



The First Baptist Church at Worship ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

Communion Sunday
First Sunday of Stewardship
November 5, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Sonatina on "God's Time Is the Best Time"	J. S. Bach
"Litany for the Feast of All Saints"	Franz Schubert
"Elevation" from Suite Medievale ("Adoro te")	Jean Langlais
"Elegy"	G. T. Thalben-Bal

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises South African Traditional Song

Hallelujah we sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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Christ the Lord to us said, I am wine, I am bread. I am wine, and I am bread.

Give to all who thirst and hunger.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#567 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

This hymn for liturgical saints' days was written by William Walsham How and first published in Hymn for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns in 1864 and was compiled by Horatio Nelson, 3rd Earl Nelson of Trafalgar House, Wiltshire. At the time, William How was rector of Whittington, Shropshire. The original text contained eleven stanzas of three lines, beginning "For all Thy saints," with an Alleluia refrain. It was headed by Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Mark Craig

<u>Joshua 3:7-17</u>: The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the

LORD your God." Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap." When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. David Coggins

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."

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ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

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At this time we pause to remember the saints from our congregation who have died since last year:

Paige Bartlett
Beverly Cowden
Beverly Harrell
James Hornbeck
Janet Lasley
John D. Nash
Elmer Paloncy
Rose Peacock
Emily Taylor

We also remember these additional loved ones whose names have been mentioned to us.

You are invited to come forward during the fellowship hymn and light a candle to remember them

or someone else special to you.

David Ard Jake Baker George Bayless Rev. David Brakle Karin Brown **Bob & Norma Curry** Edgar Harrell Ruth & Logan Herbert Judy Kelly Dana Lauff Glen & Lois Miles Gail Moddeman Bill, Joan, and Peggy Pearson Andrew Stevenson Craig Stout Charles Taylor Peter & Ethleon Thomson Janet West Joe, Grace, and David Wolfe

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.

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#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'er take 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Coggins

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn.

All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER (SEE PG. 9)

Sanctuary Thompson

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Coggins

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! I'm Going There arr. Phillip McIntyre

In that home above, all is joy and love, eternal peace and rest, in that heavenly fold there are streets of gold; Hallelujah, I'm going there. I feel in my soul I shall reach my goal. My heavy cross I'll bear until I ascend to my journey's end; Hallelujah, I'm going there. There shall be no night in that land of light; no tears, no sin, no cares. Loved one watch and wait at the heavenly gate. Hallelujah, I'm going in there. Oh yes, I'm going there, to that mansion bright and fair. O by His grace, yes, I'll see His face; Hallelujah, I'm going in there.

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Crossing the Jordan"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Coggins

SHARING OF THE BREAD (SEE PAGE 10)

Vs. 1-2 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee ADORO TE DEVOTE

SHARING OF THE CUP (SEE PAGE 10)

Vs. 3-4 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee ADORO TE DEVOTE

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

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#312 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart MARION

One of the best-known Bible verses on the topic of joy is Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." In a fallen world, it is easy to find excuses for being gloomy, but the apostle Paul wrote those words while a prisoner in Rome. In fact, despite his outwardly dreary circumstances, the whole letter to the Philippians is overflowing with joy and thankfulness. This hymn is a good reminder of the joy that Christians should display, regardless of circumstance.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises South African Traditional Song

Hallelujah we sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah we sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Now He sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt to proclaim the joyful gospel.

POSTLUDE R. Alan Kimbrough

Prelude and Fugue in C Major J. S. Bach

Please drop your offering, yellow card, and pledge card in the basket as you leave. Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at https://www.youtube.com/ and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (https://www.fbcdayton.org/).

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.)
Jason Alspaugh	Neil Earnest	Brenda Proffitt
Elizabeth Ard	Tim Holmen	Judy See
Glen Babb	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Jessica Blair	Greenwood Family	Roger Stephens
Gail Bowman	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Don Brown	Ray Landis	Ginger Tiffner
Rob Brown	Anna Frances Lasley	Anne Veghte
Don Bryant	Gene & Mary K Lee	West Family
Gerald Busch	Dana Liss	Dorothy Williams
Mary Anne Chadbourne	Vincent Liss	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Florida Dixon	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domescik	Carolyn Mowry	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline
Jim Earnest	Susan Parent	Will Radachi
Luke Earnest	Pearson Family	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Ba	utista Dios Compasivo (El S	`alvador)

Week of Nov. 5 - 12

Sun. 5		Worship Service w/Communion / All Saints Stewardship Emphasis 1
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
Wed. 8	2:00p	Bible Study
	6:30p	Board Meetings
Thu. 9	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 12	10:00a	Worship Service – Stewardship 2
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School Classes / Activities
	12:15p	BYF Gathering

Stewardship Campaign 2024 "200 Years of Giving" Sundays – Nov. 5, 12, & 19

Adult Sunday School Offering SERMON TALKBACKS

First Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm (Beginning Nov. 5)

1st Floor Chapel

The Board of Christian Education has heard the desire among some to have opportunities for congregants to converse with the pastors about their sermons in an open forum. This has often been called a "sermon talkback." And so, we have decided to give this a try, offering such talkbacks on the first Sunday of the month in the Chapel. The first talkback will then take place on All Saints Sunday, November 5 with Pastor Kent. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. that the sermon may have left you with.

November Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Nov. 8 @ 6:30pm Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 15 @ 6:30pm

RSVP for the Thanksgiving Lunch Carry-In Sunday, Nov. 19 after service



Deacons will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert and RSVP by Monday, Nov. 13.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School November Drive for House of Bread

In a recent Sunday school class we talked about ways to help others in the community, and we agreed to start by gathering items for a local place of outreach like House of Bread. And so, during the month of November our Jr./Sr. High youth will be hosting a donation drive for House of Bread (houseofbread.org), collecting items on their General wish list. Items include:

- Pasta noodles elbow, penne, shells and Pasta Sauce
- Rice white or brown
- Peanut butter and jelly plastic containers
- White sugar
- Cream Soups for cooking cream of chicken, potato, mushroom
- Corn Meal or Corn bread mixes
- Salad Dressing ranch, French
- Mayonnaise and Relish

Look for our youth and a donation bin in the Fellowship Hall and other places in the building. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can go to their website and click on the "Donate" button. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

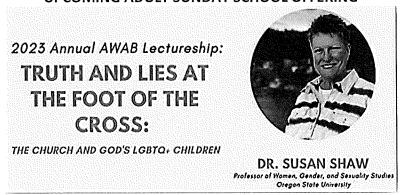
Rev. Jim Earnest to Be Honored Nov. 10

On Friday, November 10, Rev. Jim Earnest will be honored with a "Quilt of Valor." **The ceremony will take place at Concord United Methodist Church, Englewood, OH at 11:00 a.m.** Quilts of Valor are awarded to veterans and active-duty personnel as a tangible thank you for their military service to our country. If your schedule permits, please come to the ceremony in support of Jim. For further information, contact Linda Ginter-Brown.

BYF Gatherings in Nov/Dec

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship continues to gather on the second and fourth Sundays of each month (unless otherwise noted). And so, in the month of November we are planning to meet on **November 12 & 26**. **And our last gathering of 2023 will be on Sunday, December 10**. We will meet in the upstairs dining hall after Sunday school on these dates for lunch (12:15pm). And we'll spend the rest of our time enjoying fun and fellowship. Pickup will be at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer with our BYF sometime, or host lunch or a gathering, please speak with Pastor Jason. And RSVP's are not required, but certainly helpful for planning purposes. Just text or email Pastor Jason to give him a heads up at 937-631-3579 or jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org.

UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING



November 12 @ 11:30am-12:15pm 1st Floor – Chapel

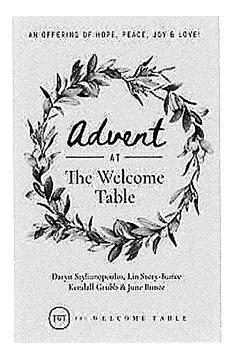
Last year the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists (AWAB), of which we are a member congregation, began sponsoring an annual lecture that would speak to the Church, society and LGBTQ+ concerns. These can be attended in-person, but they are thankfully also available to watch via livestream and recorded. And here we are offering an opportunity for folks to view the recording of this year's lecture. We hope you'll join us, and share your questions and responses to this year's message.

About the Lecture: We've all heard how everyone's equal at the foot of the cross. That doesn't seem to apply to LGBTQ+ people, however, according to many Christians. In fact, the disgust and hatred of LGBTQ+ people among many Christians is so great that they eagerly accept, tell, create, and repeat lies and falsehoods about the queer community and work actively to limit, roll back, and deny civil and human rights to LGBTQ+ people. Surely, however, of all places, the foot of the cross is a place for truths. On the cross, Jesus sided with the marginalized, oppressed, and despised. The resurrection was God's affirmation of that choice, and, in his "coming out" of the tomb, Jesus offered hope, possibility, love, and welcome. We'll explore truths and lies at the foot of the cross, drawing from the latest headlines, biological, medical, and social sciences, gender studies, and theological and biblical studies and make a specific case for Baptist welcome of God's LGBTQ+ children.

NOTE: There is no Sunday school during 11:30am scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19 as there is a Congregational Lunch planned for the day.

Supporting the Christmas Programs of FBC Children & Youth

Our Board of Christian Education folks had the idea of wanting to support our children and youth who may be in Christmas/Holiday programs at their schools, by sharing that information and encouraging folks to attend. So we are inviting families to share the dates, times, ticket info, etc. for the various programs their children and youth may be in this year; and we'll promote that through our church communications. Just email the info to the church office at fbc@fbcdayton.org.



2023 Advent Study "Advent at the Welcome Table: An Offering of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love!"

Led by Pastor Jason Alspaugh (et al) Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm November 26 – December 17 1st Floor – Chapel

The Season of Advent does not actually begin until December 3rd, but the fourth and last Sunday of Advent takes place on Christmas Eve, December 24th; and it'll be amazing if we all just show up for two worship services in one day . And so, I am intentionally beginning this year's Advent study a week early in order to cover the four themes of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love that we traditionally celebrate in our worship life. And this year we'll be using a book entitled, "Advent at the Welcome Table," to guide our time of study and reflection. It is also useful throughout the weekdays in Advent, those times in-between our gatherings. Books are available on Amazon.com and elsewhere, but if you'd like help obtaining a copy in advance, please let me know (jalspaugh@fbcdayton.org).

Decorate for Advent/Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 25 @ 9:00AM

On Saturday, Nov. 25, beginning at 9:00am we plan to decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and exterior of the church for Advent/Christmas and would greatly appreciate as many helpers as possible. We will have refreshments available. Join us for this time of preparation, fun and fellowship!

Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 10am Worship

This special service will consist of scripture readings of the season interspersed with Christmas hymns and carols. Mark your calendar and bring friends and family to this special Sunday service!

Poinsettia Orders for Advent/Christmas

If you wish to contribute toward our annual display of poinsettias for Advent/Christmas, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering basket this morning (or mail it in). You may contribute in memory of loved ones or to honor special people. Gifts of \$20 will underwrite the cost of the plants. Orders and payments are needed by Wednesday, Nov. 22.



	POINSETTIA ORDER & DEDICATION (PLEASE PRINT)
Your Name(s): _	
In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
	\$20 enclosed\$20 will be mailed by 11/22/23

CALL TO PRAYER



COMMUNION HYMN

SHARING THE BREAD - VERSES 1 & 2 / SHARING THE CUP - VERSES 3 & 4

519 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee

