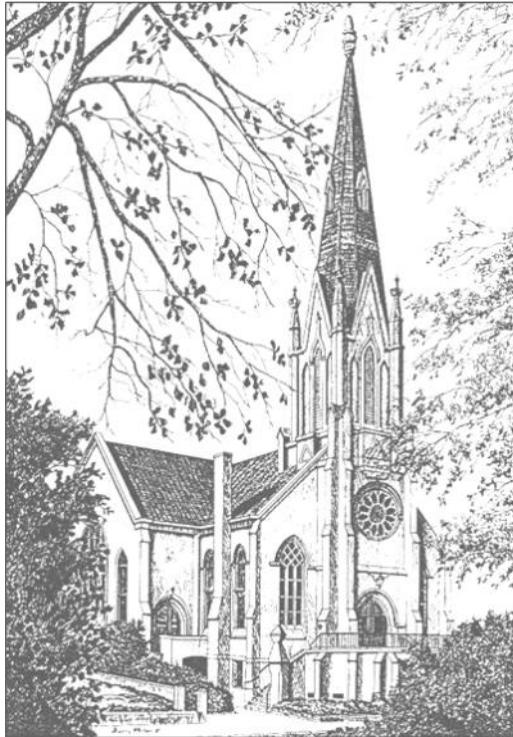


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

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 it to the First Sunday in November. It is the day when we remember all the saints of the Church universal, claim our hope for eternal life, and ponder the nature of a saintly existence. So, we sing hymns that proclaim our hope, we read texts that point to the eternal nature of life, and we remember the saints of this church who have preceded us into eternity in the last year. The sermon explores the nature of sainthood from a biblical perspective, we celebrate communion with a heightened awareness of the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, and we dedicate Merritt Reed to be raised in the ways of eternal love.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Christopher Chapman

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

"In Memoriam"  
Nicholas White

Maureen Howell

The Invocation (unison)

John Smith

**Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community,  
who teaches us the way of peace through life together,  
who fills us with visions of your eternal reign:  
as we now celebrate the communion of saints,  
pour into our hearts the power of Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Call to Worship

“Praise Ye the Lord”

Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Tom Childrey, solo

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his holiness:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts:  
praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Words: Psalm 150

\*The Hymn of Praise, 2 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

John Smith

<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.**

<sup>11</sup>God always does what he plans, and this is why he appointed Christ to choose us. <sup>12</sup>He did this so we Jews would bring honor to him and be the first ones to have hope because of him. <sup>13</sup>Christ also brought you the truth, which is the good news about how you can be saved. You put your faith in Christ and were given the promised Holy Spirit to show you belong to God. <sup>14</sup>The Spirit also makes us sure we will be given what God has stored up for his people. Then we will be set free, and God will be honored and praised.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people. <sup>16</sup>So I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God. <sup>18</sup>My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and you will understand the hope given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all God's people.

<sup>19</sup>I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used <sup>20</sup>when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven. <sup>21</sup>There Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well. <sup>22</sup>God has put all things under the power of Christ, and for the good of the church he has made him the head of everything. <sup>23</sup>The church is the body of Christ and is filled with Christ who completely fills everything.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

Music: *DIX*, Conrad Kocher, 1838

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: *Charles Barham, Lauren Britt, Pat Davis, Diane Fudge, Betty Griffin, Rance Henderson, Jane Kibler, Bill Lewis, Ace Millsaps, Betty Oglesby, Frank Powers, Francis Rockey, Steve Simpson, Carolyn Smith, and Beverly Tuttle.*

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.**

<sup>20</sup>Jesus 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 on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is  
great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated 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 how their  
ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those  
who hate you; <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat 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 asks of  
you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back 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.**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Communion Anthem

“Come Before the Table”

Sanctuary Choir

Karen Marroli

Dennis Ellis, percussion

Come before the table, O come and share the love that makes us one.

O come with one spirit, come with one hope, come with one song.

O come, come as you are, knowing we all belong.

Come and share the blessing, come and share the promise,

Come with one mission, come with one love.

Come all near and far, let all the world rejoice.

*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,  
who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.*

Words: Karen Marroli, 2020

quoting *ADORO TE DEVOTE*, and Thomas Aquinas, 13<sup>th</sup> Cent.

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Hymn of Discipleship

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

(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex  
so they may participate in the dedication of Merritt Anders Reed.)



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  
will, Whose faith in - creased the Sav - ior's  
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.

Words: John L. Bell, Graham Maule, 1996  
Music: English Folk Melody

The Dedication of Merritt Anders Reed, son of Leah and Chad Reed

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Merritt Anders Reed to the church and dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, his parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Merritt?

PEOPLE: **That he is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Merritt grows in his understanding of God and himself, how will we help him to learn about his true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give him our love and include him in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Merritt grows through different stages of life, what will we tell him about his story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Merritt?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when he will sit with us at the Lord's Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to him.**

LEADER: Leah and Chad, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Merritt in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to him.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Merritt and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **Amen.**

## 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

“Fantasy on Holy, Holy, Holy”

Maureen Howell

Piet Post

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is John Smith. A 14-year member, John is a member of the Pathfinder's Class and is married to Harriet Smith.

Today's sanctuary flowers are presented in honor of Adam Harker by the Sanctuary Choir in gratitude for his architectural vision, guidance, and assistance in all facets of the design and renovation of our sanctuary's new choir loft.

We will again be handing out free biscuits and bottled water to parade-goers at the Raleigh Christmas parade on Saturday, November 22. Volunteers will be needed starting at 7:30am to help wrap the biscuits. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and for the link to sign up.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 5; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, we will write and decorate cards and create small care packages for the first night we host White Flag guests. Children will be coloring and decorating the bags we will use. We are also collecting boxes of single-serving hot cocoa which we will offer to our guests as a special treat each time we host.

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 5 is: pork chops with mushroom sauce and mixed vegetables and mashed sweet potatoes; vegetarian option: pasta with mushroom sauce; kids: chicken nuggets.

The CROP Walk will be held this Saturday, November 8. You can support the Walk and the FBC teams by walking or donating. You may donate to the Walk via the website or the kiosk. Read more details in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Toy Joy will be held Saturday, November 15. For ways to donate and sign up to volunteer, please see the *Rose Window Weekly*.

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. The church has two defibrillators (AED): one between the elevator and the church offices on the second floor and one on the main floor behind the sanctuary on the Edenton Street side.

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 2–9**

### **Sunday, November 2 *All Saints Sunday***

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

### **Monday, November 3**

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

### **Tuesday, November 4**

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 7:00 Social Committee meeting (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, November 5**

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)  
Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### **Thursday, November 6**

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

### **Saturday, November 8**

- 10:00 CROP Walk registration (fellowship hall)
- 11:00 CROP Walk Step-off (parking lot)

### **Sunday, November 9**

- 9:30 JBC Toy Joy food bag prep (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)



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