

## Activities This Week

**Sun., Nov. 1** All Saint's Day  
9:00 a.m. Church Library Open  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service-Blessing of Appalachian Christmas boxes

**Mon., Nov. 2**  
12:30 p.m. Lunch Group at Olive Garden

**Tues., Nov. 3**  
11:00 a.m. CareNet Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group

**Wed., Nov. 4**  
9:00 a.m. Walking Group Cub Creek "John Henry Groce Trail" near e-chargers.  
4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Wayland Hall  
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. First Kids, Youth, Handbell/Choir Small Group  
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Fri., Nov. 6**  
6:15 a.m. Youth Breakfast at The 50s

**Sun., Nov. 8**  
9:00 a.m. Church Library Open  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, First Kids and Youth singing with choir & string quartet

## Birthdays This Week

**Nov. 2:** Drew Roope, **Nov. 3:** Lyza Abrams, **Nov. 5:** Tripp Greene, Sara McCall

### Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bert Young  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Patricia Turner  
Director of Music: Larisa Leapley  
Organist/Pianist: Tammy Prevette  
Children's Director: Jamie Higginbotham

All Services and Special Events  
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*All Saints Day*  
*Service of Remembrance*

*welcome to*  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**NORTH WILKESBORO**

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11 AM SERVICE

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

# The Worship of Our Lord

## All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

*The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

Matthew 23:11-12

## Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements, Dr. Bert Young

Invocation, Dr. Bert Young

Exchanging of Peace, Dr. Bert Young

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Praise Song (See Insert)

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Sermon, Jamie Higginbotham

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*

Remembering Our Saints (See Insert)

## Presenting Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Hymn, No. 355

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

Offertory Prayer, Rev. Patricia Turner

Offertory, Tammy Prevette

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

Bob Hudson;  
arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Blessing of the Christmas Boxes for Appalachia (See Insert)

## Encountering the Word of God

Scripture, Rev. Patricia Turner

Matthew 25:1-12

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer, Dr. Bert Young

*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 trespass 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. Amen.*

Choral Message

*I Do Not Sleep*

Gene Grier, David Lantz

Sermon, Dr. Bert Young

“Life's One Lesson”

## Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment No. 198

*At the Name of Jesus*

WYE VALLEY

Benediction, Dr. Bert Young

Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly, Forgive Freely, Pray Daily,  
and Leave the Rest to God

Postlude, Tammy Prevette

*For All the Saints*

Ralph Vaughn Williams;  
arr. Lani Smith

## Welcome

Thank you for being here to worship with us today. If you are visiting, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card located in the pew rack in front of you so we may have a record of your visit. If this is your first time at First Baptist Church, we invite you to stop by the Visitors Table in the Narthex after worship and accept a small gift from us. We are glad you are here and hope you feel welcomed and at home.

*All Saints' Day*  
*Service of Remembrance*

November 1, 2026

Leader: As we gather for worship on All Saints' Day, we pause to remember and give thanks for family and friends who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. If you are a friend or family member, please stand as your loved one is recognized.

Richard Clarke Current  
Roger Clayton Trivette  
Jamie Huffman Martin  
Lois Dempsey Bentley  
Gwendolyn Faye Wyatt  
Nelle Sidden Lloyd  
Janice Ferguson Earp

Leader: Though we grieve the loss of these whom we loved, we also give thanks for the time they were with us and the memories we continue to cherish.

**People: We give thanks, O God, for those whom we have loved. We give you thanks for the laughter and the joy, the encouragement and the affection they shared with us in life.**

Leader: When our loved ones left us, we could hardly believe how quickly time had flown by...

**People: Yet, living without them makes the days pass so slowly...**

Leader: O Lord, You have promised Your presence through the valley of the shadow of death. Be near us now.

**People: We pray in faith that those who have departed from us are now in Your caring arms. And for those of us who remain on this side of the eternal, we pray for patience in our healing and joy in our remembering.**

Leader: We thank you God for the strong foundation these loved ones built and left for us in our church, Your Kingdom, and our lives.

**People: May we continue to draw hope, wisdom, and guidance from their legacy as we pursue the completion of their holy work.**



*The Hymn of Promise,  
Natalie Sleeth*

*In the bulb, there is a flower  
In the seed, an apple tree  
In cocoons, a hidden promise  
Butterflies will soon be free  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see*

*In our end is our beginning  
In our time, infinity  
In our doubt, there is believing  
In our life, eternity  
In our death, a resurrection  
At the last, a victory  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see*

## **Blessing of Appalachian Christmas Boxes**

### **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Generous and Loving God, the Giver of all good gifts, we lift up to You these Christmas gift boxes, packed with care, prayers, and hope, destined for our neighbors in the hills and valleys of Appalachia.

**Congregation: We dedicate these boxes to Your service, Lord, and pray they become tangible signs of Your enduring love and surprising grace.**

Leader: We offer thanks for the love, benevolence, and intentionality of every person who shopped for items, packed a box, or lifted a prayer.

**Congregation: May the gifts prepared and sent by this church family bloom into joy and comfort for our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive them.**

Leader: We pray over the journey of these gifts. As they travel into the heart of Appalachia, we ask that You protect and bless every driver, handler, and deliverer, and that You open every door and every heart to whom they are sent.

**Congregation: Guide these tokens of love safely to the hands and homes where they are needed most, and may the Light of the World shine brightly when they are opened.**

Leader: We lift up in deep thanksgiving Your servant, Scarlett Jasper, and the vital, Christlike work she leads through Olive Branch Ministries. Grant her renewed strength, wisdom, and protection as she acts as Your hands and feet in the field.

**Congregation: Bless her ministry, Lord, and let her unyielding devotion continue to shine Your light into unspeakably impoverished and desperate lives.**

Leader: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Open our eyes to see the needs of our world and keep our hearts ready to respond in love.

**ALL: IN THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL, WE PRAY. AMEN.**