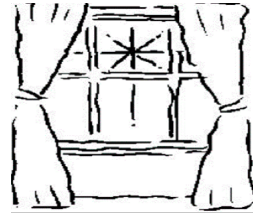


Looking Out My Window, October 29, 2021



Sunday, October 31st. will be the eve of All Saints Day; All Saints Day always falls on November 1st. We will celebrate All Saints Day on the next Sunday, November 7th. October 31st in our culture we celebrate Halloween. Historically, in the church calendar this day was known as “All Hallows Eve.” The word “hallowed” in Old English meant holy or sanctified; hence, All Saints Day was All Hallow’s Day. It’s easy to see how All Hallow’s Eve got contracted into Hallowe’en.

Our *Book of Occasional Services* offers us an office for All Hallow’s Eve. So, on Halloween evening, we will gather at the cemetery at New Friendship Primitive Baptist Church to celebrate the office of All Hallow’s Eve. You might want to bring a flashlight or candles. The traditions of All Saints Day and All Souls’ Day (Nov 2) include visiting cemeteries and praying for those who have died.

The address is 6624–6630 Union Rd, Hahira, GA 31632.

Afterwards we will gather at the home of Paul and Molly Stevenson, 6933 Old Valdosta Road N. Hahira, GA 31632, for a bonfire and refreshments.

The All Hallow’s Eve office lies virtually unknown and unpracticed in *The Book of Occasional Services*. You’ll find it enjoyable and evocative.

God’s peace,

Fr. David+, Interim Rector