



First Baptist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, November 5th, 2023

All Saints' Day (Observed)

**Please stand as you are able whether you are participating at home or in the sanctuary.*

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, you are the author of peace and lover of harmony; serving you is perfect freedom. May we trust you in all fear and danger. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Joel Russell-MacLean

*A Time of Remembrance "God Save the King"

**God save our gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King.
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us, God save the King.**

*The Last Post

*The Two Minute Silence

*Rouse

*The Act of Remembrance

Minister: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

*National Anthem

"O Canada"

**O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love, in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the true north strong and free.
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free! O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“For All the Saints”

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The children are invited forward...

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might,
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of glory passes on his way: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Children's Blessing

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-5 (O.T. page 191)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 90

Leader: A Prayer of Moses, the man of God:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;

All: Even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Leader: Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

All: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.

All: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:13-16 (N.T. page 4)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-3 (N.T. page 225)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Joel Russell-MacLean

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We Celebrate

*Hymn of Approach

“He Hideth My Soul”

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**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Saviour to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord—he taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved, he giveth me strength every day.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**With numberless blessings each moment he crowns,
And filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, “Oh, glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!”
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**When clothed in his brightness,
Transported I rise to meet him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, his wonderful love, I’ll shout with the millions on high.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love, and covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to the Supper

Joel Russell-MacLean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, we confess to you before all of heaven, and before one another, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

Cheryl Johnston

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

The Words of Consecration

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Our Gifts and Offerings

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and cup as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Communion

We Respond to God

*Hymn for Response “Hear the Call of the Kingdom”
(Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty)

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before him, loving all that is right;
That the life of Christ may shine through us.**

**King of heaven, we will answer the call;
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim: salvation in Jesus’ name.**

*Benediction Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing Xavier Russell-MacLean

“A Time For Friends”

Everyone is invited to the lower hall for refreshments following the service.