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First Baptist Church

An American Baptist Congregation

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

Online and In-Person Worship

FBC Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.

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Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.
– Catherine of Siena

Gathering Music — "Bound for the Promised Land"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude — "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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* Call to Worship — Hannes Combest

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Lifting Our Voices in Praise

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 567, vv 1–4) — "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

* Passing of the Peace
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you!
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 567, v 5) — "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

* Gospel Reading — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Matthew 5.1–12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon — Nick Schemper

Remembering Our Saints

Margaret Arnold *Dave Nordlund* *Tammy Hopper*

Hymn of Remembering (CONGR 267) — "Blest Be the Tie" DENNIS

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sharing Ourselves in Prayer

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ, God has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Returning Our Gifts in Gratitude

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory — "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending Children's Church may leave now.)

Proclaiming the Truth with Hope

Old Testament Reading — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Ruth 1.11–20

Ministry of Music — "Now May There Be A Blessing"

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Sermon — Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

"The Family of God: A Family Embraces Grief and Loss"

Celebrating the Table of Grace

Call to Communion (CONGR 463) — "From Every Race, from Every Clime"

ST. PETER

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Invitation to the Table

Celebration of the Bread — "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Mary Artemesia Lathbury & William Fiske Sherwin, arr. Randall Hartsell.
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Celebration of the Cup — "Blessed Assurance"

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 520) — "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

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* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude — "For All the Saints"

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God.

TODAY IN WORSHIP
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant
Children's & Youth Ministry Intern: Nick Schemper
Liturgist: Hannes Combest
Director of Worship Music: Mark Robinson
Organist & Accompanist: Dr. Christy Miller • Vocal Soloist: Lily Malone
Livestream Video Crew: Becky Harris, Susan Pauls • Sound: Jim Lord
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Melisa Lord

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Local Church: Church of Christ
American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. James Mitchell Harrison, serving the American Baptist Churches of the South
International Ministries Global Servants: Barbara & Dwight Bolick, serving in Chile

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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