

Service of Praise and Remembrance

(Tune from #526 in the *Presbyterian Hymnal*)

Singing: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee, by faith, before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:

See the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God’s people, and the Lord will be with them; God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. For death will be no more.”

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal. Inspire us, by the remembrance of those faithful who went before us, that even in their sin and shortcomings they turned to your throne of mercy and found in you the grace that was sufficient for their day.

We give you thanks for all your servants and witnesses from times past: for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Aaron, Samuel and Hannah, David, Isaiah, and all of the prophets. We give you thanks for Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, John the Baptist and the Twelve Disciples; for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene.

For Stephen and for all who have given their lives for Christ throughout the ages. For Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox; for all reformers and evangelists of our faith.

And now, O Lord, for all those from this Body of Christ, known as Westminster Presbyterian Church, who have fought the good fight, finished their race, and to whom there has been given the crown of glory in your holy presence.

Singing: O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Great God we give you thanks for those from our fold who this past year entered into your Church Triumphant. In the light of your eternal Spirit we remember:

The carillon will ring for each person.

Virginia MacIntosh.....	August 1, 2017
Ron Allan.....	November 27, 2017
Lee Davies.....	December 14, 2017
John Holcomb.....	January 18, 2018
Linda Croskey.....	January 18, 2018
Dawne Crofts.....	January 27, 2018
Richard Pence.....	February 24, 2018
Muriel (Mimi) Hutchinson.....	March 31, 2018
Esther Nelson.....	April 13, 2018

God Eternal, we celebrate the Communion of the Saints in all ages and give thanks for the ties with which you bind us to the ones who have gone ahead, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Singing: From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please come forward and place a stone on the Communion table in honor of your loved ones.