First Baptist Church at Worship

November 6, 2022 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

ALL SAINTS

Assemble in God's Name

Organ Voluntary

Prelude on LAND OF REST

by Sam Batt Owens

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?

When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys, when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!

In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;

They triumph still, they still rejoice: most happy is their case.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see

Thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

- 16th century hymn

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you.

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Giving thanks for all the saints who from their labors rest,

we gather to worship God, who loves beyond life or death.

With the cloud of witnesses, by the grace of Christ, and in the presence of the Spirit, let us worship God.

+Hymn 567

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

You, O Lord, are God of the living, breathing life into every place where death has entered. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not recognize your Life:

when we ask the wrong questions or do not hear the answers, when we choose empty silence over faithful words, when we choose empty words over faithful silence, when we choose not to act when faithful action seems risky.

Forgive us, O Lord, God of life,

for our lives depend on You. Amen.

+Act of Praise LINSTEAD



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni-fy, all you works of God bless the Lord!

All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and powers that be, praise the Lord and his majesty: REFRAIN

Hills and mountains, now sing God's worth, all you green things that grow on earth,

Seas and rivers, you springs and wells, beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: REFRAIN

Come, humanity, sing along, sing, you people of God, a song,

All God's servants, your Lord now bless, join you spirits and souls at rest: **REFRAIN**

- Stephen Starke

Proclaim God's Word

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture Job 19:23-27

Alex Lockridge

+Psalm 17

HOLY MANNA

Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice, listen to my heartfelt prayer;

In Thy just deliberation may I find redemption there.

Test my heart for its affliction, purify my soul with fire;

Let my mortal tongue speak wisdom, righteousness be my desire.

Keep me, Lord, in Thy protection, as the apple of Thine eye;

Shelter me beneath Thy shadow when my hour of death draws nigh.

In its wake send vindication; to its darkness, show Thy face;

Bring me to my resurrection clothed in garments of Thy grace.

- Michael Morgan

A Reading from the Gospels

Jeremiah Banks

Luke 20:27-40

Sermon

"Hopeful Doubt"

Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 210

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

*DUKE STREET

stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5

Give Thanks to God

+Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

Death is swallowed up forever – let us wipe away our tears.

We give thanks for all those who are dear to us.

Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

We remember with appreciation those who paved the way with their faith:

Teachers, leaders, grandmothers, grandfathers, parents, children, and friends.

We remember with gratitude the gifts of God's people.

The gifts of many people make us who we are.

We remember with love the people who have blessed us with their lives.

God brings a new heaven and a new earth – let us live in that hope.

We give thanks for this church, where tradition and tomorrow touch hands.

The Remembrance of the Saints

Alex Lockridge

Haskell BoldingAlma LundyOlivia RobinsonBill HopkinsFrancis ReedyLynn SteeleBob JonesViola ReeseSusie Viars

+Hymn 561

Shall We Gather at the River

*HANSON PLACE

+Offertory Prayer

Jeremiah Banks

Loose change received in November will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for our White Flag participants

Offertory Anthem

Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us

by Robert Hobby

Clouds of witnesses surround us, saints whose heritage we claim.

Christ's own love has bought and bound us one with all who bear his name.

Here, within this congregation, trusting Your strong Word alone,

Help us build on this foundation: Christ, the living cornerstone.

Holy Spirit's fire falling where Your faithful people pray:

Fall on us, expectant, calling, gathered in Your name today.

Come, through word of mystic power; come, through water, bread and wine.

Gifts of grace upon us shower; Christ's pure light among us shine.

Send us where Your people languish, lost in depths of sin, despair.

Send us where they lie in anguish, wounded, wasted, bowed with care.

Lord, Your Gospel's word of freedom let our lives, our lips reveal

Till the long awaited kingdom comes this broken world to heal.

Help us, as the saints before us, bear with faithfulness Your name,

Till we join the mighty chorus singing hymns of glad acclaim:

Praise the Lamb, once slain, victorious over death forevermore.

Father, Spirit, ever glorious, Triune God whom we adore.

- Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

Ann Hacker

+Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Go in God's Name

+The Peace Jeremiah Banks

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 548

When We All Get to Heaven

*HEAVEN

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Go from this place with courage, for God is with you.

Hold fast to the traditions of the cloud of witnesses,
and put your trust in the God of the living.

And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father,
who loves us and has given us eternal life and good hope,
comfort your hearts through the Holy Spirit,
strengthening them in every good work and word. Amen.

Organ Postlude

For All the Saints

setting by Wilbur Held

+all who are able may stand

Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Buddy Woods

in commemoration of his birthday

by

Rhoda Woods, Johnny Woods, Janet Woods Ridner, and Jenny Woods Matlock

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III