

Festival **WORSHIP**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



UNITED CHURCH *of* **CHAPEL HILL**

A PLACE *of* **BELONGING** FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Contemplation* Ron Mallory

A Journey of Faith Ron Mallory

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth and everything on it, the world and all who live in it - belong to YHWH.

“See I am making all things new,” says the Holy One.

YHWH built the earth on the deep waters, laying its foundations in the ocean depths.

“See I am making all things new,” says the Alpha and Omega.

Draw near to the One God, do the work of worship with clean hands and pure hearts, relinquishing what is false and deceitful.

“See I am making all things new,” says the One who Redeems us.

Fling wide the gates, open the ancient doors, and the Glorious Liberator, YHWH Sabaoth, will come in!

“See I am making all things new,” says our God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Ever Living God, who accompanies us in our living and our dying, and in life everlasting - deliver us from our mourning; thank you for being present to us wherever we find ourselves.

Strengthen us with hope. Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation. Abide with us,

Gracious God, as we shine light into the darkness. Amen.

HYMN *298 O Savior, For the Saints* FESTAL SONG

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sören Potthoff

LESSON ISAIAH 25:6-9; REVELATION 21:1-6A; JOHN 11:32-44

Peter Schay

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Their One True Light...”*

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey

OFFERING

ANTHEM *I Will Arise and Go To Jesus* Traditional, arr. George Mims

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Oh Praise God, Alleluia. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator Christ and Holy Ghost, Oh Praise God. Oh Praise God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All rise for the presentation of the offering.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Cameron Barr

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We offer a gluten-free option in the basket with purple linens and we serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. Raise your hand if you would like a pastor to bring the elements to you. Communion cups may be left in the openings on the back of the pews.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Shall We Gather at the River* Lowry, arr. Buckwalter

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE (See insert)

ALL SAINTS LITANY (See insert)

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SERVICE NOTES

ORGAN: Renee McBride

CHOIR: Chancel Choir

HANDBELL CHOIR: Chancel Bells, Nanette de Andrade, Director

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jennifer Anderson

DEACON: Maya Vermeer

USHER: Gabrielle Sielken

REFRESHMENTS: Fellowship Board

FLOWERS: Flower Committee

COVER ART: Ruth, Boaz, Naomi, and Obed
by John August Swanson

UNITED CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Cameron Barr

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. David Mateo

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Ian McPherson

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Anitra Grove

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jennifer Anderson

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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might; you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witness, we die, we feebly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steady, fast faith confessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faithful lives entwined.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

ALL SAINTS LITANY

Holy One who created us, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy One, Redeemer of the World, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy One, Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

We remember those who have come before us. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those who first loved us. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those who formed us as a faithful people. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those who showed us glimpses of Holy Mystery. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those whose deaths were merciful. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those whose deaths were needless and premature. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those whose deaths were violent. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember those whose deaths came tenderly after long and full lives. **Alleluia, Amen.**

We remember laughter, dancing, meals shared, dreams nurtured, and promises kept, and we offer them to you, sustainer God, as holy remembrances of your mercy.

Redeem our hurt, and fill us with hope.

Sustain us as we remember this promise:

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

BENEDICTION

Here's What's Happening

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

Connect and grow with us

Today

Sunday, November 7

Confirmation Class

11 a.m., Youth Outdoor Classroom

Faith & Family Class

Outside and offsite

Spiritual Growth Class

11 a.m., Zoom

Board Meetings

12:00 p.m., Membership Engagement & Stewardship

12:30 p.m., Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Choir Rehearsals

3:15-5:30 p.m., Portico

Grace Notes, Junior and Youth Choirs

This Week

November 8-13

Small Group Meetings

Monday Noon Book Group; Women's Group; Wednesday Morning Bible Study; Long-term Caregiver Support Group; Yoga

Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir; United Voices of Praise; Chancel Choir

Board/Committee Meetings

Board of Adult Education; Racial Justice Ministries

Special Programs

Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum; Black Lives Matter Vigil; Memorial Service for Barbara Blank

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- ~ La Mesa (9:30 a.m.)- Rev. David Mateo
- ~ Gratitude Sunday / "Light Fare" (10:30 a.m.)
- ~ Spiritual Growth Class (11 a.m.)
- ~ Performance of songs from "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (11:30 a.m.)
- ~ Alternative Gift Market (Online)
- ~ Festival Worship (9:45 a.m.)- Rev. Cameron Barr
- ~ Confirmation Class (11 a.m.)
- ~ Faith & Family Class (11 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK OFF SHINE YOUR LIGHT. SHARING OUR GIFTS.

Look for more information in your mailbox and inbox in the coming days, and return your pledge by Sunday, Nov. 21.

Join us for a “Light Fare” Stewardship Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 14, outdoors following the worship services and before a musical performance by the children and youth. Bring your pledge card, enjoy some tasty soup, and celebrate our congregation’s generosity and faithfulness.

A CELEBRATION OF BARBARA BLANK’S LIFE

Saturday, November 13 @ 3 p.m.

All who wish to celebrate Barbara’s life are invited to join us.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET: VIRTUAL THIS YEAR!

November 14-24

This year’s market will raise funds for Church World Service, Alamance Orange Prison Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and more.

THE GIVING TREE

Now - Saturday, December 4 @ 5:00 p.m.

How you can give:

- Make an online donation on our website
- Mail your donation to the church (include a hand-made card if you’d like)
- Drop off a donation at the church office
- Bring a wrapped new book (inclusive and diverse) or board game to place under the tree outside the Church office

NEW FELLOWSHIP GROUP

PARENTS OF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Calling parents of middle and high school youth. We are forming a fellowship group for parents of middle and high school youth. Join Bob and Kaselehia (Kas) Sielken for fellowship time today @ 4:30-6 pm behind the church in the comma garden beside the playground.

RACIAL JUSTICE AND IFC

Date TBD

Pastor Cameron and IFC’s racial equity staff director, Chris Faison, will moderate a conversation with special guests from the community to explore IFC’s beginnings within the community’s racial history context.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Connect and grow with us through our community groups. Contact Pastor Mary Elizabeth Hanchey if you would like to be connected with community groups!

USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for our 9:45 a.m. Festival Worship services. Ushering teams greet people, serve communion, collect the offering, and help make our church a warm and welcoming place.

OPEN STAFF POSITIONS - HELP SPREAD THE WORD

We currently have several open staff positions: Church Sexton, Director of the La Mesa Band, and Organist. Please share the position description with them from our Careers webpage.

SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

You’re invited to provide altar flowers for a Sunday service in the sanctuary. Email Kati Ruark to sign up, or use the sign up sheet on the “Welcome” bulletin board (between the narthex and Fellowship Hall).

FROM THE LIBRARY: New books in our library

- McLaren, B. D. “Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It.” 234 McL F
- Wiederkehr, M. “Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully through the Hours of the Day.” 242 Wie S
- Wright, N. T. “Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World.” 230 Wri B

The new books are on the special rack in the center of the room. Instructions are provided: using the catalog (near the computer) and borrowing an item (near the door).

****Look for details about how to sign up for and participate in our events in the weekly eNews.****