

# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 11, 2017

Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Voluntary in F Major" David N. Johnson

The Trinity Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."*

The Greeting of Worshipers Daniel Ray

The Processional "La Rejouissance" G.F. Handel

The Call to Worship (responsive) Hannah Hoover and Kalei Jefferson

LEADER 1: Lord, you are a God who speaks to us from the most unexpected places, from burning bushes to Damascus Roads.

PEOPLE: **May your Spirit speak to us this day.**

LEADER 2: Lord, you do not call only upon the perfect, but the imperfect, those that the world deems weak and powerless.

PEOPLE: **What is it that the Lord would say to us this day?**

LEADER 1: The Lord tells us that He has not turned his face from the misery of this world, calling us to act on behalf of all of God's beloved children who are suffering.

PEOPLE: **But what can we do in the face of such suffering, how can we stand against the Pharaohs of this world?**

LEADER 2: Alone, we can do nothing. But with God, our imperfect bodies can be instruments of God's perfect holy work, bringing justice and peace to the orphan and the widow, liberation to the captive, and rest to the weary and the heavy laden.

PEOPLE: **But who are we that God would look favorably upon us, that God would use us?**

LEADER 1: We are the descendants of our spiritual forebears, Moses and Aaron, bearers of God's image. And like Moses and Aaron, we may not know where the journey to which God calls us will ultimately lead, but we know that the work to which we are called is right and just.

LEADER 2: As we begin our journeys, may we always be guided through the wilderness of this world by the pillars of God's presence, which go before us, reminding us that wherever we are, as long as God is with us we stand on holy ground.

The Invocation Zach Poteat

\*The Hymn of Praise, 45 NETTLETON  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Exodus 3:1-15; 4:1-17 (p. 44) Carson Harvey and Warren Whitley

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 796) Conrad Hartmann

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Solo "Hallelujah" L. Cohen  
Lindsey Burnette, soprano

The Morning Prayer Jeremy Dare and Emily Hoover

The Lord's Prayer

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 530 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

The Meditations Philip Lingafelt, Matthew Tyndall, and Claire Willimschen

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response Faith Hoover and Caleb Petty

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.*

\*The Hymn of Discipleship, 519 VILLE DU HAVRE  
"It Is Well with My Soul"

\*The Offertory Prayer Katie Childrey

The Offertory Anthem "Creation of Peace" Mark Miller  
Youth Choir; Rhonda Lowe, piano

\*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Charge to the Graduates (insert) Charles Gale, Jessica Helms, Allison Strickland, and Chuck Underwood

The Presentation of Gifts

### DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction Christopher Chapman

The Chimes

*Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people."*

\*The Postlude "Interlude from Water Music" G.F. Handel

\*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of our 2017 graduates.

DEACON ON CALL is Lynn Marshbanks. A 28-year member, Lynn serves as chair of the Commission on Christian Education and is a Homebound Ministry visitor. She also is a teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class and is a member of the Evening Handbell Choir. Lynn and her husband, David Kelley, have three children: Anna, Jonathan and Jane.

THOSE WHO ARE VISITING are invited to the Gathering Room after worship to receive information about the church. Use the door to the left of the pulpit; church members will greet you.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Gathering Room. An usher can provide a device for you.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Welcome this morning to Graduation Sunday, the Sunday where we are led in worship by our graduating high school seniors. Our graduates are excited to worship with you today. They invite you to respond to worship however you feel most comfortable, but they also wish to emphasize that they speak and sing these words as an act of worship and not as a performance. For this year's theme, the graduates have chosen to focus on the call of Moses. A reluctant but powerful leader, Moses illustrates both the struggle to trust God to work through humanity and the phenomenal outcome when one is able to trust like this. As our graduates prepare for the next stage of life, the example of Moses reminds them (and us all) that God helps us navigate the most dramatic turns in life.

SYMPATHY to **Susan Kimball** on the June 6 death of her father, Frank Carroll Elliott of Danville, VA.

HECK-JONES OFFERING supports missions such as the Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build, our Rise Against Hunger event, and other critical initiatives. As of June 4, we have received \$6,393 towards our goal of \$10,000.

CBF ILLUMINATION PROJECT: On Tuesday, June 13, FBC will host a regional meeting from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the project is to illuminate the qualities that have built unity in CBF and to identify intentional processes to maintain and grow unity through cooperation. More information is available on our website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)).

FAMILY PROMISE (formerly Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network) information and training session, led by Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Allen, will be held on Tuesday, June 13, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Rm 220. We will host Family Promise families the week of June 25. To volunteer, please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or [hi2810@bellsouth.net](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net)).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 26–30, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for rising 3s through fifth grade. Registration is available on our website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) or by contacting Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org)) **today!**

2017 CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY: June 26–30 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA. Visit [www.cbf.net](http://www.cbf.net) for information.

COLLEGE GRADUATES: Do you know of FBC members who received a degree this spring? Please contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200, or [darnold@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:darnold@fbcraleigh.org)) by June 22 with the graduate's name, college, and degree awarded.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Adult Sunday School classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 2, at 9:45 a.m.

SUMMER SOCIAL: On Sunday, July 9, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Game Night with an evening of food and fun. Save the date and look for more details soon!

MISSION TRIP to Helena, Arkansas, will be July 17–21. Details may be found in the June 2 edition of *First Foundations*. Donations of gently-used towels and spray-on sunscreen are being collected. Contact Dan Roberts ([danrobs@gmail.com](mailto:danrobs@gmail.com)).

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER: Sales of our reprint of the 1997 *First Baptist Cooks* are underway and it is time to submit recipes for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary FBC cookbook. To submit recipes (due by August 1) or to help with typing, e-mail Susan Kimball at [susanekimball@gmail.com](mailto:susanekimball@gmail.com).

### Calendar Highlights June 11 – June 18

- Sun, June 11  
8:30 Graduation Breakfast (FH)  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
5:00 Youth Mission Trip Meeting (FH)
- Tues, June 13  
10:00 CBF Illumination Project (FH)  
2:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)  
6:30 Family Promise Information and Training (220)
- Wed, June 14  
10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
High School Bible Study (Blue Rm)  
5:00 Re-Development Committee (CR)  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, June 15  
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)  
11:00 Library Committee (L)  
1:00 Clothing Ministry open  
5:45 Finance Committee (CR)
- Sun, June 18 *Father's Day*  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)

### CONGRATULATIONS

to our high school graduating  
class of 2017!

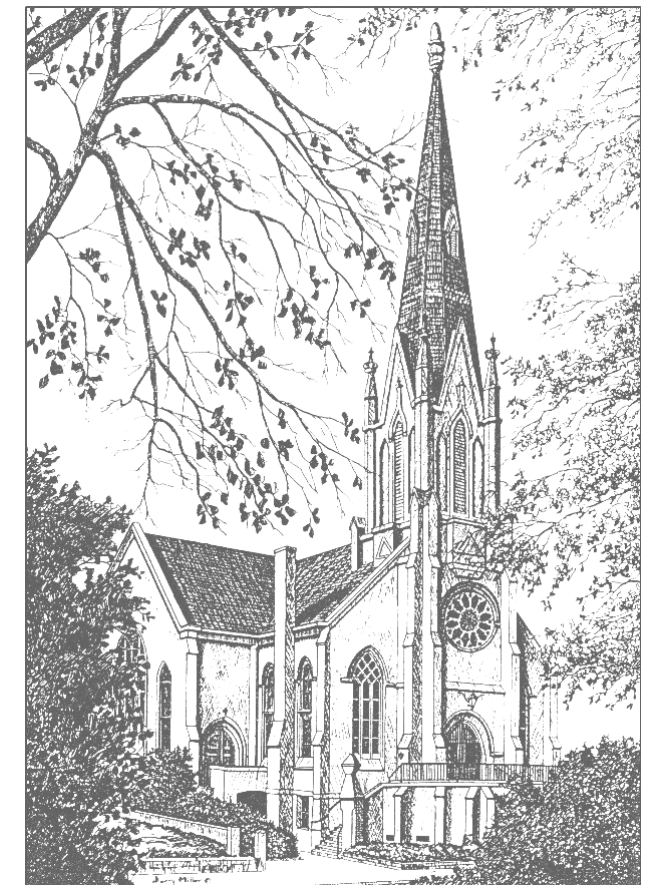
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Lin Carter, Christian Education/Outreach	Donna G. Jolly, Organist
Christopher C. F. Chapman, Pastor	Lynn Lingafelt, Children
Trey Davis, Youth/College	Daniel Ray, Youth/College Assistant
J. Daniel Day, Pastor Emeritus	Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults
Wayne Hager, Church Administrator	

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