

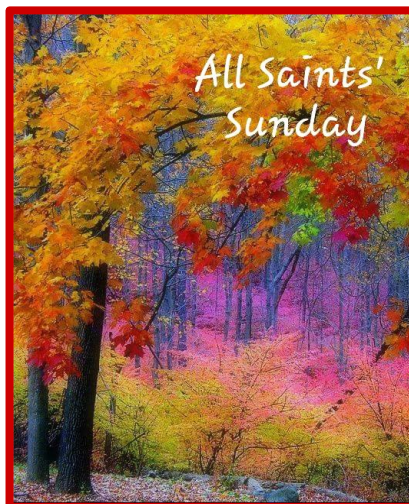
**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006**

**Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

*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. Amen.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

For all the saints who went before us  
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us  
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,  
**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us  
who challenge us to change the world with them,  
**we praise you, O God.**

**CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE      "I Want to Be A Child of the Light"**

*As we begin worship today you are invited to come forward and light candles in memory of loved ones. Also, bring your photos to the front at this time as well. On the altar are the photos*

*of those who have stepped into glory from our congregational family over the past year. We give God thanks and praise for these our precious loved ones.*

**\*HYMN #708**

**“Rejoice in God’s Saints”**

**1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**2 Some march with events, to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.**

**3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!**

**4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Gracious God. There are the hurts we have caused. There are those impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people on the edge of our society, whose cries for help we ignore. Forgive us, when we have lost our way, show us yours.** *Silence is kept.*

God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us. God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life. Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love. You are the God of all our days. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 1: 15-23**

**Joan Olszewski, Reader**

**Paul’s Prayer**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE CHOIR**

### **MESSAGE                      AN INHERITANCE SHARED WITH THE SAINTS**

#### **THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER                      Pastor Karen**

**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 forever. Amen.**

#### **OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

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

**Generous God; Over and over your grace sustains us, over and over your love provides for us, over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

##### **\*DOXOLOGY # 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Individually sealed cups with juice and wafer are available from the usher.*

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 712 "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"**

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the  
house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Stand as able.**

**Altar Flowers** are given today to the glory of God and in memory of her mother-in-law, **Minnie Connell** by Myrtle Connell.

**CALENDAR**

<b>Monday, November 7</b>	<b>10 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group</b> <b>7 PM Zoom Nurture, Outreach, Mission Committee</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 8</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>2 PM Visiting Harp Prayer Circle</b>
<b>Thursday, November 9</b>	<b>7 PM Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday, November 13</b>	<b>10 AM Worship</b> <b>6 PM 75th Anniversary Dinner for AA</b>