

Use the following worship guide as we gather on Sunday morning via Zoom. Simply click here:

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\*\* Announcements are at the end of this order of worship. \*\*

The Service of Worship  
**First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ**  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B  
**All Souls' Sunday**

November 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Prelude

*Sine Nomine*

Nancy Flandermeyer Chronister,  
Director of Music

Arranged by Benjamin Culli

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Call to Worship

~ congregation reads **bold print** ~

See how God loves us!

**God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.**

See how Christ loves us!

**Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.**

See how the Spirit loves us!

**The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.**

Psalm 24

Liturgist

Hymn for Worship NCH #299

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Our Joys and Concerns

*Remember these known joys and concerns:*

- Peace in our world
- Prayers for this country as we go to the polls on Tuesday
- Sharon Barr's mother
- Karen Lovelace – surgery this week
- Those impacted by Hurricanes Milton and Helene
- Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister, recovering from knee surgery
- Laura Weaver-Haas' health
- Jen's friend, Andrew and his family
- Laura Weaver Haas's mother
- Bryce – Jen Langdon's nephew

*If you share a concern and wish for it to be printed on this list, please consult with the person/s whose names are involved, then let the pastor know in writing via email they give their consent.*

Hymn for Blessing MV #46

*Bless The Lord*

(see insert)

~ please remain seated ~

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sisson

Hymn for Unity

NCH #399

*When Minds and Bodies Meet as One*

TRINITY CAROL

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44

Liturgist

Anthem

“Sanctus” (from German Mass in F)  
by Franz Schubert

Choir

The Message

Unbinding and Freeing

Rev. Sisson

Communion Hymn NCH #340

We Are People on a Journey  
~ as you are able, please stand ~

### The Welcoming Table

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 We believe that the invitation to this table comes not from any church or individual, but from Jesus.  
 We therefore invite in Christ's name **all** who hear that invitation and who wish to respond by sharing  
 the bread and the cup. In the spirit of inclusion – the cup is alcohol-free; and there is a gluten-free  
 option for bread.  
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### Making an Offering

Please consider making an offering through on-line giving or mail your check to the church address. You can find information on our church web page: [first-ststephens.org](http://first-ststephens.org) You may also place your offering in the offering plate in the sanctuary. Or, you may use the QR Code that is at the end of the announcements.

### Prayer of Dedication/Offering

(congregation reads **bold print**)

**Now, as God's saints in this time and place, we have the opportunity to feed others from the abundance of all we have, to swallow up the pain and suffering of others, to wipe away the tears of children who are lonely and fearful. May the gifts we offer, and the lives we lead, reveal the One for whom we have waited and who invites us to spread grace over all the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn for Sending VU #701

What Does the Lord Require?  
~ as you are able, please stand ~

MOON

Postlude

Nancy Chronister

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Worship Resources are adapted from:  
Thom Shuman, PCUSA

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's card from the back of one of the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor after the service. Join us for light refreshments immediately after the service in the Gathering Room behind the sanctuary.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – Once again, we will collect Thanksgiving baskets/bags for the first three weeks of November to take to ACTC's holiday drive. Please see the attached information to this week's e-news as to what specifics go in each bag. Bring those bags with you on Sundays before November 17<sup>th</sup> and place them around the remembrance table.

**Docents needed!** We are back in gallery and need people to be docents between noon and 2p.m. on Sundays. If you can stay after worship one Sunday to do that, please contact Sharon Barr ([sharonbarr0227@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbarr0227@gmail.com)).

**ACTC** is asking for any non-perishable food items. For November, please bring **canned tuna**. Place items in the red wagon in the foyer so they may be delivered weekly. Be watching for details about Thanksgiving Baskets for ACTC.

**Changing the Cycles** – as the new school year is under way, we return to bringing **sanitary products** to help those in menstrual poverty. Please bring items to the box in the foyer and help young women remain in school during their cycles.

**Coffee Hour Helpers** – If every person takes one week to provide and help with coffee hour, it won't be a burden to anyone. Those who have volunteered:

Today - Jen Langdon and Carol Berman

November 10<sup>th</sup> - Gallery Reception

November 17<sup>th</sup> - Emily Perl

November 24<sup>th</sup> - Lois Joellenbeck

**To Make an Offering Now**



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