24th Sunday after Pentecost



November 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG	"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
WELCOME & INVOCATION	Jim Loeffler
PRELUDE	"For All the Saints"
VETERANS' DAY VIDEO #1	"You Are Worth It"
SCRIPTURE (Revelation 7:13-17) (Hebrews 12:1-3)	Sandy Shaffer Penny Gotham
PRAISE & WORSHIP	"We Believe" "All Over the World"
VETERANS' DAY VIDEO #2	"A Lesson In Honor"
THE LORD'S PRAYER	Sue Fuller
KIDS' DISMISSAL	
HYMN #57	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
MESSAGE	Pastor Keith
"Today, We Celebrate ' July Sqints ' and We Give Thanks FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE FOR THOSE WHO LIVE TODAY & FOR THOSE WHO ARE YET TO BE " Revelation 7:9-17	
COMMUNION""We Fall RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE BENEDICTION EXIT SONG	"Communion (This Is the Body)"

11-7-21:

"Today, We Celebrate ' **All Saints**' and We Give Thanks

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE ... FOR THOSE WHO LIVE TODAY ...

& FOR THOSE WHO ARE YET TO BE ... "

Revelation 7:9-17

Today we **REFLECT** upon, **REMEMBER** and **GIVE THANKS** for 'all the saints' that have gone before us in faith & life...THAT WE MAY BE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED TO PRESS ON TO OUR PLACE BEFORE GOD

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME THRU THE TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE AND HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO THE COMPANY OF ANGELS PRAISING GOD IN HIS HEAVENLY THRONE ROOM - FATHER, SON, and SPIRIT.

TEXT AND CONTEXT:

Revelation 7:13-17

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

SO WHAT? These are a part of the "cloud of witnesses" surround us

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses"... let us THROW OFF everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE the race marked out for us,...² FIXING OUR EYES UPON JESUS, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him [those] who endured such opposition from sinners, SO THAT you will not grow weary and lose heart.

WHO ARE THE "SAINTS"?

"saint" comes from the Greek word *hagios*, which means, "consecrated to God, holy, sacred and pious"

Dictionary: A person acknowledged as holy, virtuous and typically regarded as being in heaven after death.

In the Bible, everyone who believes and responds to the work of Christ is a saint - and the church is often referred to as the body of Christ composed of the saints.

Acts 9:13; Acts 9:32; Acts 26:10; 1 Corinthians 1:2 Romans 16:2; Ephesians 4:12; Ephesians 5:3

WAYS TO UNDERSTAND "THE GREAT TRIBULATION"

PRE-TRIB **MID-TRIB POST-TRIB**

REFLECTION & APPLICATION FROM REVELATION 7:13-17 & HEBREWS 12:1-3

TODAY ... AS WE HONOR AND REFLECT AND GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE 'WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE WILL JOIN THE MULTITUDES CELEBRATING THE WONDERS AND GLORY OF GOD ... AMEN



We will be serving communion TODAY.



In Sunday School today, Solomon Becomes King (1 King 2:1-4; 3:1-15) "Ask God What We Need"



November 7- SMALL GROUPS (6-12 grade) will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided directly following Church. We'll break up into small groups.



Camp Findley presents Board & Brush! On Nov. 13 from 2-4 pm in Weaver Hall come paint a special project just in time for Christmas. All supplies & instructions are included. Light refreshments served. Cost is \$45 and all proceeds benefit the camp. To register go to: www.thecampatfindley.com



The HillToppers Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner & Game Night will be held on Friday,November 19 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. There will be 2 sign-up sheets (one for how many attending and the other for what food item you'll be bringing). Bring a friend and LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



SATB singers needed! Practice for our Thanksgiving Anthem which we will sing on **Sunday, Nov. 21 are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**

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On Sunday, November 21 from 4:00-5:30 p.m., SHUMC youth will be involved in a Mission/Service project at Our Lady of Mercy. This event is a Harborcreek Community Event and all youth in surrounding community churches will be attending. Our guest speaker will be Andy Kerr, Chaplain at the Erie City Mission. There will be games, pizza, fun and service.



We'll have a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy at 837 Bartlett Road in Harborcreek.

The service will feature music with the choir members made up from many of the congregations in our area including SHUMC, scripture and a message from Rev. Keith McGarvey with a number of other pastors from area churches sharing in the worship service. The service is ecumenical in nature and all are invited to attend.

Traditionally, we ask those attending to bring a canned or boxed food item which will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



In *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Please join us on Sunday evenings starting November 28 at 5:00 p.m. or Wednesday afternoons beginning December 1 @ 1:00 p.m. for this wonderful Advent bible study. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to join us.



The Shawl Ministry wants to remind everyone that the lap blankets and shawls are free to give to someone you may know that needs one. Someone who has had a (recent surgery, hospital stay, homebound, births, etc.) All they ask is that you sign the sheet letting us know you've taken one so they can crochet and knit more.

COVID PROTOCOLS

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily & will continue to do so regarding COVID protocols here at SHUMC.

- SO... We're asking a couple of things of you as you come to worship:
- 1) That people be mindful of responsible 'distancing' between family units
- 2) We're asking that everyone wear masks until the children are dismissed for Sunday School. Once the children are dismissed, you're welcome to take off your mask for the balance of the service.
- 3) We're asking that we all wear masks as we leave the sanctuary and return to our cars.

With love and care,

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Please hit the "Like" button so we know that you are viewing! It helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.