

**Date: November 5, 2023**  
**Season of the Holy Spirit**  
**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**All Saints Day**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Author Unknown

*Each one is given something to share, something for the whole that no one else can give. Some can speak, some can heal, some can teach. Another can diffuse the tension with a little humor. There are those who can write songs or tell stories that take the listeners straight up to heaven. Everything is important; nothing is not. If your gift is missing, there is a hole in the Whole. Holy Spirit thank you for the gifts you pour out on us. We treasure them, every one. Amen.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**

*Aria, BWV 988*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

We are the body of Christ!

**The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing, justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking.**

We are the body of Christ! Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

**Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality age, class and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

**For only together can we find wholeness.**

None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

**For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer.**

**If one**

**rejoices, we all rejoice!**

God, who is in Christ, has made us one.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

*We Are One in Christ Jesus*

Somos uno en Cristo

GTG 322

**Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist  
Together, we make the Body of Christ, but we are more inclined to act alone. Apart: one may see, but may not hear. Apart: one may reach out, but may not walk. We confess that we have not always cared for one another. We confess that we have belittled our own expressions of faithfulness in light of another's. Strengthen us in who you, our Creator, have created us to be so that we may function as the Body of Christ in this world. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord, to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Prayer of Illumination** Liturgist

**Anthem** *Migratory V* Adam Guettel  
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

**Epistle Lesson** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-31a Liturgist

**Reflection** We Are All Important Pieces of the Puzzle

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed Ecumenical GTG p. 17

**Joys and Hopes of the People of God**

**The Act of Gratitude Offertory** *God Welcomes All* GTG 399



**\*Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

*Tune: Old Hundredth.* Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this Communion Table. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn of Invitation**

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

**The Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread & the Cup**

**Communion Prayer** (unison)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **We Follow God's Word into the World**

**\*Hymn**

*Together We Serve*

GTG 767

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Variation 1, BWV 988*

J.S. Bach

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Next Week's Liturgist: Carol Pillsbury

**Thank you to Ken McDyer for today's Communion Bread**

### **Remembering the Saints**

All saints is a universal festival of the church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. All Saints Day celebrates all the people of God, living and who have moved to "More Life," who together form the mystical body of Christ. Following are the names of the members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church who have been baptized or "Moved from this Life to More Life," in the past year. Today we recognize them with our prayers to give thanks for their lives.

#### **Baptized**

Future Generation

Liam Matthew Green

#### **Moved from this Life to More Life**

Past Generation

Richard Derrickson

Jeff Dunn

John J. Greenhill  
Clif Hilderley  
Anne Jones  
Rev. Troy Key  
Anne MacKinnon  
Leah McKenzie  
Suzanne "Lynn" Foraker Misener

Dee Moore  
Mary (Semsick) Simon  
Donna Stone  
Carolann Thompson  
Pastor Tshidinda's son  
John Weiss

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Rev. Eddie Jusino  
Liturgist: Al Cybart  
Ushers: Greg Estes and Adele Trout  
Music: David Libby  
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento  
The Westminster Choir  
A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade  
**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 @ 10am – Final Class of Adult Ed Bible Study returns with Alan Keohane's "Picturing Scripture", an engaging online Bible Study.

Nov. 1 & 8 – Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Letters (Thessalonians and Galatians)  
Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions via Zoom. The link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC's website.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE celebrating Veterans' Day with guest Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, retired Navy Chaplain.**



**Biography:** Cindy served as a Reserves Navy Chaplain from 1995-1998 serving in multiple locations including South Korea, on-board the USS Inchon and within a Naval Hospital. She has served two churches as a solo pastor, in Ohio and Massachusetts, and the Presbyteries of Northern New England and Boston as

Resource Presbyter. She was elected in June 2018 as Co-Moderator of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the PC (USA). In January of 2021, she began service as the Connectional Presbyter and Stated Clerk for New Castle Presbytery (Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland). She is married to the Rev. Eric Markman, interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE, and has two adult step-daughters.

**NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 27 @ 10-11:30am – ADVENT BOOK STUDY in the Fellowship Hall.** Pastor Eddie will lead the study group using Advent in Plain Sight, a Devotion through Ten Objects by Jill J. Duffield. The book is \$10 and is available in the church narthex (leave \$10 with your name in the envelope) or you may purchase it at Amazon.



## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

WPC is blessed by our Fellowship Ministry, spearheaded by **Charlotte Jacobs** and **Lois Anne Rayner**. The presentation and sharing of meals nourishes our precious community of faith. Their tireless work binds us together in a most beautiful way. Now, we praise God, with gratitude, for Charlotte's successful shoulder surgery and steady recovery. We pray that Lois Anne's back surgery, scheduled for November 7, is safe and restorative. May Our Lord guide the surgeon's hands and the Holy Spirit comfort her before and after the procedure and throughout recovery.

### *Surgery and Post-Surgery:*

**Bonnie Ekas**

**Don Smith**

### *Long Term Health Concerns*

**Mary Beth Adair**

**Linda Book**

**Rob Book** (Linda Book's son)

**Pauline Cottingham**

**Jean Guenveur**

**Trish Hill** (Project Manager

Springboard Pallet Village)

**Bill Meyer**

**Jane Nicholson**

**Sherry Schnephe**

### *Aging with Grace*

**Betty Carnahan**

**Frances Cowgill**

**Mable Granke**

**Pat and John Mossel**

**Jane Nicholson**

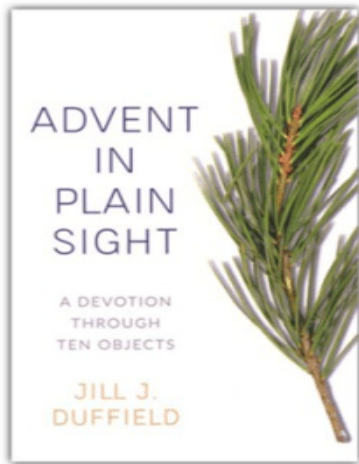
**Sara Ortolani**

**Betty Pratt**

**Joan Velez**

## Advent Study – *Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects*

Advent is, above all else, a season of hope – a virtue that is all too rare in our world.



interesting phrase. We use it when we feel like quitting – like giving up. We use it when we don't feel like it's worth giving an honest effort at a particular task and of course, we know hell as that "place" where there is no hope. Life in general, let alone during this pandemic lifestyle, is full of challenges and obstacles that can often lead us to despair – to an "Oh, to hell with it" attitude. Advent is the antidote to this sentiment. Because of Emmanuel – God with us – we are compelled to never give up and to always have hope because we are not alone.

Oh,

to hell with it." That's an

At Christmas God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life. Through ten ordinary objects like gates, tears, belts, trees, cloth, light, hearts, gold, stars, and water participants will discover new meaning in the biblical story of Jesus' coming. By connecting everyday objects with biblical text, *Advent in Plain Sight* by Jill L. Duffield will prompt you to see the near kingdom of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks you to do and be. Each daily devotional features a Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection, reminding us Christians and curious minds that God still dwells among us, even in the most ordinary places.

Instead of speed dialing into the Christmas rush, slow down and join, in-person, Pastor Eddie every Tuesday morning for four weeks (November 29 through December 27), in the warmth of Fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects*, stretches from Advent through the Baptism of the Lord. It is a prayerful attempt to invite us to pay attention to a particular object – see, hear, feel – and allow that tangible item to point to the sometimes-ineffable work of God in our ordinary lives and world. Save the dates: Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., from November 30 and through January 17. You can also join us through Zoom. Copies of the book are available in the Narthex, outside the Church Office at \$10.00 each.

May this Advent season be one where your anticipation of Jesus' birth and your expectation of Christ's return allow you to always see God in all things and, as we continue to navigate these very disturbing times.