All Saints Day

Our Worship of God

November 7, 2021

11:15 am

(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ All Saints' Day ~

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

+Call to Worship (responsive)

May we remember That God created. May we remember That God liberated. May we remember That God fed. May we remember That God is *still* creating, God is *still* liberating, God is *still* feeding us. Let this be our story. Our story which began before us with our saints of faith. And continues to this day.

Let us worship our God.

+Opening Hymn

We remember with thanksgiving those who dared frontiers of old, speaking words of faithful living, they in truth the gospel told. They believed the church's story that in Christ all folk are one. Both the mission and the glory were that God's good will be done.

We rejoice to see the spirit working here and now as then. claiming lives of those who hear it – good news told by tongue and pen – reconciling teaching, healing, saving body, mind and soul, peace with justice, love revealing God's desire to make us whole.

Into future generations may the world go out abroad, so all peoples, lands, and nations join to praise the triune God. Then, in gratitude for vision, reaffirm, recall, rejoice, Recommit ourselves to mission, still the church's clearest voice.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

All Saints' Day Moment of Remembrance

All Saints' Day is a universal Christian time of worship to honor and remember all Christian saints, known and unknown. The day is observed by remembering and thanking God for all saints. It is a day to glorify Jesus, who by his holy life and death has made the saints holy through baptism and faith.

All Saints' Litany (responsive)

Today, we remember the ancestors of our faith, from Abraham to Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe: **We remember you.** We remember those whose lives built the foundation for the First Baptist faith family: **We remember you.** We remember grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

We remember you.

We lift up the memories of siblings, spouses, partners, significant loves, children and friends, whose lives ended too soon:

We remember you.

We remember all lives lost this year because of the pandemic those known to us and those unknown, from our family and friends, to the people down the street, to those across the world.

We remember you.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with you forever.

As we read the names, we will pause after each name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their lives.

Jim Butt

Par Johnson

Chuck White

Along with these names, there are others you have known outside of these walls. We invite you to ring a bell in their memory, and then speak their name aloud.

We remember you all and honor you. You will not be forgotten. We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to be with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, You, O God, are with us. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Reflection

In God's Hands Chancel Bells by Kevin McChesney

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

The story of God calls us to remember that we belong to one another, for we are bone of bone and flesh of flesh. The story of God calls us to remember that the wilderness is real, and that God will be with us raining down manna and speaking in a still, small voice. The story of God calls us to remember because if we forget, we risk making God, love, and reconciliation small. So as we remember, may we declare we believe in a God who made all things good, who walks with us in the wilderness, loves with an untamed heart, and makes room for all at God's table. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-3, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.""

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Our Gifts

+Hymn 657

All Things Are Yours

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near, is in such friendship better known: We see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

+Hymn of Commitment 568

Take My Life

Life of the Church

+Benediction

+Postlude

Worship Notes

We Remember with Thanksgiving, Jane Parker Huber, 0-664-25649-X.

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Sunday, November 7 – All Saints' Day

9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School
11:15 am Traditional Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online
2:00 pm Fall Fun Fest & Trunk-or-Treat at Midway Golf and Games

Tuesday, November 9

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room and via Zoom 6:00 pm First Baptist Book Club in the Conference Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, November 10

6:00 pm The Calling in the Student Ministry Suite6:30 pm Chancel Bells7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 11

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom

Sunday, November 14 – Combined Worship

9:15 am NO Awakening Worship

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour

– Adult, Youth small groups & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Combined Worship in the sanctuary and streamed online

12:15 pm Church Business Meeting

Announcements

Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a visitor card at fbc-columbia.org/guest or use this QR code.



Fall Fun Fest & Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, November 7, 2:00-6:00 pm

Join us this evening at Midway Golf and Games for our annual Fall Fun Fest. This year, in addition to our traditional activities like food and trunk-or-treat, we will also have fun activities for our community. First Baptist will be hosting an hour of Laser Tag and Archery Tag and First Kids is sponsoring putt-putt for any family who wishes to play. Dinner includes a burger, chips, and a frozen treat. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. Whether you plan to play games or simply hang out in the picnic area and chat, we hope you will join us for fellowship and fun!

First Baptist Book Club - November 9 at 6:00 pm

First Baptist Book Club meeting next week to discuss *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal* edited by Sarah Bessey. You can buy your own copy from most major retailers and then join the conversation on November 9 at 6 pm. Book Club will meet in the conference room and also via zoom. Email Pastor Brittany McDonald Null to join.

Combined Worship - Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am

Combined Worship at First Baptist is always a joyous time! The church family gets to come together to praise God and enjoy the musical gifts of both our Awakening and Traditional worship teams. Our next Combined Worship Service will take place on Sunday, November 14 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Carol will be preaching, but we have a number of special guests. Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be with us for Combined Worship. He is coming to do a site visit with Pastor Brittany McDonald Null who has been taking part in CBF's Fellows Program. A ministry designed to support first-call ministers.

In addition, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of CBF Field Personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. They will join us for worship virtually. Keith and Mary were members of First Baptist before they became field personnel ministering among the Roma people in the Netherlands 25 years ago. We serve as an encourager church for Keith and Mary, providing both financial and emotional support for their ministry. We hope you will join us for Combined Worship! Small Groups will take place as usual at 10:15. There will be no 9:15 worship.

Following worship, we will remain in the sanctuary for a brief business meeting to vote on the recommendations from the Stepping Toward 200 Team, which were presented at the October business meeting.

Help with Hanging of the Green - Advent Decorations

Monday, November 22

Sign up to help with Advent Decorating on Monday, November 22 by signing up at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa5ad2aa0f85-advent For questions, contact Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org

<u>THRIVE for Racial Justice Survey</u> Everyone in the First Baptist Family is encouraged to take part in the THRIVE for racial justice online survey. You can find the link on our webpage by clicking the survey rotator on the home page, or use this QR Code.

Through a grant sponsored by the Alliance of Baptists, First Baptist has made a 5-year commitment to participate in a cohort of 27



churches dedicated to the work of racial justice and equity. As part of this process, the Alliance is conducting this survey to assist in understanding racial realities and dynamics within the Alliance, as well as in our congregation. We are seeking to create a beloved, diverse, and equitable community here on earth, as it is in heaven. This understanding will equip us to affirm our strengths, address our weaknesses, and inform the action steps necessary for progress in overcoming barriers to racial justice and unity.

Advent Worship Series - Housing the Holy

Begins Sunday, November 28

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas begins on Sunday, November 28. This year our theme is *Housing the Holy.* Advent invites us to remember that just as the star of Bethlehem shown over the stable, the Light of Christ is shining on us, inviting us to become a beacon of hope to others. Throughout the series, we will study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and "make room in the inn," the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

American Baptist Churches USA Global Missions Offering

During the month of November, we invite you to give to American Baptist Church's Global Missions offering. Join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. Gifts to the General Fund covers expenses for the work of mobilizing the next generation of global servants, building relationships between global servants, international partners, and mission supporters. Through your support of ABCUSA's Global Missions, church leaders receive contextualized theological education, children attend school, survivors of exploitation experience restoration, community leaders become advocates of peace and justice, and indigenous people access clean drinking water.

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