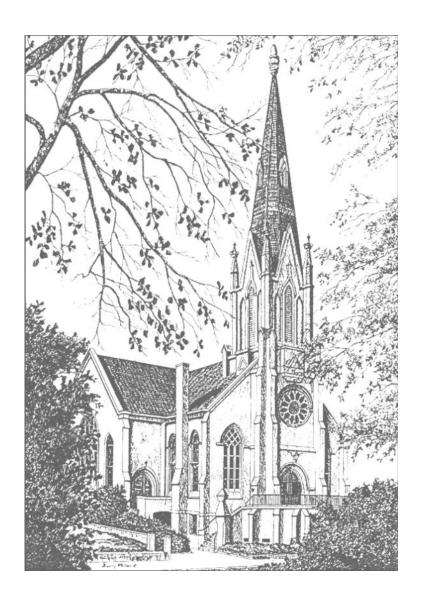
# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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### THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6, 2022 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 a time to celebrate their place in eternity. While the texts, music, liturgy, and prayers all point to the nature of eternal hope, the reading from Ephesians, which is the focal text for today's sermon, speaks of this hope as our inheritance or heritage. The celebration of communion enables us to catch a glimpse of eternity, to taste and see that both God and life are good. We conclude this All Saints service by remembering the life of our beloved former custodian Jimmy Thompson and expressing love to his family.

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#### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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 "Nimrod" (from Enigma Variations) Maureen Howell Edward Elgar

The Call to Worship (responsive)

From Psalm 149

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

PEOPLE: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their Ruler.

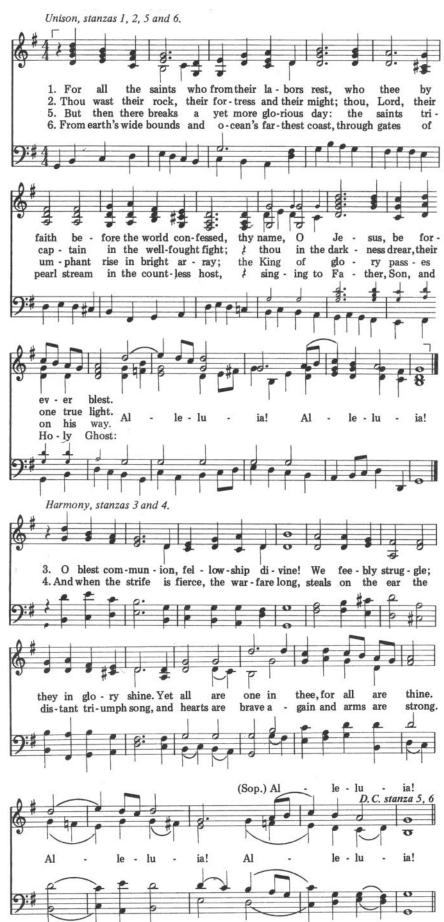
LEADER: Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

PEOPLE: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people of God and adorns the humble with victory.

LEADER: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord!

The Invocation



#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18 Tom Rollins

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

#### The Christian Testament

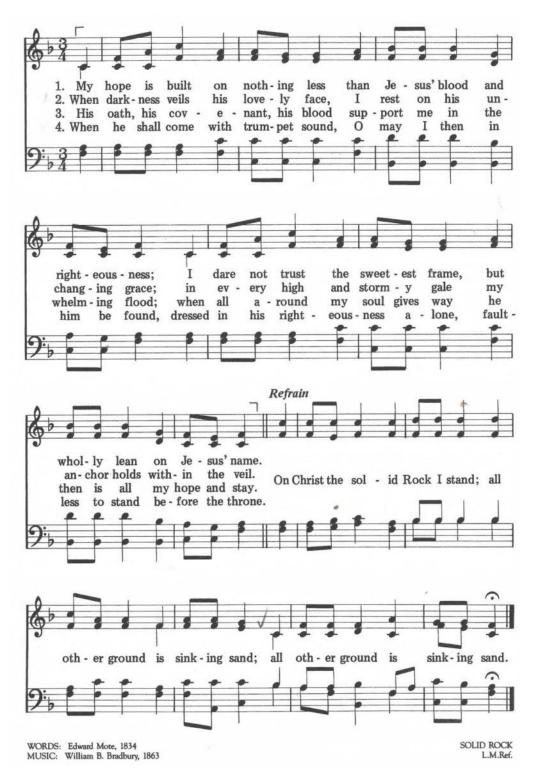
Ephesians 1:11–23

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



The Prayer of Remembrance (responsive)

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: Doris Baldwin, William S. "Bill" Clarke Jr, Shirley Starnes English, Robert Henry "Bob" Fleming, Janice Good, Dorothy Geraldine "Gerri" Harris, Dr. W. Randall Lolley, Mary Miller Powers May, Gaston D. Perry II, Glenn Raynor, Jane Suggs, and James William "Jimmy" Thompson Jr.

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.

The Gospel Luke 6:20–31

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

"Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten" William Hawley, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

Not one sparrow is forgotten, E'en the raven God will feed; And the lily of the valley From His bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, In Thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, Merit Thy protecting care?

— Shaker Hymn (Canterbury Shakers Hymnal, 1908)

The Homily

"A Heritage Worth Claiming"

Christopher Chapman

#### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

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.



The Remembrance of James William "Jimmy" Thompson Jr.

#### 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 "For All the Saints" Maureen Howell
David Cherwien

\*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Jimmy Thompson by his church family.

The Deacon on Call is Tom Rollins. A 38-year member of First Baptist, Tom serves as church treasurer and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. He and his wife Ann have three grown children, Charlotte, Michelle, and Matthew.

Sympathy to Jim Good on the October 31 death of his wife Janice.

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.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 9; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. The previously announced program to be led by Dr. Bo Prosser has been postponed to a future date in 2023. This week's program will be led by Dr. Jennifer Garcia Bashaw, associate professor of New Testament and Christian Ministry at Campbell University. Her topic will be "Scapegoats: Reading the Gospels through the Eyes of Victims." Dr. Bashaw will address the ways that ministry and advocacy for victims were central to Jesus' public ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. Dr. Bashaw is an ordained Baptist minister and a graduate of Baylor Unversity (B.A., M.Div.) and Fuller Theological Seminary (Ph.D.). Wednesday, November 16, will be a regularly scheduled Church Conference.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (<a href="www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice">www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice</a>), by email (<a href="dmast@fbcraleigh.org">dmast@fbcraleigh.org</a>), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for November 2 is: sweet and sour meatballs over rice with cabbage, corn, and green beans; non-meat option: no-meat meatballs; kids: chicken tenders.

The church maintains a list of members who are military service veterans and those on active duty having connections to First Baptist. If you know of eligible individuals whose names have not previously been on these lists, please contact Jennie Herrick (<a href="mailto:iherrick@fbcraleigh.org">iherrick@fbcraleigh.org</a> or 919-832-4485).

Sign up to volunteer for Toy Joy (Saturday, November 12) at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094facaf2ba3fe3-toyjoy5">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094facaf2ba3fe3-toyjoy5</a>. For more information, see the *Rose Window Weekly* or contact Anne Cooke (<a href="mailto:cooke76@aol.com">cooke76@aol.com</a>, m: 919-986-9465, or h: 919-782-7491).

Each year during the Christmas parade, we give away free cups of hot chocolate at our Hillsborough Street entrance. Join us on Saturday, November 19, from 8:30–11:30am as we serve our community together. If you are able to volunteer, email Crystal Bacon (<a href="mailto:crystal.bacon3@gmail.com">crystal.bacon3@gmail.com</a>).

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 4, at 6pm, 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 2.

Our NC Mission Offering helps fund non-profit organizations doing work and providing services primarily in North Carolina. Through the generosity of FBC members, we have already received \$3,562 toward our goal of \$10,000.

Diaper changing stations are located in the men's and women's bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

## Calendar Highlights November 6-13

Sunday, November 6	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship/Communion/Remembrance of Jimmy Thompson (sanctuary & YouTube)
	JBC worship (226)
12:00	Reception in honor of Jimmy Thompson (Fellowship Hall)
4:00	Youth handbells (302)
5:00	Youth choir (choir room)
6:00	Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30	Youth program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)
Monday, November 7	
10:00	Clothing ministry
5:30	Adult Ministries Council (Zoom)
6:30	High school Bible study (Wade home)
	Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)
Tuesday, November 8	
10:00	Staff meeting (conference room)
10:45	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
4:30	Social Committee meeting (conference room)
Wednesday, November 9	
5:15	Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
5:45	Children's music (301/307/311)
6:15	Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
6:30	Children's missions (preschool suite/children's suite)
	Handbell choir rehearsal (302)
7:30	Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)
Thursday, November 10	
7:00	Band of Brothers (Zoom)
10:30	Thirty-Niners trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More
Thursday, Nov	vember 10, and Friday, November 11
Toy Joy set-up (Fellowship Hall)	
Saturday, November 12	
Toy o	Joy (building-wide)
Sunday, November 13	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
	JBC worship (226)
12:15	Deacons' meeting (Fellowship Hall/Zoom)
4:00	Youth handbells (302)
5:00	Youth choir (choir room)
6:00	Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)

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