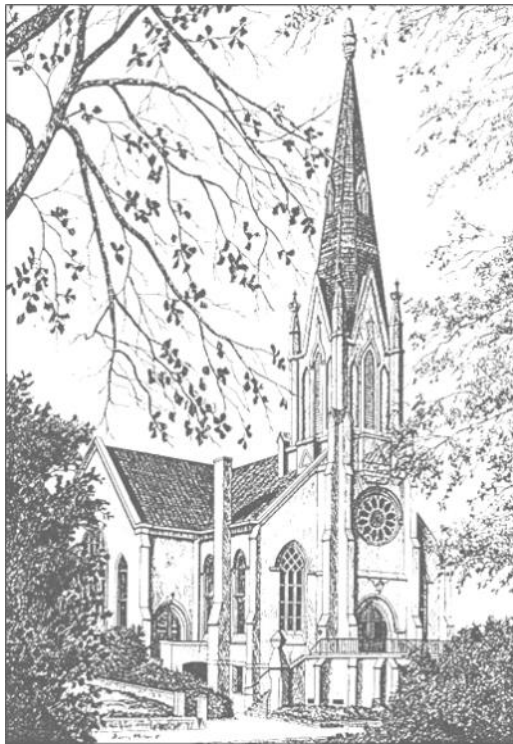


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

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 when 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 sermon explores the narrative of John 11 which describes the larger process of how we face our fear of death and find hope not only in the promise of resurrection but in the companionship of God. We claim both sacred gifts in the celebration of communion.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

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

"Arioso in E Minor"
Mark Anderson

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

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!**

*The Hymn of Praise, 751

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 25:6–9

Beth Yerxa

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.**

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 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: *Max Baldwin, Gwen Cavin, Don Cheek, Kay Cone, Robert "Bob" Diehl, Mike Dodd, Bobby Hinson, Gurtha Hollon, Lou Kline, Marie Lewis, Janice Osborne, June Cheek Simpson, Betty Singletary, Charles Suggs, and Laura Anne Vick.*

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

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 Hymn of Devotion, 687

HANSON PLACE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

The Gospel

John 11:32–44

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

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Sanctuary and

Maureen Howell, arr.

Youth Choirs

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, I'll sing on!

Words: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt. and Alexander Means, 1848

Music: Robert Lowry, 1869

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Facing Our Fear of Death and Finding Hope”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

The Communion Anthem

“You Are Holy”

Youth Choir

John Helgen, arr.

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near;
blessed are you coming here

to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present, let the cosmos praise you!
Sing hosanna! In the highest!
Sing hosanna to our God.

Words and music: *DU ÄR HELIG*, Per Harling, 1990

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

“Trumpet Tune in C”

Maureen Howell

David Lasky

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Beth Yerxa. An 18-year member, Beth is a member of the Sharing Thoughts class. She and her husband, Ben, have three children: Mattie, Daniel, and Anna.

The sanctuary flowers are provided today in memory of Howard Shell by his wife, Frances Shell, and family.

Please note that due to an unforeseen family event, Dr. Jemar Tisby has canceled the NC portion of his book tour. We hope to reschedule for the spring as he promotes his new children's book.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 6; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This month, we will explore the intersection of faith and culture. How do expressions of Christian belief and heritage like the "He Gets Us" ad campaign, prayer apps on smartphones, and faith-based programs like "The Chosen" attempt to influence the secular culture? Do cultural expressions of Christian ideas make it easier to talk about faith issues or harder? What are the opportunities and challenges of communicating faith for mass audiences? This week, we will look at the impact of the "He Gets Us" ad campaign and on the 13th, we will discuss the TV series "The Chosen."

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). The menu on November 6 is: chicken pot pie; non-meat option: mock chicken pot pie; kids: mozzarella cheese sticks.

Toy Joy will be held Saturday, November 16. For ways to donate and sign up to volunteer, please see the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Due to record numbers of clients, the clothing ministry finds itself in need of men's clothing in all sizes, and especially warmer clothing (sweatpants, jeans/casual pants, hooded sweatshirts, long-sleeve shirts) as the nights and mornings get cooler. Email Sabrina Tyndall for larger donations, so there can be volunteers on hand to make space and quickly process your donation.

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 the first floor.

To access the church WiFi, please use our guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.

Calendar Highlights • November 3–10

Sunday, November 3

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (301)

Wednesday, November 6

- 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 and children's suites)
Youth Bible study (Blue Room)
Handbell rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, November 7

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Saturday, November 9

- 9:00 Handbell festival (State Fairgrounds)

Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 Toy Joy prep (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
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