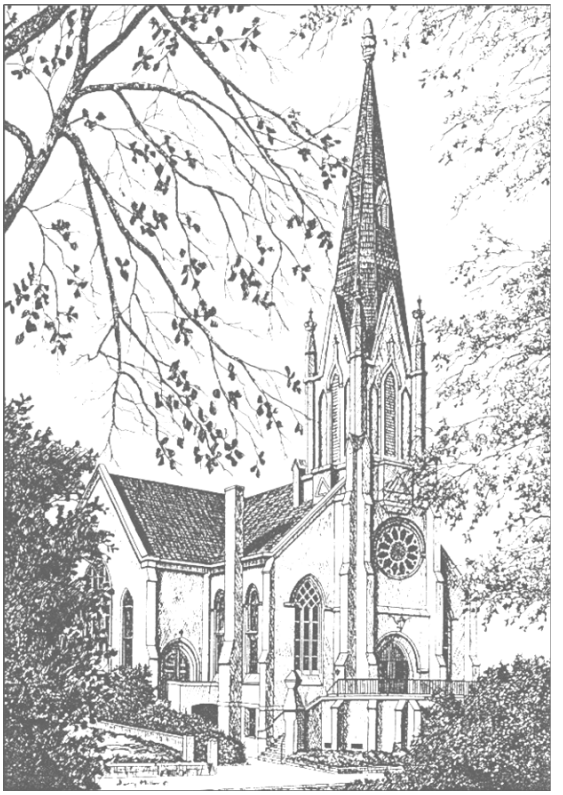
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
All Saints Day

November 1, 2026 Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: We celebrate All Saints Day today. It is the day we remember all the saints of the Church universal, claim our hope for eternal life, and ponder the nature of 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, as described in the Beatitudes, and we celebrate communion with a heightened awareness of the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us.

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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 — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" — Maureen Howell
Michael Burkhardt

The Call to Worship (responsive) — from Psalm 34 and Revelation 7

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
People: **happy are those who take refuge in God.**
Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom to our God!
People: **Thanksgiving and honor to our God!**
Leader: With hearts and hands and voices,
People: **let us praise the Lord.**

*The Hymn of Praise, 3 — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" — Grosser Gott

*The Invocation

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading — Revelation 7:9–17 — Holly Ivel

9After 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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11And 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, 12singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one
who 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.

15For 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.
16They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17for 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.

The Second Reading — 1 John 3:1–3

1See 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. 2Beloved, 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. 3And 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 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: *Tom Bersuder, Myron Britt, Albert Calloway, Rebecca Clayton, Edith Cox, Carolyn Crutchfield, Joe Dammann, Opal Elmore, Jean Gupton, Betty Henderson, Carmen Hiott, Julian Hughes, Charles Parker, Betty Purser, Mary Jon Roach, Johnny Shaver, Gary Singleton, Jim Valentine, and Joe Webb.*

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 Anthem "Come Let Us Anew" Sanctuary Choir

Mack Wilberg, arr.

Come, let us anew, our journey pursue, roll round with the year,
and never stand still, till the Master appear.
His adorable will let us gladly fulfill, And our talents improve
by the patience of hope and the labor of love.

Our life as a dream, our time as a stream glides swiftly away,
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay;
For the arrow is flown and the moment is gone. The millennial year
rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

O, that each in the day of His coming may say, "I have fought my way through;
I have finished the work thou didst give me to do."
O, that each from the Lord may receive the glad word: "Well and faithfully done!
Enter into my joy and sit down on my throne."

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: James Lucas, 1820-?

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 Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

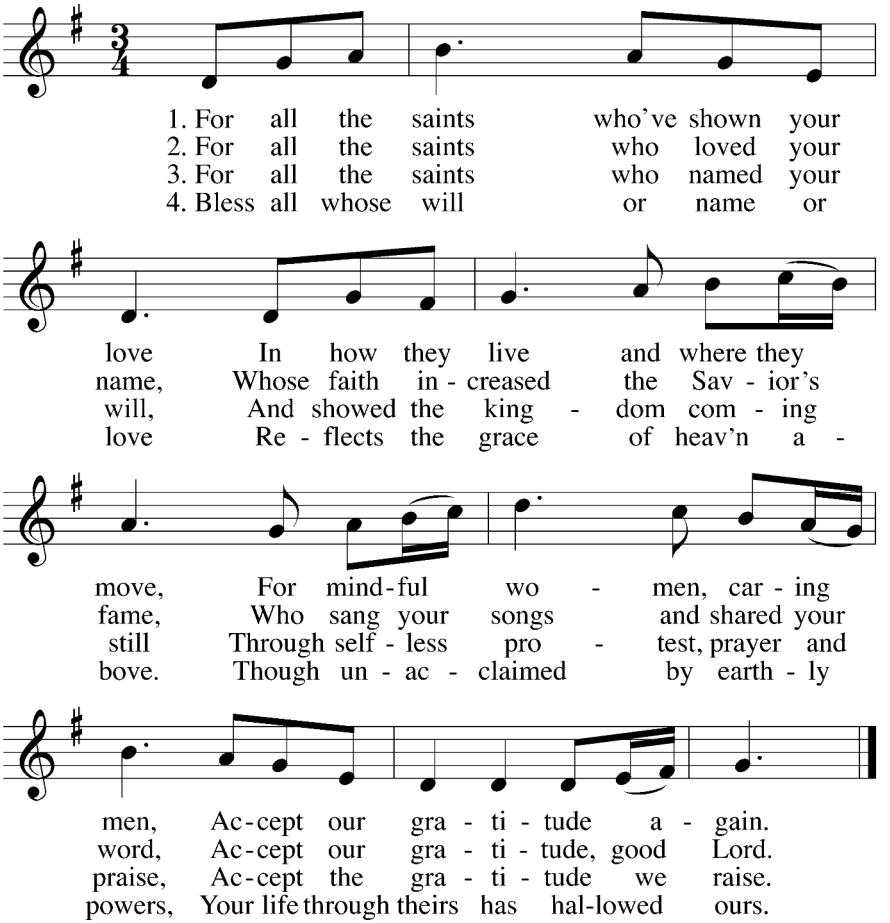
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]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 Hymn of Devotion O WALY WALY

"For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love"



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

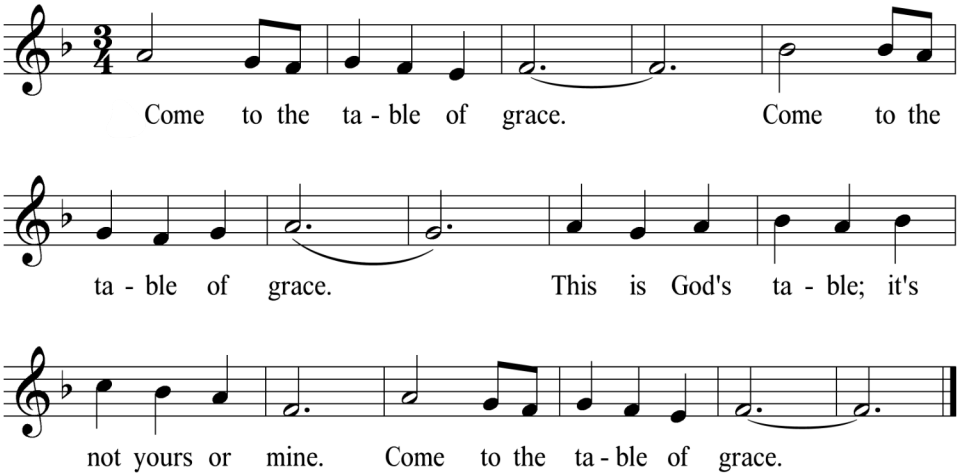
The Homily Christopher Chapman

"A Text that Ought To Jolt Us"

Responding in Faith

The Celebration of Communion

The Communion Song "Come to the Table of Grace"



Words and Music: Barbara Hamm, 2008

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 "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE



Words: William Walsham How, 1864
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Maureen Howell
David N. Johnson

*The congregation may stand.

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We invite visitors to join us after the service for light snacks and fellowship at our visitors table found right outside the library on the second floor. Members: if you find yourself in conversation with a new guest, don't hesitate to bring them so they can make a good connection here at FBC and learn more about the church!

The Deacon on Call is Holly Ivel. A 25-year member, Holly is a Sunday shuttle driver, the chair of the Adult Ministries Council, and a member of the Community Ministries Committee and the Children's Ministries Council. She is also a teacher for the Sunday school class for grades 1–3 as well as a member of the Journey Sunday school class.

Today's pulpit parament is sponsored today to honor the wonderful job that Sabrina Tyndall and the volunteer staff do when the Clothing Ministry is open to clients and on other days when sorting and organizational work is done. A donation is made to the Day Missions Fund.

Sympathy to Rose Dammann on the October 23 death of her husband, Joe, and to David and Sherri Henderson on the October 26 death of his mother, Betty Henderson.

There is an opening for a pulpit parament or flowers for Sunday, November 22. If you are interested, contact Myra Brickell.

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 email Jennie Herrick (jherrick@fbcraleigh.org) by Wednesday, November 4. We will print this list in our bulletin the Sunday prior to Veterans Day.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 4; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, we'll spend the evening serving in our clothing ministry, helping sort and hang recent donations.

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 for November 4 is: enchiladas, Mexican rice and beans; vegetarian option: veggie enchiladas; kids: taquitos.

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 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 1–8

Sunday, November 1

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

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

5:00	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 (choir room/sanctuary/301)

Thursday, November 5

7:00	Band of Brothers (Zoom)
11:30	Thirty-Niners meeting (fellowship hall)

Sunday, November 8

9:45	Sunday School
11:00	FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
	JBC worship (227)
5:00	Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)

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