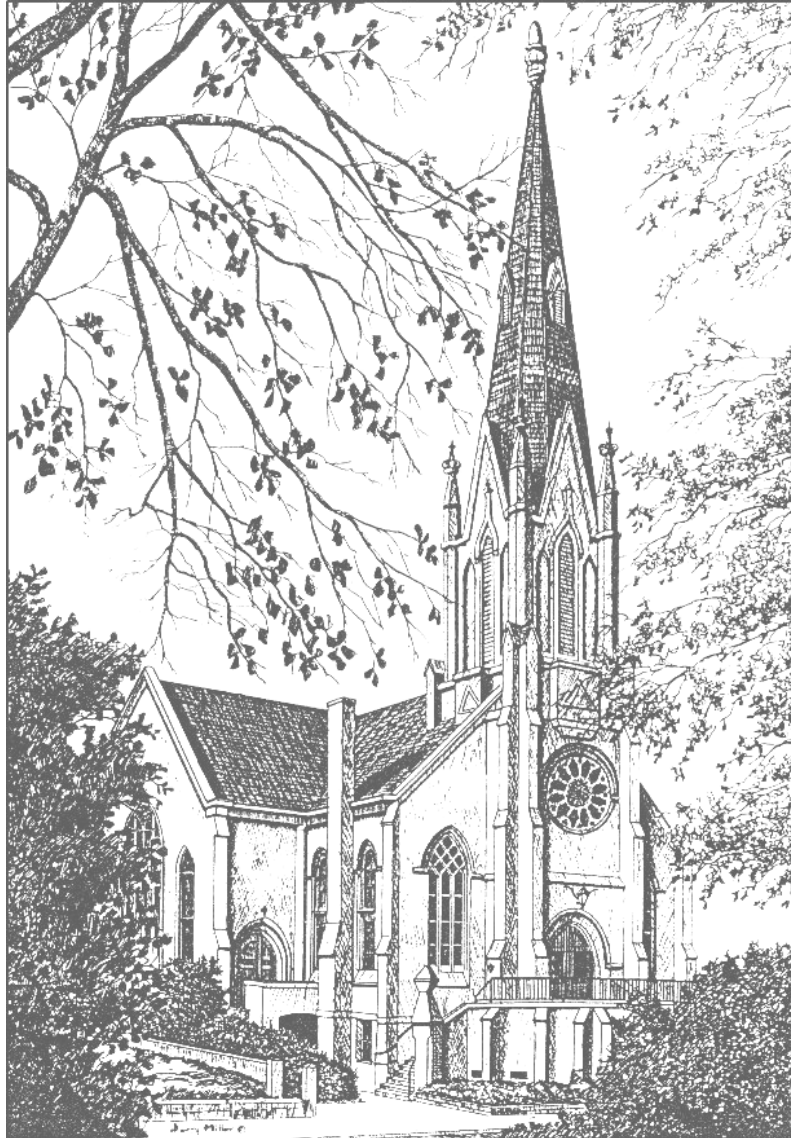


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: We celebrate All Saints Day today. Technically it is November 1, but along with many other churches, we move the recognition to the first Sunday in November if it does not fall on a Sunday. An ancient Christian celebration dating back at least to the fifth century C.E., it is the day we remember all the saints of the church universal, especially the members of this church family we have lost during the past year, and we celebrate their place in eternity. Glorious sacred music from two Requiems, one by John Rutter and the other by Gabriel Fauré, set the mood for this service. The texts, hymns, liturgy, and prayers all point to the nature of eternal hope. The sermon explores the imagery in John 11 of Lazarus being unbound as a sign of our need and hope — Christ comes to set us free from all that binds us. The celebration of communion enables us to catch a glimpse of eternity, to taste and see that both God and life are good.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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 Prelude

“Pie Jesu (from *Requiem*)”
John Rutter

Cheryl Stephenson, oboe
Becky Mercer, flute
Leigh Stringfellow, harp
Maureen Howell, organ

The Call to Worship (responsive)¹

from Psalm 146

LEADER: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

PEOPLE: **we give thanks, O God, for you were their inspiration and hope.**

LEADER: For all the tears that have been shed as a sign of sorrow and evidence of love,

PEOPLE: **we give thanks, O God, for you have wept with us.**

LEADER: For the hope that one day you will wipe away all tears,

PEOPLE: **we give thanks, O God, for you will swallow up death forever.**

LEADER: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

PEOPLE: **who thee by faith before the world confessed,**

LEADER: thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

PEOPLE: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their
 5. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints tri-
 6. From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of

faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be for-
 cap-tain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their
 um-phunt rise in bright ar-ray; the King of glory pass-es
 pearl stream in the count-less host, sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and

ev-er blest.
 one true light.
 on his way. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Ghost:

Harmony, stanzas 3 and 4.

3. O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle;
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the

they in glo-ry shine. Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong.

(Sop.) Al - le - lu - ia!
D.C. stanza 5, 6
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 25:6–9

Chuck Underwood

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Revelation 21:1–6

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Sanctus (from *Requiem, op. 48*)”
Gabriel Fauré

Sanctuary Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

— Translation —

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

— Traditional Latin Text

The Prayer of Remembrance (responsive)²

LEADER: For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

PEOPLE: **A time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance.**

LEADER: Now is our time to remember those who have preceded us across the river into the land of eternal joy.

PEOPLE: **A father, a mother, a sister, a brother, a son, a daughter, a husband, a wife, a friend closer than sister or brother.**

LEADER: We remember especially those who have made this journey in the last year: Joyce Adams, Charles Apperson, Peggy Blackburn, Jeff Elliott, Marion Johnson, Gerry Liles, Dot Preston, Kathy Romeo, and Bill Simpson.

PEOPLE: **They were the ones who shaped us, who nurtured and taught and encouraged us.**

ALL: Lord, make us more like the good that was in them, wiser through their gifts to us, richer through their belief in us, stronger through their faith in us, that as long as we live their good influence will live through us, as does the redeeming power of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“The Lord Is My Shepherd (from *Requiem*, 1985)”
John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

The lord is my shepherd: therefore, can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

— Psalm 23 (BCP, 1928)

The Homily

“Being Set Free from All That Binds Us”

Christopher Chapman

The Prayer of Response (Unison)¹

Unbind our hearts, O God, that we may feel again after closing ourselves off to suffering and sorrow. Unbind our spirits that we may use our newfound freedom to take risks for love and justice. Unbind our minds that we may recognize the new heaven and new earth you are creating where disgrace has been taken away, mourning and crying and pain will be no more. Unbind us, Liberating God, that we may go forth from the tombs of isolation and oppression, like Lazarus, and embrace life with joy. In the name of the One who weeps with us and then sets us free from weeping, we pray, amen.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)¹

LEADER: Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we give thanks for the majesty of creation.

PEOPLE: **The earth is yours and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.**

LEADER: We give thanks for the gift of salvation, for the new world you are creating in Christ.

PEOPLE: **We have waited for you, that you might save us, and now we rejoice in our salvation.**

LEADER: We give thanks for the ways you have sustained us through a pandemic and provoked us to greater awareness of injustice.

PEOPLE: **You have wept with us in the midst of suffering and then called us to unbind all who are oppressed in any way.**

LEADER: We give thanks for the people who have inspired us.

PEOPLE: **For the saints of all ages, for the saints of our church, for the saints in this room now.**

LEADER: At this table, we give thanks for the feast you have prepared —

PEOPLE: **A feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.**

LEADER: Pour out your Spirit upon us that we may eat and drink to our fill.

PEOPLE: **Pour out your Spirit that we may welcome all people to this table.**

LEADER: Pour out your Spirit as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

PEOPLE: **For it is done! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

LEADER: To the thirsty, you give the water of life.

PEOPLE: **May we drink of this water now, trusting that if we believe, we will never be thirsty again.**

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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.

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;
 4. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys, when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 they tri - umph still, they still re - joice: most hap - py is their case.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

WORDS: "F. B. P.," 16th C.; based on anonymous hymn
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Annabel M. Buchanan, 1938

LAND OF REST
 C.M.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction¹

And now, may the God who creates a world and all who live in it create hope within your heart. May the God who wipes away tears and disgrace wipe away all that prevents you from experiencing joy. May the God who makes a home among mortals dwell with you, that you may know that you are never alone. Amen.

*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

"Prelude in F Minor (BWV 534)"
 J. S. Bach

Maureen Howell, organ

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Chuck Underwood. A 20-year member of First Baptist, Chuck is a teacher for the Grades 9–10 Sunday School class and serves on the Church Council as the Committee Rep for the Hospitality Committee. He and his wife Mallory have three children: Bailey, Drew, and Jackson.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of her husband, Ed Vick, by Laura Anne Vick and children Jennifer, Carolyn, Elizabeth and their families.

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.

Sympathy to Lisa Jones on the November 2 death of her father, Emmett Noel.

The State Missions Offering goal is \$10,000; we have received \$8,075 so far. Your gifts will help those in need by supporting various agencies including Baptist Retirement Homes, NC Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children’s Homes, and Baptists on Mission.

Visit the table in the Lewis building lobby for the church library book give-away. Please feel free to take one or more books the library can no longer use.

Come celebrate Leah and Chad Reed today at a drive-through baby shower from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the FBC parking lot. There will be takeaway refreshments, and you’ll have a chance to offer well-wishes to the expectant parents. The Reeds are registered at babylist.com, and their baby boy is due in early December. Please wear a mask and enter the lot from Edenton Street.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 10; meal served at 5:00 p.m., program at 6:15 p.m. This week, we will have another Dream Team community forum. Make plans to come and hear from our local community leaders from William Peace University, South East Raleigh Promise, The Flourish Market, and the Wake County Public School System.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu for November 10: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans.

During November, our mission project is collecting food (granola bars, cereal, juice boxes, or canned meat/fish) for the Raleigh branch of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Place your contributions in the marked drawer of the Lewis Lobby cabinet.

Toy Joy is on November 13 and 14 and we need volunteers! All adult volunteers must be fully vaccinated and masks are required for all volunteers both inside and outside. If you have questions, contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com). More details and the sign-up link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Friday, December 3.

Calendar Highlights • November 7–14

Sunday, November 7

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship — All Saints Sunday/Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 12:30 Children's Retreat
- 2:00 Drive-thru Baby Shower (Parking Lot)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, November 8

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 Music Made in Heaven Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:15 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 9

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 10

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Music for Children
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:50 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 11

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:30 College Group (Garth/318)

Friday, November 12

- 2:00 Memorial Service for Marion Johnson, Reception Following (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, November 13

- Toy Joy (Parking Lot)

Sunday, November 14

- Toy Joy (Parking Lot)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 12:15 Deacons Meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)



IN MEMORIAM



NOVEMBER 2, 2020 – NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Shane Bartholomew, cousin of Dan Bacon

Caralie Brown, mother of Nancye Gaj

Herman Marchel Brown, father of James Brown and
grandfather of Hope Phillips and Heather Townsend

Mary Sholar Brown, mother of James Brown and
grandfather of Hope Phillips and Heather Townsend

Nancy Byard, mother of Jennifer Talley

Betty Carmichael, grandmother of Morgan Francis Koch

John Cavin, brother of Ralph Cavin

John Chalmers, father of Claudia Hinson

Edward Copeland, grandfather of Annie Maloney

Nettie Cumbea, grandmother of Valerie Cumbea

John Dawson, uncle of Bobby Phillips

Mary Elliott, grandmother of Battle Whitley

Harold Ellis, uncle of Jimmy Thompson

Kermit Elmore, brother of Opal Elmore

Leo Elvington, cousin of Suzanne Sanford

Art Evans, brother-in-law of Barbara Huggins

Beth Fleetwood, sister of Ruth Dowell and aunt of Jean Stevens

Donna Harris, mother of Worth Harris

Ross Harris, brother-in-law of Diane Ellis

Ron Hauser, uncle of Mary Hauser

Evelyn and Jim Helms, sister-in law and brother-in-law
of Jeanie Scott

Edward Henderson, brother of Betty Henderson

Jayden Henderson, Walton Ferrell's cousin's daughter

Margaret Hilpert, mother of Meg Dare

Lloyd Hinson, father of Bobby Hinson

Gloria Hoover, mother of Chris Hoover

Julian "Jay" Hughes III, son of Patricia and Julian Hughes, Jr.

Elouise Jones, good friend of Sandra Turnage

Jeannie Lewis Jessup

Patsy Kelly, mother of Susan Nichols

Annabel Knott, sister of Sandra Turnage

Don Krizek, uncle of Alice and Lynn Marshbanks

Shirley Lingafelt, mother-in-law of Lynn Lingafelt

Shannon Maise, good friend of Sandra Turnage

Elizabeth Manning, sister of Robert Ponton

Dick Melton, father-in-law of Dickie Moore

Marylin Michie, mother of Bill Michie

Jim Millen's cousin

Patricia Motz-Frazier, mother of Courtney Selna

Lee Newsome, son of Janelle Newsome

Emmett Noel, father of Lisa Jones

Dorothy Robbins, Linda Roberts' cousin's wife

John Schneider, uncle of Jennifer Bisette

Ruby Simmons, aunt of Sandra Turnage

Brenda Snead's nephew

Cedric Sullivan, close friend of Jimmy Thompson

Fay Tomlinson, grandmother of Wyatt Yelverton

Earl Turnage, brother of DeLeon Turnage

Rosie Vandenberg, cousin of Paula Gupton Page

Wilton Wheeley, father of Lynn Loomis

Shantell Whitaker, daughter-in-law of Carrie D'Antignac

Irene Wilson, mother of Brad Wilson

Lucille Wilson, aunt of Rhonda Lowe

Mark Wilson, Bob Bailey's niece's husband

Janice Woodall, mother of Denise Austin

John Woodard, father of Sarah David

Harold Yelverton, father of Wyatt Yelverton

****The people listed here are not members of FBC;**

members who have died this year are remembered in the service.