



“An Interracial Group of Freedom Riders Arrested in Jackson, Mississippi in 1961 for protesting Segregation”

The Worship of God
All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“Organ Hymn”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ
Raymond Haan

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Opening Hymn**

“For All the Saints” stanzas 1 – 4

See page 7.
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Welcome of Our Guests

If you are our guest today, please text “guest” to 980.340.8900 so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

***Passing of the Peace**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 1-12 NRSV

David Zeeso

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

**As the hymn begins, 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children’s Worship.
They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Children’s Worship leaders.
Parents can pick up children from room 108 in the education building between 11 -11:15.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

***Sermon Hymn**

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

NETTLETON
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

“For All the Saints”

Musical Reflection

Chancel Choir with DeLenn Rumbolo, guest soloist

“Lux Aeterna” *Requiem*

John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me: Blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord, for they rest from their labors. Even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray:

Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

With saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy
mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

and light perpetual shine on them forever.

Reading of the Names

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

William Todd Geer	November 18, 2022
Elena Soleil Denning	November 23, 2022
Jane Staton Wensil	November 25, 2022
John Timothy Martin	December 7, 2022
John Phillips Bean	December 22, 2022
George Edward Linney Jr., MD	December 22, 2022
Camilla Eckard Moffitt	December 30, 2022
Marian Prince Wood	January 22, 2023
Jack Anthony (Tony) Hanks	January 28, 2023
Frances Curry Kerr	February 23, 2023
Laura Antoinette (Toni) Kratt	February 26, 2023
Susan Cook Crane	February 26, 2023
Francis Marion Fletcher Jr.	March 27, 2023

Julia Upchurch Alexander	April 21, 2023
Katherine Elizabeth Huggins (Betsy) Beam	May 17, 2023
Clyde Cecil (Dick) Dickson III	June 1, 2023
Dr. Allan Douglas Aldrich	June 23, 2023
Eleanor Dare Riggins Brawley	July 3, 2023
Lawrence Dennis Hines	July 4, 2023
Dr. John Gardner Johnston	August 1, 2023

Musical Reflection

“Requiem”

Chancel Choir
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

God o, fill the glass to overflowing,
illuminate the path where we are going,
have mercy on us all.
In funeral fires burning each flame to your mystery returning.
In the dark night of the soul your shattered dreamers, make them whole,
o, loving father find us where we've fallen out of grace,
lead us to a higher place.
In the dark night of the soul our broken hearts you can make whole
o, loving mother come and carry us in your embrace
let us see your gentle face, show us.

Church at Prayer

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

The Lord’s Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Moment for Stewardship

Ray Owens

Invitation to Offering

John Blackshire, Ph.D.

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

“Pastoral”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Sydney Watson

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

**O Love Divine, transcending death,
Our Comforter, sustaining breath,
God, we praise you!
Alleluia!
Love’s legacy is ours today
through those who followed Christ, the Way.
Now we join the mighty chorus
with the faithful ones before us:
alleluia!**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
words: Paula Meador Testerman

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Closing Hymn

Greg Jarrell, saxophone

“O When the Saints Go Marching In”

O, when the saints go marching in, O, when the saints go marching in.
O, Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

These saints gave much, they changed our lives, they taught us love and sacrifice.
May we now follow in their footsteps, as we march and sing for joy.

A life well lived can bring God's peace, instead of strife and endless grief.
O, don't you want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Instrumental Break

Their voices ring still in our ears. The sound grows stronger through the years.
They stand now as a heavenly witness. Leading us to hope, not fear.

O, when the saints go marching in, O, when the saints go marching in.
O, Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Toccatà from Suite Gothique”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ
Leon Böellman

If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.

Childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten will be provided until noon.



OUR THEOLOGY OF GENEROSITY

Jesus assumed his followers would be giving generously and believed that giving is the most important and fundamental spiritual practice. The more closely we follow Jesus the more generous we become as individuals and as a community of faith. We expect our members to make the church the priority in their giving. Our covenant states, “We covenant together to nurture this church... by the dedication of our personal and material resources, and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.” As an inclusive community for spirituality and social justice, we are changing lives at MPBC, and we can’t do it without you. We are depending on the financial engagement of every person to increase our impact and create sustainability.

Here's how you can start your journey of generosity:

1. **Prayerfully reflect on what the church means to you and examine your capacity for generosity.**
2. **Start by giving something and try to make it a regular practice. Every dollar matters and each person can give something. Consistency is what matters.**
3. **Commit to increase your gift each year by a dollar amount or percentage.**
4. **Give above and beyond when you are able to help us reach our yearly goals.**
5. **Be faithful and commit to continue practicing generosity even in the difficult times in our lives, our church, and our society.**

Without generosity there is no community. Without generosity there is no church. We give because generosity is the glue that holds us together. Thank you for your gifts!



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann, Hannah Combs, Alicia Dunn, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.



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HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.

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GLAD YOU
ARE HERE

Connect with us
in one easy step.



THIS WEEK AT MPBC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 9:00a: Reading in Community | Adults | Parlor
- 10:00a: Worship | Sanctuary
- 10:15a: Children's Worship | Room 108
- 11:15a: Coffee Connections | Heaton Hall Foyer
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Children | Room 108
- 11:15a: Spiritual Growth for Youth | Conference Room
- 11:15a: Exploring Spiritual Togetherness | Adults | Parlor
- 11:15a: Faith & Community | Adults | Shalom Hall
- 11:15a: "Help My Unbelief!" | Hybrid | Adults | Library
- 4:00p: Trunk or Treat | Roswell Lot

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 5:30p: Mosaic Dinner | Heaton Hall
- 6:00p: Mosaic Kids | Room 208
- 6:15p: Back to Basics Bible Study | Open to All Ages | Library
- 6:15p: Do Miracles Matter? Topical Series | Open to All Ages | Room 254
- 6:15p: Ministry Meetings



WEEKLY NEWS

For more information about MPBC events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code above and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Please reach out to our Executive Minister Carrie Veal, with any questions regarding programming: cveal@myersparkbaptist.org

For All the Saints



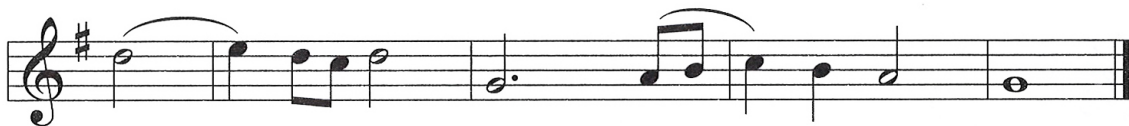
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell

Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Campus Administrator

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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Inclusivity | Spirituality | Community | Justice

We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.

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