

Pastor Letter 11/4/20

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A few years ago, my son obsessed over the movie *Coco*. Usually I am frustrated by my autistic child's current obsession, but in this case I wasn't. In fact, the movie was so good I didn't mind watching it several times over. *Coco* is about a 12-year-old boy named Miguel, who is accidentally transported to the Land of the Dead, where he sees his family, who has passed on before him and tries to help them resolve a long-standing family issue. This story's concept is based off the Mexican holiday, Day of the Dead, a holiday that honors the Saints who have gone before. In many cultures, including the U.S., many churches celebrate All Saints Sunday on the Sunday following Halloween. It is a day where we remember all the Saints who have gone before us who have reflected a holy light on our life's path.

This past Sunday was technically All Saints Sunday, but unfortunately with pandemic restrictions that keep our services short, we were unable to honor the Saints in worship. However, the Saints are always with us and we can honor them anytime, which is why this Sunday we will be honoring them as a part of the worship service. We continue this Sunday with our hybrid, in-person worship phase 1 plan. This means we offer in-person worship with overflow rooms that stream the service, as well as online streaming on Facebook and YouTube. You are welcome to join us in honoring the Saints this Sunday in person or wherever your worship space may be.

Additionally, immediately following service we will have a short congregational meeting. If you would like to join us via zoom, please contact the office for the information. This way, we can verify the number of members attending to meet our necessary quorum and keep the meeting short.

I look forward to worshipping with you and honoring the saints who have gone before us this Sunday.

In Christ Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Some helpful links...

click on the link below near the time the service begins at 10:00am to watch the live stream
<https://www.facebook.com/espresbyterian/>

Youtube live and video recordings <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/> or
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian>

Additionally, bulletins and an online hymnal have been put on the website and can be found at <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/sunday-bulletin/>