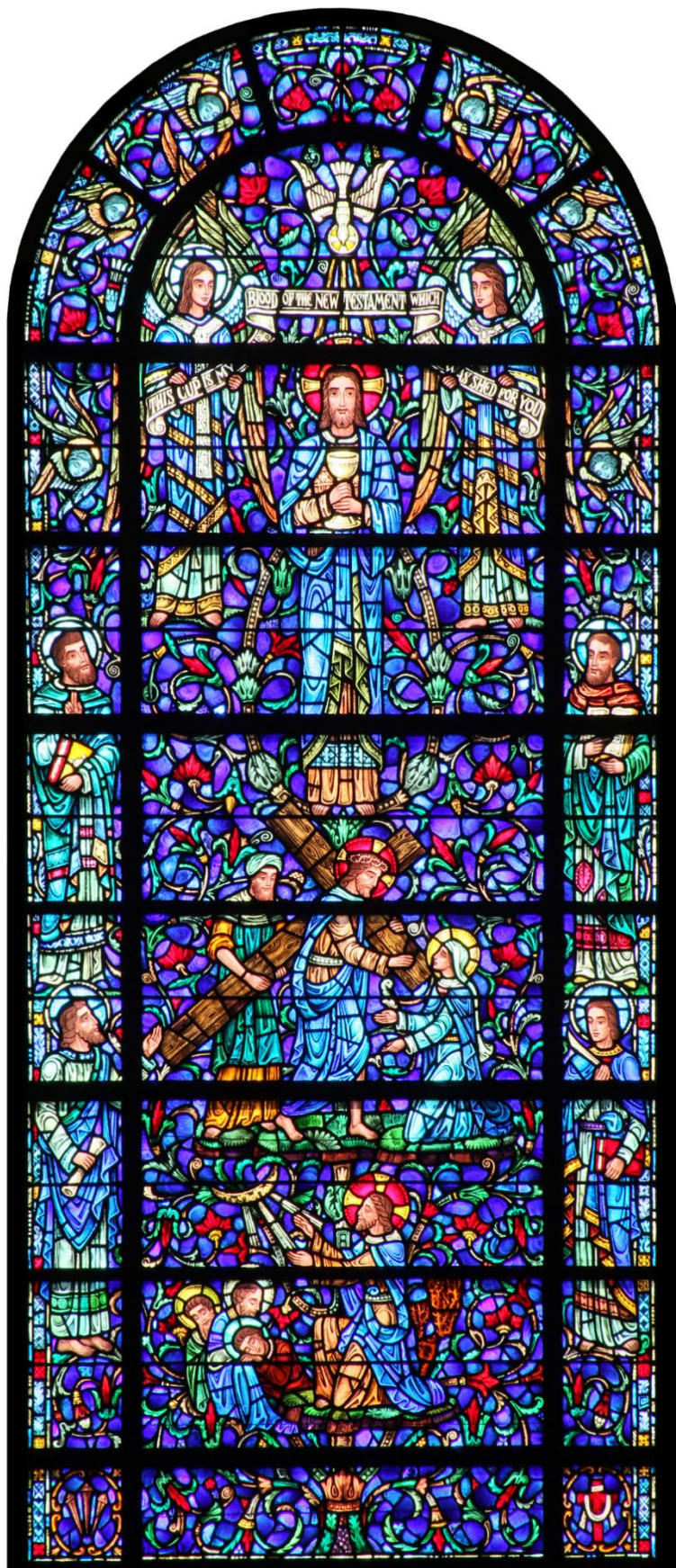




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025
10:00am



**MYERS PARK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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.

**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

“In Memory -- H.H.L.”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Dan Locklair

Call to Worship

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Come, beloved community, gather in the presence of the Holy One, who calls us through the lives of saint’s past and present.

People: We remember those who walked before us: prophets of justice, healers of wounds, builders of peace. Their lives were offerings, their service a song.

Leader: Today, we honor their legacy not with silence, but with our own commitment to love boldly, to serve humbly, and to live faithfully.

People: Let us worship the God who inspires courage, who blesses every act of compassion, and who calls each of us to be saints in the making.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

“For All the Saints”

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Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Dane Jordan

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

A Moment of Centering

Rev. Dane Jordan

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.



Sing: Come and find the quiet center,
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.

BEACH SPRING

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

Janice Bradner, Choir Member

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

***Sermon Hymn**

“There is a Longing in Our Hearts” stanzas 1, 2, and 3

See page 7.
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Sermon

“Making the Most of Our Time”

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Musical Reflection and Lighting the Candles

In your life, how has gratitude shown up?

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Reading of the Names

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Martha McNeal Bahnson	November 1, 2024
Gray Richmond Boone	November 4, 2024
Elizabeth Vernon Pearce	November 4, 2024
Brian Patrick Goodhart	November 9, 2024
Barbara Ann McCorquodale Merrill	November 22, 2024
Sarah Frances Rankin	December 14, 2024
John Hamilton Duncan	December 18, 2024
Linda Carol Causby Christopher	January 1, 2025
Marjorie Warlick Tate	January 18, 2025
Dr. Jerry Miller Petty	April 20, 2025
Karen Fitzsimon Taylor	May 2, 2025
Connie Rogers Maccubbin	June 24, 2025
Gretchen Van Ausdal Allen	July 19, 2025
Donald Ross Seawell	July 23, 2025
Christa Lee Anderson Overcash	October 9, 2025
Dr. Robert Theodore Lucas Jr.	October 9, 2025

Lighting the Candles for the Community

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

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.

Invitation to Offering

Ray Owens, Congregant

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



Offertory Anthem

Chancel Choir

"Things that Never Die"

Lyrics by Charles Dickens, Music by Brad Nix

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 yearning cry,
the striving after better hopes --
these things can never die.

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.

Let nothing pass, for every hand,
must find some work to do;
lost 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."

*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!**

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words: Paula Meador Testerman

*Prayer of Dedication

Ray Owens, Congregant

***Closing Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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Responding to the Word

Rev. Dr. Layne Smith

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

“Toccata from Suite Gothique”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Leon Böellmann

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



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



*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Vosburgh, by Tate and Marcia Bowers.*



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. Marina Luckhoo at mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for
LONGING

Verses

love we on - ly find in you, our God. * 1. For jus - tice,
* 2. For wis - dom,
* 3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,

* 1. for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. In
* 2. for cour - age, for com - fort: hear our prayer. In
* 3. for whole - ness, for new life: hear our prayer. In
4. take pit - y, light in our dark - ness. We

to Refrain

* 1. sor - row, in grief: }
* 2. weak - ness, in fear: } be near, hear our prayer, O God.
* 3. sick - ness, in death: }
4. call you, we wait: }

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WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP

- EVENTS
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Learn more about us and how to get involved.
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the QR Code to access the items listed above.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 2

4:30pm-6:00pm | Step Up and Celebrate – Enjoy Music and Dancing with the option to bring an appetizer to share - Heaton Hall

TUESDAY, November 4

10:00am-11:30am | Creative Friends – Room 32

12:00-1:30pm | Sage-ing Lunch – Heaton Hall

WEDNESDAY, November 5

11:30am-12:00pm | Meditation - Zoom

6:30pm-7:30pm | Kingdom of the Poor Book Study – Library

SUNDAY, November 9

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary

11:00am | Congregational Meeting & Vote

11:15am-12:15pm | Spiritual Growth Classes for all ages – Multiple Locations

4:00pm-6:00pm | Youth Block

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.