



Traditional Worship - November 3, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Pastor Nancy Conley

Prelude *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* Sadowski

All Saints Commemoration

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Tom Beattie
11:00 - Pastor Nancy Conley

Leader: We have come here as a people of faith,

People: Thankful for all those who have gone before us.

Leader: We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully and shared and lived the good news.

People: May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.

All: Let us now remember and join in holy fellowship as we sing our praise.

***Hymn** *For All the Saints (v. 1-4)* #480

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Jared Priset
11:00 - Pastor Bryan George

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem (11:00 only) *Was I Faithful?* arr. McDonald
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-10 pg. 967

All Saints Sunday Prayer

Today we look back and remember the saints who have brought our community to this time and place, our spiritual parents and grandparents. Also as people of faith, we not only look back and remember their work and impact, but we also look forward. We look forward to the reward in which they already share. We look forward to the tomorrow in which death and crying will be no more. We look forward to the fulfillment of your promises for us.

God, on this day when we honor the saints, we pray for your loving presence to be felt by these gathered — and especially by those who aren't able to be here today because of life's struggles. Amen.

***Response in Song** (11:00 only)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)Hymn** (11:00 only)*To God Be the Glory (v. 1)*

#531

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

pg. 801

Message**Use it or Lose it**

Caring for the Resources that God Provides

Pastor Bryan George

Responding With Thanksgiving**Communion** (8:30 only)

Communion is open to all who hunger to receive the love and mercy of the Lord

We will practice communion at stations, come forward to the station that is closest to where you are seated. Individual pieces of bread and cups will be passed to you. Deposit empty cups in the receptacles at the end of the aisles. If you are unable to come forward due to physical limitation, the ushers will bring the elements to you as you remain seated in your pew. Allergen-free wafers are available.

Sending Forth***Closing Hymn***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

#242

Benediction*Postlude***When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Held

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Organist/Accompanist - Jimmy Oakley

Altar Flowers are given in honor of All Saints Sunday**Acolytes:** Caroline Dria & Basil Johnson

Contemporary Worship - November 3, 2024 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

My Jesus
You Won't Relent

Welcome

Matt Ritzert

All Saints Commemoration

Worship Song & Offering

It is Well

Prayer

Pastor Jared Priset

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Message

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Closing Song

The Stand

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: God blesses us with resources to create opportunities to enhance the kingdom of God. When we bury what has been given we demonstrate a lack of faith that God will provide for our daily needs. All of us will be accountable for our return on investment.

I) Reflections on Being Careful

Aunt Safety

Fighting my own temptations...struggle with stretching and risking

II) Tough Questions from the parable of the talents

The great freedom and resources the stewards are given

Talent is a lot of money. Nearly a half million in today's economy.

What is a steward?

Unequal distribution

For whom much is given, much is expected

Spurgeon's parable of the carrot and the horse

Making a fundamental choice between investment strategies

Using and risking resources

Hoarding and defending resources

Wesley: *"So mere harmlessness, on which many build their hope of salvation, was the cause of his damnation!"*

Gretzky *"I missed 100% of the shots that I didn't take."*

The role of worrying

Motivation or paralysis?

III) What is the return on investment (ROI)?

Failure of faith is breaking even!

Bombeck's *"If I Had My Life To Live Over!"*

This month try sharing the Good News by getting together with someone you would like to know better.

Visit churchofthelakes.org/good-news for more details about flash prayers

All Saints Sunday

The first Sunday of November is a day of remembrance for the saints. In our congregation we remember those in our fellowship who have died during the past year. After their names are read, a bell will toll, and a candle lit to rejoice in the good news that they are part of the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us all on in the journey of faith

Explore

Widow's Connection

The widow's connection group will meet at Grinder's on Whipple on **Tuesday, November 19th**, 11:30 am. RSVP by *November 17th* to Sue Hoffmeyer, 330-704-1774. Other activities for this group will be announced at this luncheon.

Children's Christmas Party

Kindergarten - 6th grade students are invited to our Children's Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 4th, 5:30 pm**. Children will learn that Jesus is the true light of Christmas. Jesus brightens our world, bringing us peace, joy, and love, which we can share with the entire world. We will have a candle light worship service, "star" crafts, "luminary" games, and a Bible story by the fireplace to center ourself on Christ this Christmas season. The cost is only \$5 and can be paid at the door. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm immediately followed with the Christmas Party. Register today at churchofthelakes.org/event/childrens-christmas-party.

Women's Christmas Gala

Join us for our annual Christmas Gala on **Thursday, December 12th** at the Massillon Women's Club. The gift shop opens at 4:30 pm, check in begins at 5:00 pm, entertainment provided by Len and Patty Brown is 5:30 - 6:30 pm with dinner immediately following.

This will be a fun evening of fellowship, food, beautiful atmosphere and of course prizes. The cost is \$25 per person and can be paid in cash or by check, made out to Sheri Grunwald. Make your reservations in the church office ASAP as the event is limited to 100 ladies.

Serve

Baby Bottle Boomerang

We are asking that you fill the baby bottles handed out last week with loose change, money or a check and return them to the connection center or church office by **NEXT Sunday, November 10th**. All money donated goes to The Pregnancy and Parenting Center. Baby Bottles are available at the connect center in the entryway.

Layers of Hope

Help us collect coats for all ages for Christmas. Layers of Hope is collecting new and slightly used coats. They will be distributed through the Refuge of Hope shelter in Canton at Christmas time. Donations can be placed in the box in the entryway by *December 8th*.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the back of the pews, or the pew pad clipboards.

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org



Lil' Lambs Closet

TOY SALE

Saturday, November 9th
8 am – 2 pm

5944 Fulton Dr NW
Canton OH 44718
(on the corner of Brunnerdale)



FIND GREAT DEALS:

Toys, Games, Movies, Books, Electronics, Ride-on Toys, Bikes, Sports, Outdoor Toys, Play Furniture & Toy Storage, Costumes, Arts & Crafts, Puzzles, Winter Snow Coats/Snow Boots, and more!

Register to consign or volunteer at
www.cotl-lillambscloset.com

Find updates on - Lil' Lambs Closet Jackson

30% of proceeds go to children in need

Carts are available
Please no strollers

We accept cash, VISA, MasterCard, Discover & check (with proper ID)

SAT
DEC 7
2:00 - 5:30 pm

SINGLE MOMS DAY OUT

FREE EVENT
DINNER FOR CHILDREN & MOTHERS AT 5:30 PM

5944 FULTON DR NW
CANTON OH 44718

LET US ENTERTAIN YOUR CHILDREN WHILE YOU HAVE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF!
SHOP, WRAP GIFTS, OR JUST RELAX.

KIDS CAN WEAR THEIR PAJAMAS (NO SLIPPERS) SHOWING "THE STAR", BIBLE STORY, CRAFTS, LIVE ANIMALS, GAMES, AND MORE.

REGISTER AT CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

Surviving the Holidays

GRIEF SHARE
DIVORCE Care

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Saturday, November 9th

9:30 – 11:30 am

Call 330-499-8972 to register

JESUS in the HOME FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



\$2 per person

Join us for pizza dinner & a showing of the movie

THE STAR

Sunday, December 8th

4:30 pm

Church of the Lakes Activity Center

Bring a box of your favorite movie candy to add to the candy trail mix.

We will also have plenty of other movie snacks.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Rick Cline, and Dan West

Our condolences to Michael Van Voorhis on the passing of his father, Dale.
Our condolences to Mark Conventry on the passing of his father, Jim.
To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.