WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service 10 a.m.

November 7, 2021 Worship Book

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<u>For those worshipping at home – If you would like to participate in the</u> <u>Lord's Supper today, please have bread and juice available.</u>

> "For All the Saints" Page 767

> > "How Long?"

How Long (We have sung our songs) Stuart Townend - YouTube

(Tune in early to see the scrolling church announcements)

Pastor Kevin

WELCOME

VIDEO *"We Are the Church"*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Goni Laseke

HYMN "For All the Saints" (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6) page 767

Verse 1

For all the saints Who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith Before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, Be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou wast their Rock, Their Fortress, and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain In the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, Their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

O may Thy soldiers, Faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who Nobly fought of old, And win with them The victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant Rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds, From ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams In the countless host, Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for

your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

"I Will Sing Praise"

Joseph M. Martin

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SERMON: *"Forever Blessed"*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The invitation to receive Holy Communion in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is open to all people who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. You are warmly encouraged to share in this sacred meal. Because of our current circumstances, not all are able to gather in one place to partake of the bread and cup. Today we will eat the bread and drink from the cup together, when instructed, as an act of our unity in the body of Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended to hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

> *that is, Hades, the place of the dead (Jesus really died). **that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING SONG "How Long?"

<u>Verse 1</u>

We have sung our songs of vict'ry, We have prayed to you for rain; We have cried for your compassion To renew the land again. Now we're standing in your presence, More hungry than before; Now we're on your steps of mercy, And we're knocking at your door.

Chorus 1

How long before you Drench the barren land? How long before We see your righteous hand? How long before your name Is lifted high? How long before the weeping Turns to songs of joy?

<u>Verse 2</u>

Lord, we know your heart is broken By the evil that you see, And you've stayed your hand of judgment For you plan to set men free. But the land is still in darkness, And we've fled from what is right; We have failed the silent children Who will never see the light.

Chorus 1

Verse 3

But I know a day is coming When the deaf will hear His voice; When the blind will see their Savior, And the lame will leap for joy. When the widow finds a husband Who will always love his bride, And the orphan finds a father Who will never leave her side. <u>Chorus 2</u> How long before your Glory lights the skies? How long before your Radiance lifts our eyes? How long before your fragrance Fills the air? How long before the Earth resounds with songs of joy?

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday – What Now? After-service Discussion centered on today's Bible passage and sermon.

<u>Wednesday</u> – The sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays at noon for prayer. Come and pray.

<u>**Thursday</u>** – The Bible Study is back, but on a new day – it now is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Come join us, or Zoom in (if you are not on our mailing list to receive the weekly Zoom invitation, please send me an email and I will include you – Pastor Kevin <u>revkevloffice@gmail.com</u>)</u>

<u>**The Encouraging Word**</u> – If you would like to receive the weekly email of the prayers from the Sunday service, please call or email Claralee Williams.

Stewardship Sunday – November 14

1st Sunday of Advent - November 28

Harvest Meal – Sunday, November 28, 12 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens – Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.