ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music

Jan Mansfield

Prelude "The Power of Your Love" by Geoff Bullock Janet Nyfeler, Accompanist and Choir Director

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

- *Opening Song "Praise Him! Praise Him!" 95
- *Call to Worship

Shout Praises to the Lord

Shout praises to the Lord! With all that I am, I will shout his praises.

I will sing and praise the Lord God for as long as I live.

You can't depend on anyone, not even a great leader.

Once they die and are buried, that will be the end of all their plans.

The Lord God of Jacob blesses everyone who trusts him and depends on him.

God made heaven and earth; he created the sea and everything else.

God always keeps his word.

He gives justice to the poor and food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and heals blind eyes.

He gives a helping hand to everyone who falls.

The Lord loves good people and looks after strangers.

He defends the rights of orphans and widows but destroys the wicked.

The Lord God of Zion will rule forever!

Shout praises to the Lord!

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*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "For All the Saints" (St. 1, 2, 6) 529

Remembering the Saints of God

Community and Congregational Prayer – OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom comes, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

| A Reading from the Old Testament | | Ruth 1:1-18 |
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| A Reading from the Apostle | s Nancy Cottril | Hebrews 9:11-14 |
| *A Reading from the Gospel | | Mark 12:28-34 |
| *Responsorial "F | nd Us Faithful" | 497 |

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer – We give you thanks, O God, for you have provided for our hearing of the gospel, the joyful news of the resurrection life, by the Word of Christ and through the ministry of your saints through the ages. Thank you for your servants who fostered our first steps toward you. Thank you for the community of saints surrounding us today. And, thank you for the eternal communion of saints who worship you around your throne. Receive these gifts of gratitude, we pray.

Offertory "Waters of New Life" by Kevin Keil Janet Nyfeler, Accompanist and Choir Director

Children's Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

The Message "O Little Town of Bethlehem" The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have received baptized are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Song"One Bread, One Body" (St. 1 and 2)689

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

RESPONDING TO THE LORD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

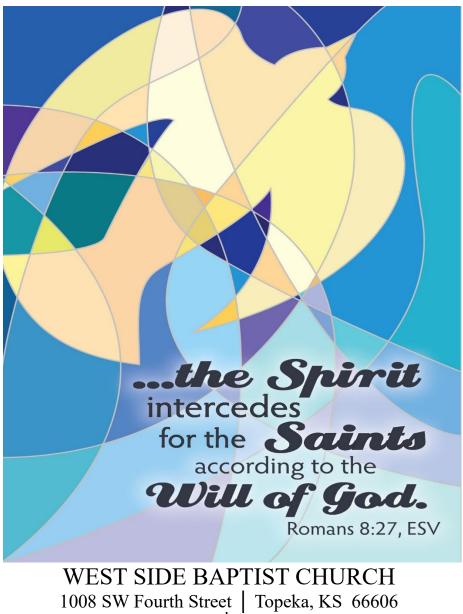
*Song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"Toccagta

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Toccata in C-Minor" by Leonardo Leo *Please stand if able

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – All Saints Day is a Christian festival celebrated in honor of all the baptized believers (i.e., saints), known and unknown, who have "finished their race" in Christ Jesus (Acts 20:23-24). This celebration stems from the biblical truth that "we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). Christians believe the Holy Spirit creates a powerful bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). The day is the church's Memorial Day holiday.

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