



All Saints II, Vasily Kandinsky, oil on canvas, 1911

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
**All-Saints & Commitment Sunday**

## **Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.**

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

### **Things to Know**

Masks are now optional on the church campus. We understand there are those within the congregation who will need or want to continue to wear masks, and we will continue to keep masks around the church for those who may want to use them.

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

Participate in the service as much or as little as you like. Stand when others stand, or remain seated. Sing when others sing, or enjoy the way this old sanctuary fills with sound. Invitations to stand as you are able are marked with an asterisk (\*). Invitations to respond in word or song are noted in bold.

### **For Those With Children**

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

### **For Those with Special Needs**

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

## THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

*Jennings Tarpley, acolyte*

The Prelude

“For All the Saints”

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Anne Armstrong, organ*

The Call to Worship

Allie Ford

Sing to our Maker a new song,  
for God has done for us more than we can imagine.

**The Holy One has remembered us,  
so we give thanks with our voices, with our lives.**

Sing to the One from whom all melodies flow,  
and hear the music of creation as it offers its voice.

**Listen for the songs of rivers and seas,  
winds and tall grasses, cicadas and falling leaves.**

The Giver of life is near,  
the source of all goodness and love.

**Sing to our Maker a new song,  
Sing to the God of the living.**

An Improvisation on Psalm 98

\*The Hymn of Praise 566

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, Thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears mortals all away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

\*The Invocation Rebecca Pursiful

\*The Gloria Patri 705 GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Welcome Scott Dickison

The Procession of Commitment “Joyous Procession”  
Anne Armstrong, organ Garry Cornell

“Let the Children Come” Kelsey Stillwell

*Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” Parents, please come pick up your children immediately after worship. The W.O.W. leader this week is Rebecca Pursiful and the shepherd this week is Audrey Dickison.*

### THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

\*The Hymn of Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him HYFRYDOL  
Offertory 335

**Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him; praise Him, angels in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken; worlds His mighty voice obeyed;  
Law which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made.**

**Praise the Lord! For He is glorious; never shall His promise fail;  
God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name.**

**Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee;  
Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav’n adore Thee. We would bow before Thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.**

\*The Offertory Prayer

Harriet Eason  
Deacon of the Week

The Offertory Anthem

“My Eternal King”  
*The Chancel Choir*

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;  
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!  
Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal King.

Text: attr. to Francis Xavier (1506-1552)

\*The Offertory Response 131

“Doxology”

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Job 19:23-27a

Lorelai Wall

“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

**Thanks be to God.**

Remembering the Saints	Scott Dickison
Mildred Chapman	April 27, 2022
Doodle Grubb	October 24, 2022
Cliff Hagerman	February 9, 2022
Lillian Rice	December 10, 2022
Jan Taylor	June 26, 2022
Romney Tucker	July 25, 2022
Kitty Wilson	January 8, 2022
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer	Scott Dickison

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

The Second Lesson                                      Luke 20:27-38                                      Charles E. Poole

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

For the Good News of God,  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

“To Us, All of Them Are Alive”

Charles E. Poole

## THE OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

\*The Hymn of Commitment 567

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

\*The Congregational Response "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind blow at your back  
May the sun shine warmly on your face  
May the rain fall softly on your field  
And until we meet again, (until we meet again)  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Eric Thiman

*Anne Armstrong, organ*



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Sunday, November 6**

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Community youth group

**Wednesday, November 9**

9:30 am	Language Ministry
4:00 pm	Open time in youth room and children's center
5:30 pm	Youth Choir
5:30 pm	Family Dinner
6:00 pm	Young Musicians and Music Makers
6:15 pm	Youth "Unplugged"
6:30 pm	Language Ministry Choir Practice
6:45 pm	Adult Bible study Kids on Mission

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 11, 12, & 13**

Children's Ministry Campout  
Youth Fall Retreat

**Sunday, November 13**

9:45 am	Sunday school
11:00 am	Worship
12:15 pm	Church council
6:00 pm	Women's book club

**Deacon of the Week**

November 3	Harriet Eason
November 10	Jody and Julie Long

**Birthdays**

November 6	Sheila Conn Darrell J. Pursiful
November 7	Michael Fulwood
November 8	Hal Collier

November 9  
November 10  
November 13

Carrie Ingoldsby  
Mark Sexton  
Lin Carter  
Linda Dawson  
JD McCord

**Condolences:**

We grieve with Beth and Scott Walker in the death of Scott's mother, **Dot Walker**.

We grieve with the family of **Doodle Grubb** in his death on October 24.

**Save the Date:**

<b>November 20:</b>	Thanksgiving Potluck
<b>November 27:</b>	First Sunday of Advent
<b>December 4:</b>	Children's Choir Performance

**The Record Speaks**

Date:	09/30/22
Budget to Date	\$492,395
Receipts	\$424,623
Expenses	\$514,999
Missions	\$34,541
	(\$90,376)*

\*Parentheses indicate a negative balance

**Wednesday Night Supper**

Scan this QR code to make a reservation for Wednesday night supper by this afternoon. You can pay by using the church's giving app or by check or cash on



Wednesday night. This week's meal is Fazoli's.



**Women's Book Club  
November 13 6:00 pm  
123 St. Martinique Place**

We will meet at the home of Cathy Logue to discuss *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Bring snacks to share at 6:00 pm and we will begin our discussion by 7:00 pm.

**How to Make a Pledge for  
Commitment Sunday**

This year we have three ways to submit your pledge for the 2023 budget:

- Drop your commitment card into the little church on November 6 or 13.
- Mail your commitment card to the church office.
- Use this QR code to make your pledge on line.



**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 pm  
Mulberry St UMC Sanctuary**

Join us for a service project afterward in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available. Sponsored by: Mulberry Street UMC, Temple Beth Israel, First Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Christ, High Street Unitarian Universalist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Steward Chapel AME Church, Centenary UMC

**Gauging Interest for a Retreat to the  
Monastery of Christ in the Desert, in  
New Mexico: Summer 2023  
Tentative dates: July 22-29**

Scott is gauging interest in a retreat to the Monastery of Christ in the Desert outside of Abiquiu, NM in late summer of next year. This is the Benedictine monastery he visited on his sabbatical in 2019. Given the size of the guest house there, space will be limited.

Details will depend on the group, but a rough plan is to leave Saturday and fly from Atlanta to Santa Fe. We would take a rental car/van up to the monastery, in the far north-central of the state near Abiquiu, arriving later in the afternoon.

We would stay at the monastery Sunday to Wednesday, and plan to leave Thursday morning. Given the remote location, once we arrive at the Monastery we will not plan to leave unless there is an emergency. We will take our meals in the cafeteria with the monks (all meals are included).

On Thursday we will drive to Santa Fe and stay in a hotel there for two nights and fly home Saturday.

Approximate cost will be \$700-800, not including airfare. Includes all lodging.

Time at the monastery will be in silent retreat. You can read more about the monastery and the shape of a visit at their website: <https://christdesert.org>

Please reach out to Scott if you have questions, are interested, or would like to reserve your spot!

**Christmas Toy Shop**  
**Monday, December 19th**  
**9:00 am—11:00 am**

**The Toy Shop tradition is back!** We will host a toy shop for members of the community who attend our Crisis Closet. The hope is that parents can maintain dignity by purchasing toys for their children and can take pride in providing for their families. Donations are collected and sold in the Toy Shop at a deeply discounted price.

**How you can Help.** Help us stock the toy shop! We need toy donations for babies through teenagers. Drop off the toys in the church office with the receipt attached or order from Amazon and have them delivered to the church.

**Volunteers are needed** on the day of the sale to help with set up, snacks, gift wrapping, and more. Volunteers can also help with sorting and pricing the week before.

**Dates**

Sunday, December 11: Final day to drop off toys

Monday, December 12: Circle of Hope, sorting and pricing

Monday, December 19: Toy Sale

**Historic In-town Macon Holiday Tour of Homes**  
**Saturday and Sunday**

**December 10 & 11 1:00 —6:00 pm**

Our beautiful, historic church will be featured in this year's tour of homes! We are in need of volunteers to be present in the sanctuary to help host each day. Please contact the church office to sign up.

**YOUTH**

**Community Youth Group**  
**Hosted at FBCX**  
**Sunday, November 6 12:30-2:30pm**

Lunch and a conversation about Religious Liberty. This past summer, Kelsey participated in the Baptist Joint Committee fellows program. Fellows are supported by the BJC staff, equipped with resources to facilitate conversations, and encouraged to share with their congregations. The BJC values students and young leaders in the work for Religious freedom for all. As a part of a BJC Fellows project, Kelsey will be leading a conversation with our Community Youth Group about Religious Liberty.

**Talk Walks**

Why: An important part of youth ministry is cultivating relationships with our students. I miss having the time to catch up with our students in the ways that a group setting and fast-paced weekly programming don't allow. "Talk Walks" are an attempt to make time each week to talk with students without adding multiple events to their full schedules.

What: Meet at a park to talk and walk with Kelsey. No agenda; just catching up! Or youth can let me know ahead of time if there's a specific faith topic they want to discuss. This is for only 2-3 students each week.

Where: Amerson River Park is the default. But we can meet at a different park depending on the location of the students signed up.

When: 4:00-5:00pm

Tuesday, November 8

Monday, November 14

Sign up: Email or text Kelsey to sign up your student for a date they are available.

Stillwell. Each class session will include teaching times, activities, and one-on-one discussions with mentors. This is a great opportunity for your child to grow deeper in his or her faith and explore questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, church, and more.

Parents, kids, and mentors are invited to a breakfast kickoff to our class on January 8 at 9:00 a.m. Our class sessions will be held on the following Sundays from 12:15-1:45 in the Fellowship Hall (lunch included): January 22, February 5, February 26 and March 12. So that mentors can be recruited and matched, please sign up for this class no later than December 1 by contacting Julie Long at juliewlong@gmail.com or 478-737-1700.

## CHILDREN

**November 11-13:** Camping Trip.

### **CBFGA "Story" Children's Retreat**

(3rd – 6th Graders) Rock Eagle, Eatonton,

Date: January 27-29, 2023

Deposit: \$75/Person Total Cost: \$150

Please register your child/children by  
November 13th!

<https://forms.gle/Apm8GomZ24MiJZ3N8>

Deposits will be collected by November 20th

Questions? Kathryn Scoggins will be the point person for this event.

### **Making Disciples Class for 3rd-5th graders**

Third-fifth graders are invited to join this year's Making Disciples class! Children will be partnered with an adult mentor who will walk with them through this class led by Julie Long, Scott Dickison and Kelsey

## Signs of the Season

The paraments of the pulpit and the communion table are visible reminders of the current season of the church year. Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and ends with Advent. During this season, we celebrate the “ordinary events” of our Christian lives. The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing life, freshness, and hope.

## Sanctuary Flowers

These flowers are in honor of the promise we’ve inherited from all the saints before us, and the promise we make to one another. Praise be to God! Given by Hunter Godsey and Jonathan Simpson.



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