

First Baptist Church at Worship

November 5, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

ALL SAINTS

Gathering

Choral Prelude

We Are Surrounded
Patsy Faulkner, soloist

arr. by Williams/Martin

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

At all times I will bless the Lord, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let he humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in the Lord.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

-from Psalm 34

+Hymn 567

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

+Prayer of the Day

Jeremiah Banks

Response

REMEMBRANCE

For - ev - er loved, for - ev - er blessed, and for - got - ten ne - ver. All saints who
from their la - bors rest in God at home for - ev - er.

Those who followed, those who led, those who planted, those who fed.

All who in myriad ways served the living Bread. REFRAIN

Those who spoke, and those who heard, those who labored undeterred.

All who in myriad ways held the holy Word. REFRAIN

Those who stood against the wrong, those who fell with spirits strong.

All who in myriad ways sang the triumph song. REFRAIN

- C. David Matthews

Proclaiming

A Reading from the Revelation to John

Alex Lockridge

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”**

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

(the reading continues)

-Revelation 7:9-17

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from the Gospels

Carolyn Garr

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

“Royal Priesthood”

Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 496

Footstep of Jesus

FOOTSTEPS

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Giving Thanks

+Litany of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks

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

Helen Carpenter
Jessie Cloyd

Lolita Duncan
Jewelette McDonald
Maxine Morgan

Pat Parkey
Verneda Sturgill

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.*

The Celebration of Communion

*The Old Rugged Cross
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

arr. by J. Keyser
arr. by J. Burson

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

+Hymn 562

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

+Offertory Prayer

Ann Hacker

Loose change received in November will go to the Benevolence Fund.

Offertory Anthem

Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us

arr. by R. Hobby

+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.*

Sending

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks and Alex Lockridge

*Beloved, receive this good news: you are children of God,
United as family with the saints of every tribe, nation, language, and generation.
Go forth now in the company of the multitude who have put on the life of the Lamb
That you may love and live after the imitation of Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Organ Postlude

For All the Saints

arr. by W. Held

+all who are able may stand

leading in worship today

Rev. Jeremiah Banks

Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Donna Davis

Organist

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura

Accompanist

Carolyn Garr

Interim Music Director

Ann Hacker

Deacon

Rev. Alex Lockridge

Senior Pastor

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Buddy Woods

by

Rhoda, Johnny, Janet, and Jenny

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