



## All Saints Presbyterian Church

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Sunday after the Epiphany

*\*Congregation Stands*

### **\*Gathering Song** (10:25 AM) Christus Victor

O Most High King of the ages  
Great I AM God of wonders  
By the blood You have redeemed us  
Led us through mighty waters  
Our strength our song our sure  
salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle You have won  
Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High dwelling among us  
Son of man sent for sinners  
By Your blood You have redeemed  
us  
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior  
Who lived who died who rose  
victorious

#### *Chorus*

Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle You have won  
Hallelujah!  
With every tribe and every tongue  
We join the anthem of the angels

In the triumph of the Son  
Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High King of the nations  
Robed in praise crowned with  
splendor  
On that day who will not tremble  
When You stand Christ the Victor  
Who was and is and is forever

#### *Chorus*

Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen

#### *Chorus*

Sing the victory of the Lamb  
Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

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## Entering into the Worship of God

**Welcome** ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

**Special Announcement** ————— Emily Adamson  
All Saints Disability Ministry

**\*Call to Worship** ————— AJ Poelarends, *Elder*

From Psalm 21:13; 30:4; 134:1

Leader: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

**Everyone: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD!

**Everyone: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.**

**\*Song of Praise:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains,  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest,  
the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish –  
but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render;  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light  
hideth Thee!

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**\*Prayer of Invocation** ————— AJ Poelarends, *Elder*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** ————— AJ Poelarends, *Elder*

Everyone: Holy God, we have taken your name in vain every time we have added or taken away from your character. We have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us by the renewing work of your Holy Spirit from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking delight in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon** ————— AJ Poelarends, *Elder*

Leader: Hear this promise of God from Psalm 130:3-4. "If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." Know then, all you who have placed your faith in Jesus Christ, and have repented of your sins from the heart, your sins are forgiven.

**Everyone: Praise God for his redeeming grace!**

**\*Song of Gratitude:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow  
of turning with thee;  
thou changest not,  
thy compassions, they fail  
not;  
as thou hast been  
thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus*  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see:  
all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature  
in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love.

*Chorus*

Pardon for sin  
and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today  
and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!

*Chorus*

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## The Sacrament of Baptism

John Tyler Giles, covenant child of Tyler and Lani Giles

Waverly Jean Lau, covenant child of Alex and Heather Lau

Caleb Andrew, Arnold Paul, Margaret Grace, Josephine Lucille, and

Thomas Benedict Nesvig, covenant children of Jon and Rachel Nesvig

After the parental vows, the pastor will ask the congregation the question below; if you are a member of All Saints and accept, answer, "We do."

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

**ASPC Members: We do.**

**\*Extending Peace to One Another** ————— AJ Poelarends, *Elder*

*3-5 year olds are welcome to join Teach Me To Worship downstairs at this time*

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Everyone: And also with you.**

*You are encouraged to connect with whom you need to in order to make peace before coming to the Lord's Table, or extend the peace to others, particularly newcomers.*



## Hearing the Word of God

**\*Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 13:7-16 ————— Jonathan Fictorie

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent[a] have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

**Everyone:** Lord God, at the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the waters as the powerful agent of Creation. So send your Spirit to us now to open our hearts and minds to the re-creating power of your Spirit working in us through your holy Word. Amen.

Sermon ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

*“Our Heavenly High Priest - Jesus Christ: Always the Same”*



## *Sermon Notes*



# Responding to the Grace of God

**Congregational Prayer** ————— AJ Poelarends, Elder

At the end of the congregational prayer, we will corporately pray the Lord's Prayer:

**Everyone: 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 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. Amen.**

**Tithes and Offerings** (Teach Me To Worship children return)



## Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ as a way for Christians to worship until he returns. When we eat and drink this meal by faith, Jesus himself is present with us by his Holy Spirit, and he nourishes and strengthens us to live as his disciples in the world. It is a meal that unites all believers in Jesus Christ, and thus we invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who are members of a Bible-believing church to participate with us. Children who have professed faith and have been admitted to the Lord's Supper by the leaders of your church are also encouraged to participate.*

*If you are not yet a baptized Christian, or if you have not been joined to a church, we want you to know that we are so glad that you are here! And yet, we ask that you refrain from participating in this meal. If you are interested in knowing more about what it means to follow Jesus and join his people in the church, any of the pastors or elders would be delighted to meet with you. We also encourage you not to participate if you have an unresolved conflict with another member of the church, and are not pursuing reconciliation, as this meal is to be a sign of our love and unity in Christ.*

*While not all will eat and drink (because we know that not all here have taken those first steps of faith and obedience to Jesus), we do encourage everyone to join the circle that will form around the sanctuary as a sign that you are all an important part of our church community*

### **Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Partaking of the Sacrament:**

*If you are not able to receive Communion because you have not yet entrusted your life and eternity into the saving hands of Jesus Christ, you can select a prayer that best describes your current place in the spiritual journey and meditate on it*

#### **A Prayer for those who cannot believe in God**

God, I have doubted your existence. I have reasoned you away or associated you with a Being that either does not love me or does not have the strength to show me that you care. And yet, I see today that there are many people who have experienced the same hardships and disappointments in life that I have, yet they believe in you. They say they see your care in their

trials and they experience your strength in their hardships. And they say that it all must be true because of the resurrection of Jesus. God, this is all strange to me. Therefore, if you really exist, if you really are the caring and sovereign God these people and their Bible say you are, reveal yourself to me personally through this resurrected Jesus. Amen.

#### **A Prayer for those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### **A Prayer of Belief and Commitment**

Lord Jesus, I admit that in and of myself I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to believe, but in you, oh Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. I commit myself to be baptized into union with you and to follow you all my life as a committed disciple of Jesus, no matter what the cost.

### **Song to the Cross: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and  
    righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest  
    frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

#### *Chorus*

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely  
    face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

#### *Chorus*

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming

flood:  
When all around my soul gives  
    way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

#### *Chorus*

When He shall come with  
    trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness  
    alone,  
Faultless we stand before His  
    throne.

#### *Chorus*

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## Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our  
way!

While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and  
obey.

Not a shadow can rise,  
not a cloud in the skies  
but his smile quickly drives it  
away;

Not a doubt or a fear,  
not a sigh nor a tear,  
can abide while we trust and  
obey

### *Chorus*

Trust and obey, for there's no  
other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust  
and obey.

Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,

not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey

### *Chorus*

But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and  
obey

### *Chorus*

Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the  
way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey

### *Chorus*

*John H. Sammis*

*Tune: TRUST AND OBEY,*

*Trinity Hymnal 672*

*Composer: Daniel B. Towner*

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## **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*Thomas Ken, Louis Bourgeois  
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**\*Benediction:** ————— Rev. Adam Brice, *Pastor*  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Leader: "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,  
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through  
grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and  
word."

# All Saints Pulpit

*Sermons will be available online; on podcast apps search "All Saints Presbyterian Church" and look for our logo*

Date	Sermon Title	Sermon Text	Preacher
1/18	Overseers of Souls	Hebrews 13:17-19	Rev. Adam L. Brice
1/25	TBD	TBD	Rev. Adin Yoon
2/01	TBD	TBD	Rev. Brandon Haan

## Community Groups

### Northeast

Kuhfusses & Poelarends  
Wed | 6:00 - 7:30PM

### Mac-Grove

Kruzeks & Olsons  
Wed | 5:30 - 7:00PM

### Northern Suburbs

Aarrestads  
Sun (1st and 3rd) | 4:30-6:30PM

### South Minneapolis

Laus  
Tues | 6:00 - 7:30PM

### West Side

Stephensons  
Tues | 6:30 – 8:00PM

### Como Saint Paul

Covingtons  
Wed | 6:00 – 7:45PM

### Eagan

Wallers & Levenhagens  
Sun | 5:30 - 7:30PM

### South Minneapolis

Pagels  
Wed | 6:00 - 7:30PM

# Updates and Information



*events, registrations,  
and All Saints info*

## Accessing the Weekly Order of Worship

If you would like to see the weekly order of worship prior to the service, you may do so on our website by clicking "Worship" at the top of the page; you'll see an option to listen to the service or view the weekly order of worship. \*The full bulletin is not available on the website to protect financial and personal information. If you need a copy of the full bulletin, please reach out to [tia@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:tia@allsaintsmsp.org).

## Newsletter

Email [newsletter@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:newsletter@allsaintsmsp.org) if you would like to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, which includes information on events, updates, and announcements for the upcoming month.

## Prayers and Praises

Whether you have a prayer request or praise that you'd like to share with the church, or a more private prayer that you'd like to share with only our prayer and pastoral teams, please email [prayer@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:prayer@allsaintsmsp.org).

## Open Position - Associate Pastor

All Saints is hiring an Associate Pastor! Please direct any interested candidates that you may know to the Pastor Search page on the PCA website to review and apply for the position, or encourage them to reach out to [pastoralsearch@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:pastoralsearch@allsaintsmsp.org) with any questions.

## Meeting with Pastor Adam

Pastor Adam is typically available on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 5:00pm, or by special appointment, for meetings and calls. Please email him ([adam@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:adam@allsaintsmsp.org)) to set up an appointment.



# Ministry Events

Event information can also be found on our website: [allsaintsmsp.org/events](https://allsaintsmsp.org/events)

## January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Women's Bible Studies!

Women's Bible studies will begin again on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, for the evening group, and Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, for the morning group. Both groups will meet in the Parlor, and will be studying the book *A Place to Belong: Learning to Love the Local Church*, by Megan Hill. If you have questions regarding the study, please email the ASPC Women's Team at [womens.team@allsaintsmsp.org](mailto:womens.team@allsaintsmsp.org).

## February 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Women's Retreat

Save the date for the annual Women's Retreat, which will be held from February 20<sup>th</sup> through February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Alexandria, MN. More details will be provided soon!

# Community Events

## January 31st - Baby Shower for the Fictories

On Saturday, January 31st, from 10am - 12pm, the Como Community Group, along with Emily's family, will be hosting a co-ed baby shower for Jonathan and Emily Fictorie. The shower will be held at Emily Adamson's home (1930 Summer St Falcon Heights, MN 55113) - all are invited to attend! The Fictories are registered with Babylist (<https://my.babylist.com/emily-fictorie>).

## February 13th - 14th - 2026 Rochester L'Abri Conference

With a theme of "The Biblical Story versus the Secular Narrative", this year's Rochester L'Abri Conference will be a time set aside in today's busy world to ask honest questions and seek honest answers, with each lecture, workshop, mealtime, and discussion designed to facilitate an exchange of ideas among conference attendees and speakers; one of our elders, AJ Poelarends, is delivering the opening keynote on Friday morning. The conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN, and all are invited! Full details on the sessions, speakers, logistical information, and registration can be found on their website: [www.rochesterlabriconferences.org](https://www.rochesterlabriconferences.org)