



The Worship of God
All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2024 | 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

**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in room 107 located in the Education Building (behind the Sanctuary). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

“Elegy”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ
George Thalban-Ball

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Carrie Veal

***Opening Hymn**

“For All the Saints” stanzas 1 – 4

See page 10.
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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Katie Suddeth

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.



***Passing of the Peace**

Moment for Stewardship

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Hebrew Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-10; 14-18 (NRSV)

Julie Barfield

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. So, she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Wisdom of Solomon* 3:1-3; 7-9

Ted Phillips

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.

In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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 song 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 210 in the education building between 11-11:15.***

**The Wisdom of Solomon was included in the earliest Greek translation of the Christian Bible known as the Septuagint. It is one of seven sapiential or "wisdom" books along with Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Job, and Sirach. The book is included in the canons of the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Church, yet most Protestants consider it part of the Apocrypha.*

“Things that Never Die” by Charles Dickens and “There Will Ever Be a Place” by Maria Vocci

All:

Musical Refrain

The musical notation is for a 4/4 time signature in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "There will e - ver be a place_ for those we love; They will al - ways keep a dwel - ling in our hearts."

All:

**The pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred our hearts in youth,
the impulses to wordless prayer, the streams of love and truth,
the longing after something lost, the spirit’s longing cry,
the striving after better hopes—These things can never die.**

All:

Musical Refrain

One:

The timid hand stretched forth to aid a brother in his need;
a kindly word in grief’s dark hour that proves a friend indeed,
the plea for mercy softly breathed, when justice threatens high,
the sorrow of a contrite heart— These things shall never die.

All:

Musical Refrain

All:

**Let nothing pass, for every hand must find some work to do,
lose not a chance to waken love—be firm and just and true.
So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high,
and angel voices say to thee—“These things shall never die.”**

Sermon

“Love Transcends”

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Musical Reflection

“No Night There”

Chancel Choir
Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Even in the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.
Lo, I am with always, even to the end.
I am with you to the end.
There shall be no night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.
God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.

Reading of the Names

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell and Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Eloise Dowd Miller	October 21, 2023
Una McBane Jeffries	November 16, 2023
Nancy Josephine Teague Moore	November 30, 2023
Arthur Jones	December 2, 2023
Carolyn Magruder Ruppenthal	January 8, 2024
Franchaska Conswayla Quick	March 9, 2024
Neal Wayne Chewning	March 26, 2024
Patty Pehl Davis	April 15, 2024
Jane Faires Brock	April 16, 2024
Susan Geer Zanghi	April 26, 2024
Dixie Holler Pinson	May 3, 2024
Rush Stuart Dickson	May 11, 2024
William Robert "Bill" Snipes Sr.	May 31, 2024
Caroline Wilson Tate Noojin	June 24, 2024
William Elbert "Bill" Moffitt	June 28, 2024
Hunter Marshall, IV	June 29, 2024
Mary Lou Buck	June 30, 2024
Bryan McKee Cisne	July 7, 2024
Barbara Laine Herring	July 17, 2024
Mary Alice Hinson	August 6, 2024
Watson Lee Burts	September 6, 2024
George Anderson Elam	September 6, 2024
Eternity Philops (they/them)	September 7, 2024
Gay Short Patterson	October 5, 2024
Dannye Romine Powell	October 10, 2024
G. Gene Weathers	October 27, 2024

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.

Lighting Candles for Lament and Loss

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Invitation to Offering

You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate.



Offertory

“Chorale Prelude on EVENTIDE”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

C.H.H. Parry

***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**

Tony Dick

Congregational Meeting

Scott Crowder

Deacon Slate

Life Deacon Class of 2025
Suzette Buchan
Ryan LaPrade
Bob Thomason

Deacon Class of 2027
Mary Behler
Nancy Culp
Holly Henderson
Craig Hopewell
Jenny Martella
Carol Reid-Fricke

***Closing Hymn**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints” stanzas 1, 3, and 4

See page 11.

HANOVER

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Toccata from Suite Gothique”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Leon Böellmann

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




The flowers on the altar are in placed in memory of Gay Short Patterson and her parents, Milton and Veegie Short.



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



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BIBLE BASICS

Led by Rev. Carrie Veal | Conference Room (Church Office Wing) & on Zoom

**CHARLOTTE'S HISTORY & RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?**

Led by Sara Merlo | Library and Zoom

FAITH & COMMUNITY

Led by Bruce Elliott | Shalom Hall

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Led by Ms. Janice Davin | Room 212

YOUTH BLOCK | 4-6pM

Led by Rev. Katie Suddeth | Youth Hall

For All the Saints



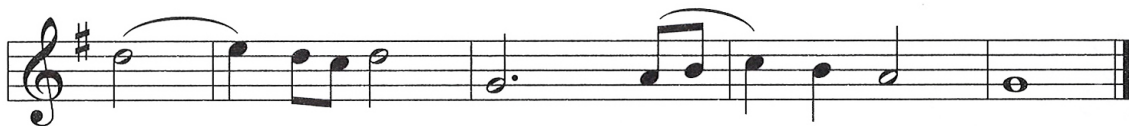
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



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.

Rejoice in God's Saints

G D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ D G

1 Re - joyce in God's saints, to - day and all days;
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joyce in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joyce in God's saints, to - day and all days;

D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ A7 D

a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

B Em $\frac{F\#m7(b5)}{E}$ $\frac{B}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

$\frac{G}{B}$ C2 $\frac{F\#\dim}{A}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G C Am D G

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
 MUSIC: William Croft (1678-1727)
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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

Associate Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship

Eva Bender

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