

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Trumpet Tune in A 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 Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 116

LEADER: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

PEOPLE: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

LEADER: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

PEOPLE: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the faithful.**

LEADER: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

PEOPLE: **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 353 DIX  
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**Risen Christ, you show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy. Speak to us now as the Scripture is read and proclaimed, that we may know your presence and be filled with gladness in our hearts. Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (p. 885)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23 (p. 983)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35 (p. 860)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 247 LANCASHIRE  
"The Day of Resurrection"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Do We Recognize Jesus Today?"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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, 248 "He Lives" ACKLEY

\*The Offertory Prayer Chuck Nichols

The Offertory Anthem "Day of Arising"† arr. David Cherwien  
Becky Mercer, flute

(text omitted)

\*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*The Benediction

\*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 "Fanfares" Jean Joseph Mouret

\*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddrey by their family.

DEACON ON CALL is Chuck Nichols. A 34-year member of First Baptist, Chuck and his wife Susan have two adult children, Charlie and Patrick.

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

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, part of the continuing celebration of the good news of resurrection. Thus, we sing hymns of praise to the God who gives us new life, we read scripture that gives witness to the resurrection, and we offer prayers of gratitude for the new life we have experienced, as well as prayers of discernment to see where God is stirring new life among us today. The sermon explores the familiar reading from Luke 24 wherein two disciples on the way to Emmaus fail to realize that the stranger walking with them is the Risen Christ. While it is easy to judge them for their apparent blindness, the story provokes us to wonder whether we recognize Christ today. The offertory anthem provides a creative reflection on this same Gospel text as we consider the ways in which we might expand our vision of what Christ is doing in the world today and how we are called to join in this work. We are sent forth not just to see Christ, but to be Christ, or at least an embodiment of his love, for the world around us.

SYMPATHY to **Teresa Teague** on the April 23 death of her mother, Connie Teague of Hudson; to **Nancy Moore Phillips** on the April 24 death of her father, **Jack Moore**; and to **Gerry Leet** on the April 24 death of his son, Douglas Leet.

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.

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE, featuring local jazz band, the Stanley Baird Group, will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. As we continue celebrating through the Easter season, we'll hear scripture and sing songs of Christ's resurrection. We will also observe the ritual of "flowering" a cross. You are invited to bring single flower stems to place on the cross during the service. Flowers will be available for those who do not bring their own.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) under the Food and Faith section, by email ([jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Shredded BBQ Chicken Sandwiches, Coleslaw, French Fries, Garden Salad, and Dessert.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) will share the latest news about the ministries of BWA. The BWA is a partner ministry of FBC that connects Baptists around the world, promotes Baptist heritage and engages globally in justice, relief and outreach efforts.

BAND TOGETHER with FBC on Saturday, May 6, at Red Hat Amphitheater! Featured artist is Ben Folds, with The London Souls and The Travers Brotherhood opening. Discounted tickets are \$25 each (a \$40 value) and are available today after morning worship and Wednesday, May 3. Concert proceeds benefit the Band Together/YMCA partnership. For information, email [valerie\\_cumbea@hotmail.com](mailto:valerie_cumbea@hotmail.com).

SILENT AUCTION: The auction to benefit student mission teams begins on Wednesday, May 3, and will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 7. If you would like to make a donation of local restaurant gift cards, vacation home rental, tickets for sporting events, plays and concerts or a service such as yard work, specialty desserts, etc. please contact Trey Davis ([tdavis@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:tdavis@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485, ext. 208).

MUSIC CELEBRATION: You'll hear from our Youth Choir and Youth Bells; our children's bell group, under the direction of our church music intern Anna Moxley; and our preschool groups. The Celebration will conclude as our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir members present *Unplugged*, a timely musical by Dennis and Nan Allen that encourages us to choose to unplug from the technological devices that sometimes loosen our connection with family, friends, and God. We hope you'll join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, for this wonderful night of fellowship and celebration.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER: A favorite cookbook, published by youth parents in 1997, has been reprinted and may be purchased on Wednesdays and Sundays in the Lewis Building Lobby or in the church office. Cookbooks are \$12.00 each. Please make checks payable to FBC and include "cookbook" in the memo line. All proceeds will benefit the Day Mission Fund.

### Calendar Highlights • April 30–May 7

Sun, April 30	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	<b>Deacons' Meeting (220)</b>
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Vespers Service (S)
Mon, May 1	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, May 2	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Yerxas' Home)
	8:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Wed, May 3	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	4:30	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH) WMU Group 6 (108)
	5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time All Music Night Common Grounds (110)
	6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, May 4	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	11:00	Library Committee (L)
	12:00	Yoga Class (302)
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open
	7:45	Softball Game (Millbrook Exchange Park #1)
Sat, May 6	5:00	Band Together (Red Hat Amphitheatre)
Sun, May 7	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship/Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	5:00	Dinner/Silent Auction (FH)
	6:00	Music Celebration (S)

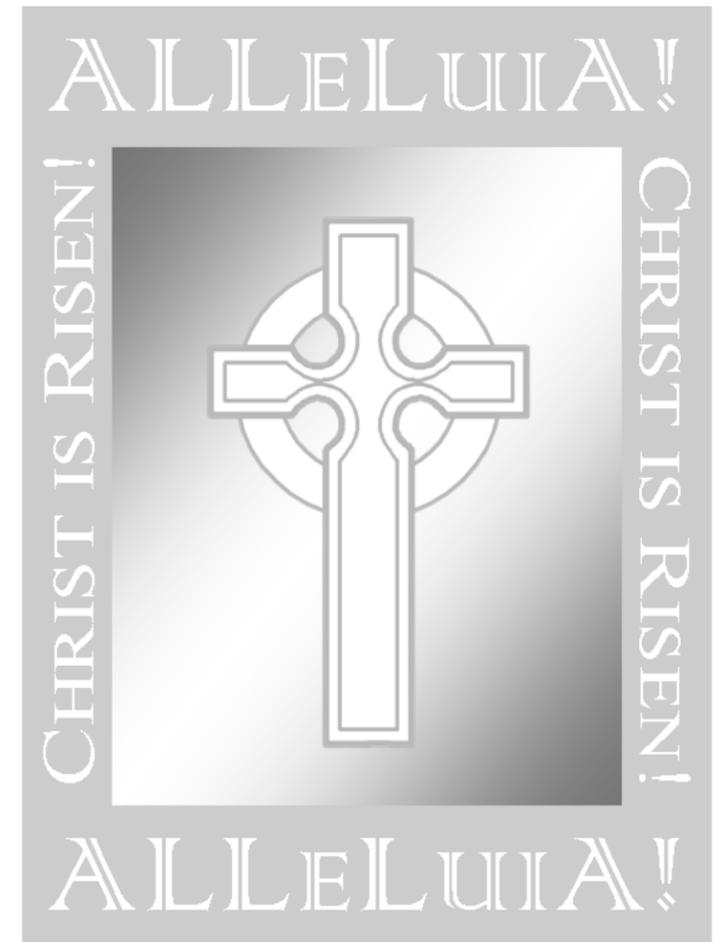
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