



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Saints' Day Observed

Welcome! Young children are welcome in the service or in our staffed nursery.

The collection is taken at the doorways as you enter the sanctuary.

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

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Most merciful Father, in love you have taken our departed brothers and sisters into your presence. Grant to us who are still on our way to walk by faith so that having served you faithfully in this world, we may be joined to the company of your Saints in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Music for Gathering

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Opportunities for Life and Service

Cheryl Johnston

*The Introit

"Days of Elijah"
(by Robin Mark)

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in your world;
And we are the labourers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.**

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Cheryl Johnston

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"

#546, vs 1-5

**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 refuge, and their might,
Thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'Mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold:
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!**

Children's Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 12:2-4, 12, 13 (p. 834, Old Testament section)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 96

Leader: Say among the nations, “The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. The LORD will judge the peoples with equity.”

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

Leader: Let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

All: Before the LORD; for the LORD is coming, for the LORD is coming to judge the earth. The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.

*Gloria Patri

#623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7 (p. 259, New Testament section)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“See, the Home of God is Among Mortals”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Celebrate

*Hymn of Preparation

"Be Unto Your Name"
(by Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler)

**We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the Ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.**

Refrain:

**Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Highest praises, honour and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.**

**We are the broken, you are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before you, blessing your name. *(Refrain)***

*The 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 one, holy, universal 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

Chris Senger

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Gift of Music

"Communion of Grace"
(Words printed on p. 7)

Sanctuary Choir

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

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

Joel Russell-MacLean

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 of Response

“Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending”

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**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear:
And his saints, by all rejected, now shall meet him in the air:
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly! Everlasting God come down.**

We Depart to Serve God

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

Calla-Dawn Brooks

Following the service, you are invited to the lower hall for “A Time for Friends”—an opportunity to fellowship with one another and enjoy some refreshments together

Parents: Please go to meet your children in the nursery and children’s program as they can only be dismissed into your care.

Communion of Grace

(May P. Holt, Roswell Park, and Constance H. Coote; Arr. Patti Drennan)

At thy table, Holy Spirit, Lord we pause this sacred hour.

Turn our hearts away from sin and self. Let us feel your loving pow'r.

Precious banquet, bread of heaven, wine of gladness flowing free,

May we taste it, kindly given, in remembrance, Lord, of thee.

Christ, the living bread from heaven, Christ whose blood is drink indeed,

Here by faith and with thanksgiving, in our hearts, on you we feed.

By your death, for sin atoning, by your resurrection life,

Hold us fast in joyful union. Strengthen us to face the strife.

While in joyful, holy radiance, shines the feast that is to come.

After conflict, trials and testing, your great feast of love and home, of home!

Come, then Christ, oh come and feed us, fill our spirits, Lord, we pray.

Touch us with your hands, once nail-scarred, guiding us throughout our day.

Through your mercy, help us live our earthly lives with holy grace.

'Til we find our home in heaven, at your feet, we'll take our place.

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