The Worship of God
November 1, 2026 • 11:00 AM



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Third Baptist Church

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We invite you to silence all cell phones and other devices.

** = Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude — Anna Morton

Manuel Ponce: Prelude on a theme of J. S. Bach

A short extract from J. S. Bach's E major fugue inspired Ponce (1882 – 1948) to fashion an entire prelude and fugue of his own. Today, he is remembered chiefly for his guitar works, many of which he wrote for Andres Segovia, but as this piece demonstrates he was a brilliant writer for the piano. In fact, he was classically trained in both his native Mexico and during his visits to Europe, and produced more than ninety works for solo piano, including several 'homages' to Baroque masters like Handel and Bach.

Introit — Choir

Ian Higginson: Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (O Holy Jesus)

A 13th century bishop of Chichester in the south of England, Richard wrote this prayer and is reported as having recited these words on his deathbed. Director of Music at the University of Gloucester, Ian Higginson (b. 1957) is much in demand as a freelance organist and choir director in the west of England.

O holy Jesus,
Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
And follow Thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen

Welcome — Gabe Thiems

Leader: We invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The Doxology #815 — 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.

THE TABLE OF THE LORD – THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Choir sings movements from the "Communion Service" by John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise for your great glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

Words of Invitation: The Bread

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Invitation: The Cup

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

Closing Words for the completion of Communion

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

The Parting Blessing & Acclamation

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again!

*Hymn of Communion

#461 In Remembrance RED

Poem Rachael Barnes

Malcolm Guite: And Is It Not Enough?

Here is a wonderful description of the season by the British rock musician-cum-poet, Malcolm Guite (b. 1957), who at one time served as a college chaplain in Cambridge, and later as a city pastor.

And is it not enough that every year
A richly laden autumn should unfold
And shimmer into being leaf by leaf,
It's scattered ochres mirrored everywhere
In hints and glints of hidden red and gold
Threaded like memory through loss and grief,
When dusk descends, when branches are unveiled,
When roots reach deeper than our minds can feel
And ready us for winter with strange calm,
That I should see the inner tree revealed
And know its beauty as the bright leaves fall
And feel its truth within me as I am?
And Is it not enough that I should walk
Through low November mist along the bank,
When scents of woodsmoke summon, in some long
And melancholy undertone, the talk
Of those old poets from whose works I drank
The heady wine of an autumnal song?
It is not yet enough. So I must try,
In my poor turn, to help you see it too,
As though these leaves could be as rich as those,
That red and gold might glimmer in your eye,
That autumn might unfold again in you,
Feeling with me what falling leaves disclose.

Offertory Prayer — David Sanjay

Offertory Meditation — Kevin Chunko

Nadia Boulanger: Improvisation (Three Pieces for Organ, 3)

One of the greatest composition pedagogues of the last century, early in her career Boulanger (1887 – 1979) also found time to write music of her own. Her set of three pieces for organ was completed in 1911. Later, she would focus on teaching in Paris, where her many students included Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein and Quincy Jones.

Anthem — Choir

Malcolm Archer: Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace

Taking his text from Isaiah, 26, the British organist Malcolm Archer encourages all of us to seek peace at every opportunity. During a long career in church music, Archer (b. 1952) has served various cathedrals and schools, and is greatly admired for his elegant music.

> Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
> The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
> The darkness and light to Thee are both alike.
> God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.
> Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

Scripture Reading — Lois Hunsaker

Matthew 23:1-12

> "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." (23:12)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — **Pastor Drew Phillips**
Stay Humble

***Hymn of Invitation & Declaration**
#750 I've Got Peace Like A River — PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Benediction & Dismissal (music by John Rutter) — **Choir**

Cantor: Go in peace and serve the Lord:
Choir: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude — **Anna Morton**
Manuel Ponce: Fuga on a theme of J. S. Bach

In 1906, Ponce chose to elaborate a theme by Handel for a virtuoso piano work, and six years later he returned to the Baroque period for inspiration with this tribute to J. S. Bach.

NOTE: *Today we welcome back our guest pianist Anna Morton, who – like Lansin Lim Kimler, studied with the legendary pedagogue, Ruth Slenczynska. Ms. Morton earned a graduate degree from the Manhattan School of Music, debuted at Carnegie Hall, and has performed as a soloist throughout the USA.*

Please consider giving to the Sasser Relief Fund. Deacons will be available to collect after worship.

Prayer List

Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO
Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Praying for our Global Servants (Birthday)

MB (1/8) - Beirut, Lebanon
Jana Lee (10/4) - Cyprus
Scarlette Jasper (4/9) - Corbin, Kentucky, USA
Kihomi Ngwemi (10/13) & Nzunga Mabudiga (5/12) - Dominican Republic
Dr. Tim (7/8) & Kathy Rice (8/19) - The Democratic Republic of the Congo
Kit Ripley (11/10) - Northern Thailand

Prayer Requests

Fran Blake
Wayne Brewer
Delilah Canning
LaVerne Graham
Byron Greer
Hallie
Family of Serenity Jarrett
Lakisha Johnson
Chris Lee
Patrick Owen
Katrena Petrillo
Declan Rutan
Lynda Sharpe
Officer Steve, School Security Guard
Karen Stewart
Alice Worrell

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To Our Guests Today

Are you visiting? Welcome! Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate, or use this QR code:

Guest Check-In

Calendar for November 1 – November 8

Sunday, October 25

9:30 AM	Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School, Various
11:00 AM	Worship
12:00 PM	Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
12:30 PM	Sunday School Fall Fest

Wednesday, November 4

12:30 PM	Staff Meeting
5:15 PM	Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
5:45 PM	Youth Group
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1

9:30 AM	Deacons' Meeting, Pastor Drew's Office
9:30 AM	Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Sunday School, Various
11:00 AM	Worship
12:00 PM	Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
1:00 PM	Margaret Warmann Memorial Service, Sanctuary
	Lunch Reception following service, Children's Department

Giving

Please let us know whether or not you would like a box of giving envelopes sent to you. Contact Ella at ebanks@third-baptist.org and let her know.

Giving Code

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Pastoral and Music Staff

Rev. Drew Phillips, Pastor
Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music
Kevin Chunko, Principal Organist & Media Director
Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist
Brent Johnson, Organist Laureate