

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude “Rondeau from Abdelazer Suite” Purcell/Griffin
Evening Bells

The Trinity Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 24

LEADER: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

PEOPLE: **for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God’s holy place?

PEOPLE: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

PEOPLE: **Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 78 ST. ANNE
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 25:6-9 (p. 568)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Revelation 21:1-6a (p. 1007)

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PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayer of Remembrance (responsively)

LEADER: Gracious God, you are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires the generations of your people:

PEOPLE: **Abraham and Sarah, who believed your promise even though they were old and barren;**

LEADER: Ruth, whose loyalty to Naomi became a model for people of every time and place;

PEOPLE: **Isaiah of Jerusalem, who in a time marked by terror, proclaimed that the lion would lie down with the lamb;**

LEADER: Mary Magdalene, who ran from the tomb crying out that Jesus was alive;

PEOPLE: **Paul of Tarsus, who was beaten and shipwrecked while carrying the gospel to us, the Gentiles;**

LEADER: Augustine, who when the cities of the world were falling, saw the city of God;

PEOPLE: **Martin Luther, who spoke afresh of salvation by grace alone through faith;**

LEADER: Sojourner Truth, who dreamed of women and men, black and white, all of them free;

PEOPLE: **Martin Luther King, Jr., who prophesied of the day when we all will be judged by the content of character and not by the color of skin;**

LEADER: Mother Teresa, who made her bed among the homeless, fed the hungry, and clothed the naked.

PEOPLE: **We also remember and give thanks for the saints of this faith community who have preceded us into eternity.**

LEADER: We remember especially those who have made this journey in the last year: *Bill Blackburn, Mary Helen Farmer, Norma Hamrick, Grady Harris, Joyce Harris, Carey Hunter, Guy Jones, Gerry Leet, Bill Lewis, Frances Massey, Joyce McNair, Minetta Newbold, Nell Padgett, Dot Perry, Laryce Rybka, Monty Speir, Dale Stumpf, Eloise Sumerel, Grace Swann, and Rachel Tucker.*

PEOPLE: **As we recall the names of these witnesses, we pray that you will embolden us with the spirit of faithfulness that made them live for you. Amen.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel John 11:32-44 (p. 874)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 751 “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

*The Offertory Prayer Carolyn Dickens

The Offertory Anthem arr. Alice Parker
“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal”

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
“Confronting Our Mortality with Honesty and Hope”

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

*The Hymn of Discipleship, 781 ACCLAMATIONS
“This Is the Threefold Truth”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”

*The Postlude G. F. Handel/arr. Robert Gower
“March in G Major”

*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in memory of Kathryn Roberts Mincey by Dan and Linda Roberts.

The DEACON ON CALL is Carolyn Dickens. A 41-year member, Carolyn serves as Chair of the History and Archives Committee. She is a member of the Stewardship Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Pathfinders Sunday School class, and the Sanctuary Choir. She is also a wedding director and a substitute teacher for the Grains of Sand Sunday School class. Carolyn and her husband Kent have two children, Hollis and Kent, Jr. and three granddaughters: Catherine, Elizabeth and Celestia.

THOSE WHO ARE VISITING are invited to the Gathering Room after worship to receive information about the church. Use the door to the left of the pulpit; church members will greet you.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We celebrate All Saints Day today. Technically it is on November 1, but along with many other churches, we move the recognition to the first Sunday in November if the day does not fall on a Sunday. It is the day when we remember all the saints of the church universal, especially the members of this church family we have lost over the past year, and we celebrate their place in eternity. So, we sing hymns that proclaim eternal hope, we read texts that assure us of our place in God’s realm, and in a prayer of remembrance we name those we have lost since the last All Saints Day. The sermon addresses our tendency to try to avoid death in this culture, the dangers of doing so, and the benefits of being more open and honest, especially in the context of Christian hope. We gather at the table to celebrate this hope, ever remembering that the One who is crucified is also resurrected. The Evening Bells, Sanctuary Choir, and Donna Jolly lead us in sacred music that speaks to us in ways no words can and we are sent forth to claim the hope of resurrection more fully.

SYMPATHY to **Valerie Cumbea** on the October 30 death of her father, Raymond Cumbea of Chester, VA.

The ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the October 22 birth of **Reed Alexander Wilson** to Jason and Emily Wilson.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$7,098 so far.

An OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: TOY JOY. (This event will take place on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.) Donations and volunteers are needed! Please sort and place your donations of new and gently-used toys in the labeled baskets located in the hallway leading to the Preschool Suite. These baskets will be available on Wednesdays and Sundays through November 28. Financial donations are also being accepted. Make checks payable to First Baptist and mark TOY JOY in the memo line. To volunteer, please contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com). For information, contact Carol Blanchard (artsyncgal@nc.rr.com) or Sabrina Tyndall (tyndalls@bellsouth.net).

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by **noon on Mondays**. Menu: Cream of Broccoli and Cheddar Soup, Mild Chili, Vegetable Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad and Bread. Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Dr. Barry Jones, FBC Member and Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbell Divinity School, will complete at 2-part series, *Reading the Old Testament from Back to Front: Four Major Themes that Shape Old Testament Theology*.

A HOLIDAY SERVICE OF HOPE, offering hope and assurance to those who have lost loved ones, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 112 S Salisbury Street, on Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

OFFER A CUP OF CHEER: The Raleigh Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. We'll be at our Hillsborough Street entrance, giving away free hot chocolate to parade watchers. Please sign up on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org), and contact Leah Reed (lreed@fbcraleigh.org) with any questions!

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be held on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Please sign up (sheets are located in SS boxes and the church office) if you can make 2-3 dozen cookies. Please bring the cookies to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 2.

PHOTOS NEEDED: As we begin a complete redesign of our church website, we are in need of professional photos taken in recent years that represent our church well and would be appropriate for our church website. The Publicity Committee would love to see your pictures of church events, intergenerational relationships, our buildings, retreats, worship, mission trips, clothing ministry, etc., any picture you would want to see on a new FBC Raleigh website. Please upload all of your photos to the FBC Photo Library by Sunday, November 11, using the link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/iCozzAFT4dAzywHD9>.

Calendar Highlights November 4-11, 2018

- Sun, November 4 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Nominating Committee (CR)
4:00 Youth Bells (307)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH)
- Mon, November 5
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)
- Tues, November 6
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
7:30 HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
- Wed, November 7
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:45 Works in Progress (CR)
4:45 Children's Bells (307)
5:00 Meal served (FH)
WMU Group 6 (110)
5:30 Backpack Buddies Packing (302)
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
Music and Missions
6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
6:50 Evening Bells (307)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, November 8
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
9:30 Thirty-Niners to Southern Supreme
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:30 Backpack Buddies delivery
- Sat, November 10
9:30 Girls' Basketball Service Project (FH)
- Sun, November 11 **Veterans Day**
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
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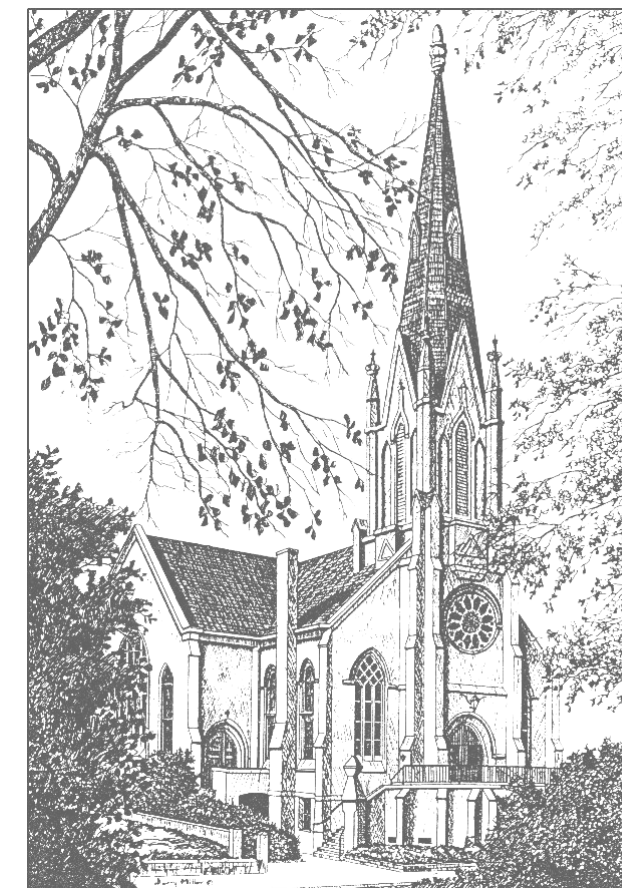
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