

**November 6, 2011 | All Saints Sunday**

**The Readings from Scripture**

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading**

Revelation 7:9–17

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

A Reading from the Book of Revelation:

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ***The Second Reading***

1 John 3:1–3

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

A Reading from the first letter of John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In communion with the holy ones of every time and place, let us pray for the church on earth, the stewardship of creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We bless you, God of glory, for the power of your Spirit working in the church. Give us courage to serve you faithfully in our time, for the sake of the world you love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the abundant beauty of all that you have made. Guide us to restore and protect the living earth, that future generations may praise you with joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the hope of peace on earth. Raise up leaders of integrity who will strive for justice and reconciliation among nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for your tender care for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. Sustain the hope of refugees, exiles and prisoners, the wounded, the oppressed, and all who face danger. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the saints of this congregation—past, present, and yet to come. Enlighten our hearts, so that we may minister in and beyond this place to the praise of your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the immeasurable greatness of your love, holy God, and On this All Saints' Sunday we especially remember before you:

*Lillian Brown ~ Edyth Lillian Wyndham ~ Harold Schatz  
Warren R. Sowers ~ Dean T. Henry ~ Jean Carolyn Walker  
William Althouse ~ Gloria F. Harpel ~ Muriel L. Ballew-Benner  
Dorothy Mohr ~ Lillian Smoll ~ Adeline Patricia Wydominic  
Lewis Gaul ~ Hilda M. Kennedy ~ Robert Mack ~ George J. Christy  
Calvin Walter ~ Esther Walter ~ Harvey S. Keller, Jr.  
Judy Shupe ~ Gordon Leister*

Keep us also in your grace, that, with all the saints, we may receive the glorious inheritance of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you, trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **St. Paul's Prayer List ❁ Weekly update to the November Vision**

Alma Leister – LV Hospital  
Frank Grim

Calvin Miller  
Linda Shagg

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** and in memory of Mr. Morris Wonsidler who entered eternal rest on November 6, 1960 and Mrs. Morris Wonsidler who entered eternal rest on November 17, 1961 presented by children and grandchildren.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** in loving memory of the birthday anniversary on November 14 of Mildred Richard presented by sons Alan and Clyde and families.

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God** and in memory of Scott Reeder presented by Katie Gryshuk.

**Capital Improvement Fund** ~ We have currently received a total of \$67,069. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

<b>Elevator Fund</b> ~	Project Cost	\$170,000.00
	<b>Total Gifts Received as of 11.1</b>	<b>\$73,050.00</b>



**Ham Dinner** ~ The 2012 Appalachia Service Project team will be hosting its Ham Dinner on November 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This event benefits the ASP home repairs ministry. Come enjoy food and fellowship while supporting a great cause.

ASP at St. Paul's will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary with an ASP reunion picnic on July 28, 2012. A combined worship hour will be held at 9:15 on July 29 with Pastor Bill Bixby as the guest preacher. Pastor Bixby was associate pastor during the initial years of ASP.

**Pie Making by the Kitchen Committee** will take place the week of November 7. To help pinch pies shells join us on Wed. Nov. 9 at 6:30 PM. To help with pie baking join us on Thur. Nov 10 and Fri. Nov 11 - 8:30AM to 5 PM. The pies will be sold at the ASP Ham Dinner. Questions or interested in helping for a few hours call Donna Stever at 679.7521.

**Lunch Bunch** ~ invites you to join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 AM in Church Fellowship Hall. No need to pack your lunch. You need to make a luncheon reservation. **Sign-up deadline is October 31.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Robert Gerhart will entertain us with his talent of story in chalk art. Lunch Bunch is our active group of ladies and men aged 50 +, not limited to St Pauls' members. Don't forget to save your Redner's Tapes and use your Save-A-Tape Gas Card at Redners.

**Choral Concert** ~ The Quakertown High School Choir is proud to sponsor an evening with the world-renowned Westminster Choir on November 19 at 8:00 pm Tickets are available at the door for \$10 adults and \$5 students. You can pre-purchase by contacting vpchorus@qmpo.org. Ticket sales pay for the WCC Choir and will help our HS choir.

**Blood Drive** ~ Community Bible Fellowship is hosting a blood drive on November 14 from 12 to 7 PM. Call Sherry Peterson for an appointment 215-679-8656.

## ***This Week at St. Paul's***

<b>Sunday</b>	Early Service	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth Group	6:00 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	Praise Team	7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Robotics Team	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	AA	8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Bible Study off site	1:00 PM
	Bible study off site	7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Frontier Girls, Brownies & Daisies	6:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	Robotics Team	9:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM

### ***Today's Worship Assistants***

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Niccole Oswald
		Pat Walter
	10:30 AM	Stephanie Smith
Assistant:	8:00AM	Stan Rose
	10:30AM	Joanne Hersh
Ushers:	9:15AM	Sue Jarrett
		John Ferrero
	10:30AM	Alan Richard
		Donald Dulan
		Chalres Roth
Monday:		Leroy Stevens
		Betty Treffinger
		Robert Stevens

### ***Next Sunday's Worship Assistants***

8:00AM	Sandy Landis
	Wash
10:30AM	
8:00AM	Nancy Yerger
10:30AM	Robert Walp
9:15AM	Ron Leister
	Diane Leister
10:30AM	Jeff Bird
	Tyler Bird
Monday:	Sandy Bergey
	Claude Croisette
	Jean Croisette



If you would like to participate in giving to the fall United Way Campaign and supporting our child care center you may designate on the form noting: Upper Perkiomen Child Care #43143 .