

# WORSHIP GUIDE for NOVEMBER 7, 2021

## SETTING YOUR SPACE

On the first Sunday of November, we celebrate All Saints Day – a way of remembering all those who have gone before us. At FBC, our tradition has been to name and remember in prayer those from our church family who have passed away in the previous year. This Sunday, we're tracing that back to March of 2020 – because that's when we had to stop gathering as a community, even in times of mourning. Some of the people we'll name were remembered in small, private memorial services; all of them touched the life of FBC and people in our congregation. So this Sunday, we'll remember them, and what brought them joy. And if you're remembering someone from your own life – whether they passed away recently or long ago – and you'd like to bring a picture of them or a symbol of what brought them joy to lay on our altar, please do so. If you're joining virtually and want to email a picture (to [erika@fbcmac.org](mailto:erika@fbcmac.org)), do so before 9am Sunday and we'll see that it gets on the table. And/or, if you prefer, arrange your own altar of remembrance at home, and have it be at the center of your worship space.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude – Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

**Welcome & Call to Worship – Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

*On Living Now* by Densley Palmer

One: Life seems punctuated  
by discontinuities.

All: We mark off days  
into seconds, minutes, and hours,  
years into months and seasons.

One: Through all this segmentation of time  
is the continuity of the moment.

Now.

We live in the now and not  
in the minute or month or year.

**All: Each now is eternal  
without beginning or ending,  
falling into a timeless current.**

One: We observe seasons: Advent - Lent -  
Easter - Pentecost - Thanksgiving  
setting times for them to begin and end  
when, in truth, these are not  
distinct seasons but qualities  
which color each moment in life.

**All: Each moment is a time of  
anticipation - celebration - reflection -  
giving thanks.**

One: Each moment has its  
Christmas - Lent - Easter.

**All: Each moment holds  
its sense of promise  
its attitude of preparation  
its glimpse of blinding light.**

One: This is the moment  
which God has made.

**All: Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.**

**Gathering Song: Sweet, Sweet Spirit (NC Hymnal #293)**  
– Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Dave King,  
Heidi Toth, Geoff Clayton

**Children's Time – Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

**Scripture: Psalm 136, selected verses**

*Thank you, God, for you are good! Your love endures forever.*

*Thank you, God of gods. Your love endures forever.*

*Thank you, Sovereign or sovereigns. Your love endures forever.*

*You remember us when we are down. Your love endures forever.*

*You take care of everyone in their time of need.*

*Your love endures forever.*

*Thank you, God – you have done all this. Your love endures forever.*

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13**

*Even if I can speak in all the tongues of the earth – and those of angels, too – but do not have love, I am just a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own to feed those poorer than I, then hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it doesn't put on airs, and it is not snobbish; it is never rude or self-seeking; it is not prone to anger, nor does it brood over injuries. Love doesn't rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.*

*Love never fails. Prophecies will cease; tongues will be silent; knowledge will pass away. Our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect. When the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I*

*was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. But when I became an adult, I put childish ways aside. Now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we will see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I will know even as I am known.*

*There are, in the end, three things that last: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

### **Remembering Our Saints**

**- Geoff Clayton, Charlie Walker, Georgine Benner**

Will Burgess, Polly Sauter, Lois Mills, Harold Park,  
Wayne Clevenger, Don New, Teresa Kerzan, B.J. Matthews,  
Norma Kilinsky, Todd House, Beverly Dixon, Harold Jacobs,  
Louise Jacobs, Densley Palmer, Jack Kiekel, Duffy Reynolds,  
Renee Mills, Maria Stuart

*We remember you, \_\_\_\_\_, and we give thanks.  
God's love endures forever.*

### **Response Song: For All the Saints (NC #299)**

**- Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Heidi Toth, Geoff Clayton**

### **Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Erika Marksbury**

### **Stewardship: Lighting the Way - Tim Duerfeldt**

### **Communion**

One: Creator of all,  
make my heart a sacred place  
All: suitable for your living spirit.

One: Make this a sacred time

All: dedicated to seeking and knowing  
Your sacred presence within me,  
within those with whom I share worship and life,  
within all creation.

One: Make this a holy moment

All: in which I can approach an understanding  
of what it means that you are in all things  
and all things are in you.

**Communion Music: Joy – Ukestra**

**Prayer After Communion**

Please join me in the prayer on the screen:

Gracious God, for all of the ways you nurture us – through food and drink, through song and story, through one another – we give thanks. May our sharing together fill us with the courage and compassion we need to live as your people: challenging injustice, dismantling oppression, creating beauty, loving and serving all the world. Amen.

**Reach of Our Gifts: A Family Place – Sean P. Williams**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Draw the Circle Wide (Blue Book)***

**– Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Heidi Toth, Geoff Clayton**

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

## Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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