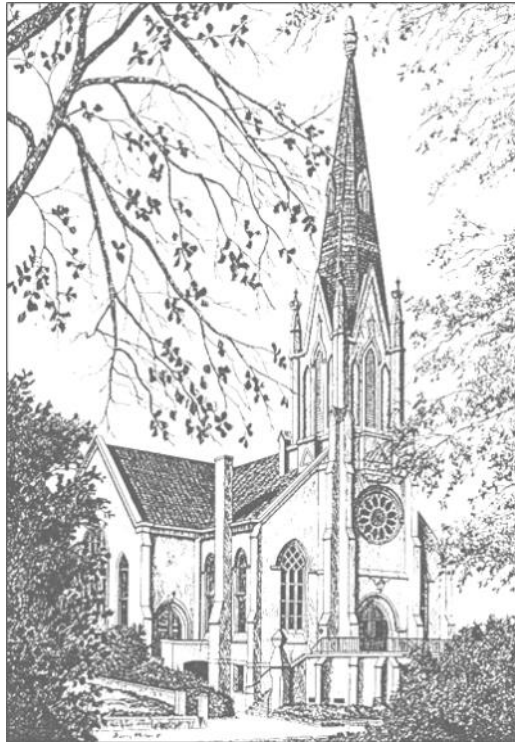


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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November 5, 2023

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: For a number of years, we have celebrated All Saints Day on November 1, if it falls on a Sunday, or on the first Sunday after that day, if it does not. It is an ancient Christian celebration dating back at least to the fifth century C.E., a day when we remember all the saints of the church universal, especially the members of this church family who have preceded us into eternity in the last year. As a part of this recognition and celebration, we sing hymns that proclaim eternal hope, we read texts that assure us of our place in God's realm, we remember those we have lost in the past year, and because the status of the annual Holiday Service of Hope and Remembrance this year is uncertain, we also list the names of extended family members we have lost this past year and hold all who grieve in our hearts not just today but throughout the holiday season. The prayer of remembrance begins our time of recognition, the sermon explores the nature of genuine sainthood as something we are all called to pursue, and our celebration of communion enables us to catch a glimpse of eternity, to taste and see that both God and life are good.

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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

"How Firm a Foundation—Simple Gifts"  
Susan Nelson

Evening Bells  
Anna Anderson, dir.

## The Call to Worship

LEADER: We gather in this sacred time to ponder the meaning of eternity.

PEOPLE: **We acknowledge the limited nature of our lives and yet we catch a glimpse of eternity every day.**

LEADER: In the laughter of children and the tears of aging and ailing loved ones, in the joy of service and the healing of forgiveness—

PEOPLE: **we hear whispers of eternal hope.**

LEADER: The wisdom writer says that whatever God does endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Because we are the works of God, we claim our eternal status and worship the God who embraces us as beloved children.**

## The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 751

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

John Rusher

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion

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“For All the Saints Who’ve Shown Your Love”



1. For all the saints who've shown your  
 2. For all the saints who loved your  
 3. For all the saints who named your  
 4. Bless all whose will or name or



love name, In how they live and where they  
 whose faith in - creased the Sav - ior's  
 will, And showed the king - dom com - ing  
 love Re - flects the grace of heav'n a -



move, For mind - ful wo - men, car - ing  
 fame, Who sang your songs and shared your  
 still Through self - less pro - test, prayer and  
 bove. Though un - ac - claimed by earth - ly



men, Ac - cept our gra - ti - tude a - gain.  
 word, Ac - cept our gra - ti - tude, good Lord.  
 praise, Ac - cept the gra - ti - tude we raise.  
 powers, Your life through theirs has hal - lowed ours.

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: *George Barnes, Kay Blakeley, Dot Broughton, Royster Chamblee Jr., Nancy Edwards, Frances Evans, Nancy Jo Fleming, Peggy Frisbie, Mary Anne Jobe, Durward Jones, Lou Lolley, Fannie Memory Mitchell, Dorothy Sizemore, Harold Stuart, Danny Thomerson, Judith Vick, and Andy Wilson.*

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

Matthew 5:1–12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Sanctuary Choir

John Ferguson, arr.

Te Deum laudamus  
te Dominum confitemur.\*  
Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you;  
Infinite your vast domain;  
everlasting is your reign.

Lo! the apostolic train  
joins your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow.  
And from morn to set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit: three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you,  
and adoring bend the knee  
while we praise the mystery.

\* We praise you, O God  
We acclaim you to be the Lord

Words: 4<sup>th</sup> century hymn, Ignaz Franz, adapt. c. 1774, trans.  
Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

The Homily

Christopher Chapman

“A Sainthood We Are All Called To Pursue”

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion



1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

Words and Music: Barbara Hamm, 2008

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Sandra Eithun

Evening Bells

Anna Anderson, dir.

The Cup Is Shared

“River of Peace”

Maureen Howell

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## 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, 687

HANSON PLACE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

## 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

Hal H. Hopson

\*The congregation may stand.

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# IN MEMORIAM

NOVEMBER 7, 2022 – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

*Please note: church members who have died this year  
are listed in The Prayer of Remembrance.*

Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich, former FBC interim pastor

Allen Bower, brother of Anita Jackson

Tammy Briggs, niece of Libby Barnes

Jody Canady, sister of Shirley Hobson

John Cody, uncle of Sabrina Tyndall

Russ Craver, nephew of Myra Brickell

Nancy Brown Dare, mother of Mike Dare

Les Edwards, husband of Connie Edwards

Durward Everette, father of Jan Ponton

Virginia Gore (“Grandma Cricket”), grandmother of Felicia Gore Hoover

Chrissy Hardy, sister of Trey Davis

Larry Harris, father of Worth Harris

Jennifer Lane, daughter of Lynn Loomis

Janette Loy, cousin of Lynn Loomis

Rachel Mason, sister of Rebecca Clayton

Doris Parham, mother of Carole Wilson

Alice Reffner, mother of Curt Reffner

Sandra Smith, cousin of Anne Cooke

Georgia Starks, clothing ministry volunteer

Marc Taylor, brother of Blair Taylor Jackson and Mallory Underwood

Becky Wines, sister of Emily Johnson

Gerhardt Zimmermann, husband of Sharon Zimmermann

The Deacon on Call is John Rusher. A 34-year member, John is a member of the Unity Sunday School Class. He and his wife Mary Nash have three children: David, Tom, and Kelly.

Today's banner is sponsored by Jan and Robert Ponton in memory of their parents.

The new Sunday School class, *Connections*, invites people, regardless of age or life status, to join them Sundays at 9:45 in room 224 for fellowship and for studying God's word together. For more information about the class, please contact Tonya and Lin Carter ([tonyacarter5@gmail.com](mailto:tonyacarter5@gmail.com)) and/or Lou Anne and John Liverman ([louanne.live@gmail.com](mailto:louanne.live@gmail.com)).

*Giving Generously with Gratitude*, our 2024 stewardship emphasis, is taken from Paul's second letter to Corinthians 9:7 "Each of [us] should give what [we] have decided in [our] hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously and with gratitude to God through First Baptist Church.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 8; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This week, Dr. Peter Morris, executive director of Urban Ministries of Wake County, will provide an update on the work of Urban Ministries and describe some of the current needs in our community

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu on November 8 is: sweet & sour meatballs over rice with cabbage, corn, and green beans; non-meat option: no-meat meatballs; kids: chicken tenders.

Honoring our veterans: 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 ([jherrick@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jherrick@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485) by Wednesday, November 8.

Toy Joy is this coming Saturday (November 11) and we need volunteers for set-up the day before as well as for both morning and afternoon sessions the day of the event. We also need people who would like to provide entertainment in the afternoon. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for the sign-up link and more information. We are also in need of teen gifts for girls and boys. Go to our Amazon wish list ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O1BJTM2DUAMQ?ref=cm\\_sw\\_sm\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_uBS78UdXfygB0](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O1BJTM2DUAMQ?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_uBS78UdXfygB0)) for ideas. Balls, gym bags, crafts kits for older girls, wallets, wireless earbuds are all great ideas for teens, or you can write a check and put "Toy Joy" in the memo line. We can shop for you.

Volunteers are needed to help give out hot chocolate and biscuits at the Christmas parade on Saturday, November 18, from 9am-12pm. Email Leah ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)) if you're available to be on the crew!

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, we want to provide an opportunity for our congregation to serve our neighbors a hot meal from *And Also With 'Cue*. We will be serving it to the clients of Oak City Cares (November 26) and the Helen Wright Center (December 12). See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more information and the sign-up link.

Our NC Missions Offering helps fund non-profit organizations doing work and providing services primarily in North Carolina. Through the generosity of FBC members, we have received \$841.36.

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.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.

## Calendar Highlights • November 5–12

### **Sunday, November 5**

- 9:00 Toy Joy prep (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/Communion (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (fellowship hall/Blue Room)

### **Monday, November 6**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven (302)

### **Tuesday, November 7**

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 6:00 Properties Committee meeting (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, November 8**

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (children's and preschool suites)  
Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### **Thursday, November 9, and Friday, November 10**

- 9:00 Toy Joy set-up (fellowship hall/2nd floor)

### **Thursday, November 9**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners outing (Southern Supreme Fruitcake & More)
- 6:00 High school Bible study (Sasser home)

### **Saturday, November 11**

- 8:30 Toy Joy (1st & 2nd floors/parking lot)

### **Sunday, November 12**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacon's meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (fellowship hall/Blue Room)