sine Nomine

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

**People: Death has no dominion over them.**

Leader: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

**People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Let us remember and celebrate the blessed saints of God.

**People: Christ, come among us. Alleluia!**

INTROIT	KYRIE (Messe Solenelle)	Jean Langlais
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*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie Eleison.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)*

MINUTE FOR AUTUMN AUCTION

*Beneranda Baex*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Carol Schulzrinne*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to their bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

*Gloria Patri*

*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.*

\* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*)

Response - *"And also with you."*)

*+ Children and Youth leave for their Bible Study Classes. +*

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

### ANTHEM

GLORIA (Messe Solenne)

Langlais

Gloria in excelsis deo,  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis  
Laudamus te.  
Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te.  
Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram patris miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you. We bless you. We adore you. We glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father. Lord Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You who take away the sins of the world have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world hear our prayer. You who sit at the Father's right hand, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone, Lord. You alone the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

### SERMON

“Further Than He Thought”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

### \* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very**

God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### OFFERTORY

AGNUS DEI (*Messe Solenelle*)

*Langlais*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

#### \* THE DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE INVITATION

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name.

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *(sung by the choir)* *Langlais*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. The heavens and earth are filled with thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. ... And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

*People: 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. –Revelation 3:20*

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

**BREAD:** To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

**CUP:** Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

## COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE SENDING OUT

\* **HYMN 451**      Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones      *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      Dialogue on the Mixtures (*Suite Breve*)      *Langlais*

*(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)*

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and

they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

<sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

### **Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup>and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he

answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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