

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2020 | ALL SAINTS' DAY

Prelude "Lord of the Dance" Shaker Melody/Setting by John Carter
Ezequiel Navarro & Carolyn Hansen

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **Let us be glad this day, for life, for breath and for freedom of worship.**

Leader: Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord.

People: **We come to offer our gifts of praise and gratitude to the King of Creation.**

Hymn "I Love You, Lord" L. Klein/arr. K. Christopher
Ezequiel Navarro, oboe

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Together we pray:

ALL:

Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music "Andante" Lefebvre | Ezequiel Navarro, oboe

Sermon "The State and the Christian" Romans 13:1-7

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He shall 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.*

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Benediction

THE STATE AND THE CHRISTIAN

Romans 13:1-7 ESV

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Prayer

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Prayer for Local Government

Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in this State the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Government . . .

1. is part of God's moral order
2. authority is limited and not absolute
3. are accountable to God for misusing or abusing their authority

Christians . . .

4. should pray for and honor government leaders
5. should submit to government
6. should recognize the limits of government authority