

# First Baptist Church at Worship

November 1, 2020  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## ALL SAINTS DAY

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*Bless the Lord, all you faithful people!*  
*With all the saints, we sing God's praise.*  
*Through the love of God, we are God's own children.*  
*With all the blessed ones, we rejoice.*

Hymn

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints, who from their labors 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!  
O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. 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!*

- William Walsham How

The First Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 34

LAND OF REST

*Come, magnify the Lord with me! Together sing God's praise,  
Whose presence overcomes all fear, whose glory lights our days.  
So great the trials of the just, yet greater is God's will,  
That from the threat'ning chill of death God's truth redeems us still.  
O taste and see, the Lord is good! How blest are they who trust,  
For those who know God's steadfast love, they walk among the just.*

- Michael Morgan, alt.

The Second Lesson – I John 3:1-3

Paul Sims

Sermon

“Our Beloved Multitude”

Alex Lockridge

Hymn

*There’s a Land that Is Fairer than Day*

SWEET BY AND BY

*In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore; ....*

- Sanford Bennett

Litany of Thanksgiving

Paul Sims

*God of the ages, we praise You for all Your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to Your truth, we give You thanks, O God.*

*For those we have known and loved – for teachers and colleagues and friends, for parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters – all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have lived for the praise of Your glory, we give You thanks, O God.*

*Keep us grateful for their witness, and like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Amen.*

The Remembrance of the Saints

Alex Lockridge

Maxine Asbridge

Guy Jones

Bob McBurney

Maxine VonGruenigen

Grace Boggs

Mack Jones

Ed Setser

Betty Wells

Nancy Daniel

Don Kraus

Rita Smith

Buddy Woods

Karen Elliott

Gayle Majors

Bob Terrell

Imogene York

Hymn

*Remembering with Love and Hope*

LAND OF REST

*Remembering with love and hope, we celebrate the feast.*

*Christ bids us come and dine with him, our Host and great High Priest.*

*God’s Word made known in flesh and blood, a covenant of grace;*

*In manger, cross, and empty tomb, we see God’s loving face.*

*Through all our lives, Lord, You are near, and to the end of time.*

*In bread and cup Yourself you give; our life in Yours we find.*

*We break the bread and bless the cup; Your Spirit is outpoured.*

*Made one in You, we feast in love until You come, O Lord.*

*We trust this pledge of Your strong love and pray, Your kingdom come,*

*When face to face we’ll feast with You in our eternal home.*

- John Paarlberg

## The Communion of the People

Hymn

*We're Marching to Zion*

MARCHING TO ZION

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. REFRAIN*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. REFRAIN*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,  
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. REFRAIN*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. REFRAIN*

**REFRAIN** *We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

- Isaac Watts; Robert Lowery

Benediction

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

*Bless the Lord, all you faithful people!*

*With all the saints, we will sing God's praise.*

*Go from this time of worship to live as God's own children.*

*With the redeemed of all the ages, we will rejoice! Amen.*

Carolyn Garr, soloist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of Karen's father*

**Velmer Hopper**

*in commemoration of his October 17<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*by*

*Jerry Vanover & Karen Hopper Vanover*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### The Remembrance of the Saints and the Celebration of Communion

Today, we join Christians around the world in celebrating All Saints' Day, a time when we remember, with thanksgiving, those who have preceded us in death. We particularly honor sixteen of our own who have joined that "great cloud of witnesses." The hymn, "Remembering with Love and Hope," serves as a Prayer of Thanksgiving that recalls for us the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and prepares us to "remember" the day when we will join with the saints of all the ages at the heavenly banquet, with Christ as host.