# The First Baptist Church at Worship All Saints Day / Communion Sunday November 1, 2020

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

"Requiescat in pace" (Prelude on "Dundee") ...... Henry G. Ley Litany for the Feast of All Saints ...... Franz Schubert

## In Praise to the Lord

#### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER** 

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

#### ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

(At this time we pause to remember the saints in our lives who have died this year, giving thanks to God for their faithfulness. If you would like to remember them or someone else special to you, you are invited to come forward during the opening hymn and light a candle.)

Helen Arrasmith Gloria Mumpower-Must

Norma Curry Tammy Palmer

Herbert Downs Jeffrey Michael Phillips

Daniel Hignite

Lenore Kimbrough

Don Lea

Edward Soloski

Lois Miles

James Miller

Jim Veghte

Glen Whitson

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God of grace and peace, we praise you for all who have reflected your love into our world. Guide us to continue their faithful work as we, too, walk in the light of your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN (See pg. 6)

**#567** For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

The stanzas of the hymn "For All the Saints" describe the common life of all the saints: the credit due to Jesus Christ for drawing us all to Him, the strength and guidance we continue to draw from Him, our joint communion in Christ, the continuing struggle against evil, and the coming day when the dead shall rise and we shall all worship together before God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No matter what path each of us travels, we all will enjoy the same glorious eternal life.

# Listening for the Word of God

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

William Henry Caldwell

Revelation 7:9-17: 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."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Check out our website for link to the pre-recorded Children's Message.)

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Barry Schlaile, Church Treasurer

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 7)

**#472 (refrain only)** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus LEMMEL

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. David Coggins

SPECIAL MUSIC Justen Seay, Tenor

If With All your Hearts from Elijah ...... Felix Mendelssohn

Ye people tend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions the Prophet Elijah has sealed the heavens. Through the word of God, I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God, for He is slow to anger and merciful and kind and gracious. And repenteth Him is the evil. If with all your hearts ye truly seek me. Ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God. Oh that I knew where I might find Him that I might even come before His presence.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Together Before the Throne"

### Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

**#456 (Vs. 1)** *I Come With Joy* (See pg. 8)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

# Responding to God

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 9)

**#356** We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer KREMSER

What might be most interesting about this hymn is what it is not. It isn't a song of praise and thanksgiving for the unending good gifts God gives us. It isn't a naïve song about how beautiful life is all the time. On the flip side, it isn't a hymn of appeasement, as if our song is the only thing that will keep God from smiting us. Rather, this is a hymn of thanksgiving that very honestly raises the question of suffering. In the second verse we sing, "through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been; when perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win." We can't say that life is all peaches and cream. We can't gather together on a Sunday morning blissfully unaware of the sickness, death, sorrow, bullying, and famine that pervade our land. But we can gather together to praise the God who does not desert us in the midst of these heartaches. We can, and should, come with hearts and voices lifted up before the one who suffered much so that we could have, in the midst of our trials, the fullness of life.

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Berghuis

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

(\*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop your offering, yellow card, and commitment card in the basket as you leave.

Thank you!



#### Please Note!

As we adjust our services to try to keep people safe, socially distanced, and spending less time together, please take seriously the need to mitigate our risks as much as we can. Read the guidelines created by our Trustees and Health Committee, and follow them. Wear a mask over your mouth and nose, use hand sanitizer, and remain socially distanced from those outside your family group when entering and exiting. Please only enter and exit from the sanctuary and do not go to other areas of the church. If a restroom visit is required, please use the downstairs rooms.

Please fill out a yellow card to indicate your attendance, along with the pew number where you are sitting, in case we need to get in touch with you for contact tracing in the event that someone who attends become positive for COVID-19 soon afterward. Adjustments to our service include no offertory, but rather you will be able to leave your offering as you enter/exit. We are not singing aloud, though our musicians will provide hymns when you can read along, sing in your heart or hum quietly with your mask on.

We plan to livestream our Sunday worship service to our YouTube channel. This can be found at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (http://www.fbcdayton.org/) for later viewing.

We will hold our live Zoom Gathering Sunday evening at **5:00 PM**. This is a time to connect with one another, pray, and have a lesson. Anyone is welcome to join us through any of these venues as we try to reach people in safe and meaningful ways.

#### **Prayer for the Armed Forces**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)
Sharon Appelt
Neil Farnest
Susan Reichard

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Paige Bartlett	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy See
Rebecca Bauer	Ken Gordon	Judy Smith
Dan Bellavia	Bev Harrell	Helen Sutton
Marlen Berghuis	Linda Haskins	Emily Taylor
Jessica Blair	Hignite Family	Torrey Thrash
Marcie Bogan	Barbara Jett	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Kimbrough Family	Sara Vice
Jessica Brown	Doris Landis	Waldrop Family
Robert Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Peggie Worthey
Mary Caldwell	Lea Family	
Lynn Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	Healthcare Workers
Tami Malone Charles	Tim Meador	Police & Fire Fighters
Andy Collier	Arthur Merkle	
Marilyn Craig	Miles-Curry Families	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Mumpower-Must Family	Sebastian Ewald
Martha DeBold	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Florida Dixon	Pipenger Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch

Radachi Family
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Jim Earnest

Andy Wilson



# Stewardship Campaign 2021 Faithful – Hopeful – Loving

As we emphasize stewardship again in November, please commit. We are in an election season, and you've been encouraged to make a plan to vote. Please take your commitment to our church just as seriously. Make a plan to give, commit to that, and share it with the church early so we know we can count on you for the coming year. Every gift matters, regardless of size. Every increase helps us increase what we can accomplish. Use the stewardship card available at church today and turn it in at the end of service, or by mail, or return it any way you wish to the church office. And of course you can use e-giving at <a href="https://www.fbcdayton.org">www.fbcdayton.org</a> if that is most helpful for you. Let's continue being faithful with everything God has entrusted to us. Let's show we are hopeful by generously committing ourselves to the work God does through our church. And most importantly, let's do it with the love God places in our hearts. Thank you for being the embodiment of this theme.



It is only in recognizing

Who we are that we can move

forward

and remain

faithful.

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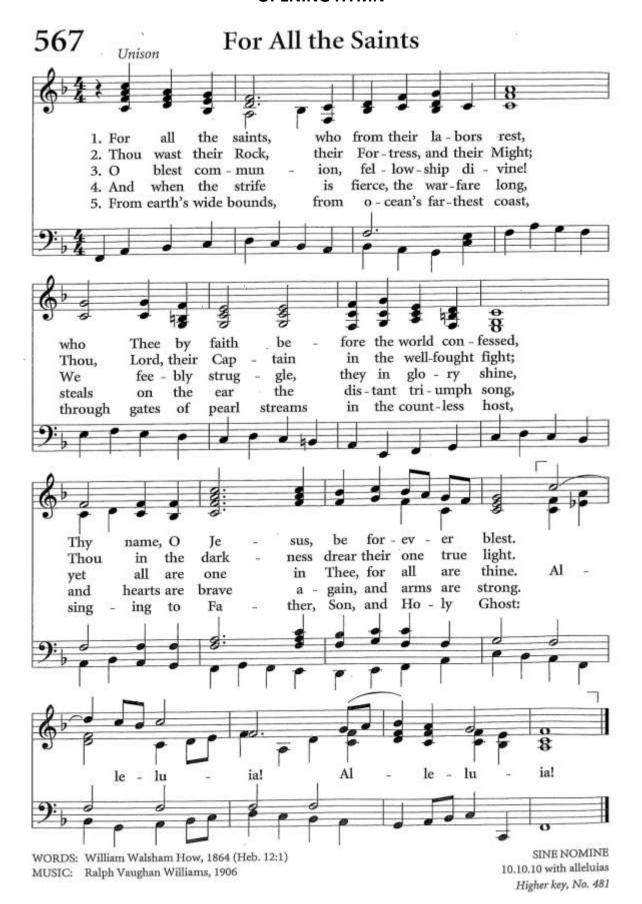
Faithfulness to the call from the Holy One hinges on the awareness that God calls us to be true to who we are. Yes, calling requires us to grow and mature. Still, the beginning is grounded in what is already there.

As God has allowed us to be faithful and true to our identity, out of gratitude for such we should respond to the call to go wider, deeper, higher, and farther. Faithful stewardship is holding in tandem where and who we were when Jesus called, with what we are called to be here and now.

Stewardship as a response to our grounding in identity frees us to display care for all things. It is treating people and institutions with a sense of historical value and cultural and spiritual purpose. The past informs the present and provides insight for the future.



#### OPENING HYMN



#### **CALL TO PRAYER**



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#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

# 356 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

