

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Fantasia in C Minor" J.S. Bach

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 17

LEADER: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

PEOPLE: **From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**

LEADER: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

PEOPLE: **As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

LEADER: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

PEOPLE: **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

LEADER: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

PEOPLE: **As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 99 LAUDES DOMINI
"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 32:22-31 (p. 26)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 9:1-15 (p. 920)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 (p. 796)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 315 BREAD OF LIFE
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

The Sermon Andrew Foster Connors
"Contending for God's Blessing"

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, 669 CWM RHONDDA
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*The Offertory Prayer Ann Cobb

The Offertory Anthem David Mennicke
"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"†

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin declare;
Thyself has called me by my name, look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.

The morning breaks, the shadows flee, Pure, Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move: thy nature and thy name is Love.

*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.**

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 Flor Peeters
"Hymn Prelude on *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*"

*The congregation may stand.

†This text by Charles Wesley is based in part on today's reading from Genesis.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of Austin and Betty Connors' 50th wedding anniversary by their family.

WE WELCOME Andrew Foster Connors to the pulpit today in Dr. Chapman's absence. Andrew is the son of Betty and Austin Connors and the Senior Pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

DEACON ON CALL is Ann Cobb. A 22-year member and first-term deacon, Ann serves as Chair of the Commission on Administration and formerly served as Chair of the Personnel Committee. She also participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Ann is married to Britt Cobb.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: On this ninth Sunday after Pentecost we continue with readings from Genesis, Romans, and Matthew. As is our custom, we read a Psalm responsively. Today's sermon is focused on the reading from Genesis. Our first hymn provides an opportunity to offer praise to Christ. The second hymn references today's Gospel lesson but is more about the bread of life found in God's Word. In our worship, may we have open hearts and minds to hear the word proclaimed and then be bold enough to live out our faith with God's help and without fear. Our final hymn is a prayer that God will help us do just that.

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

BE IN PRAYER for 13 of our high school seniors and chaperones as they return from Gatlinburg today.

AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting snacks for children in three local elementary schools who are unable to bring snacks from home. Suggested items are applesauce squeeze packs, fruit bars, granola bars, cheese crackers, pretzels and popcorn, all individually wrapped. Place your donations in the marked drawer of the Lewis Building Lobby cabinet. Contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com).

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING TRIP: On Monday, August 21, at 8:00 a.m. we will meet at the church to drive to South Carolina to participate in the viewing party hosted by the town of Sumter. We will eat lunch and dinner on the road and return Monday evening. Seating is limited. Call the church office (919-832-4485) or email Lin Carter (lcarter@fbcraleigh.org) by August 16.

FAMILY PROMISE: FBC will host Family Promise families August 27 – September 3. We need your help! To volunteer, please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net).

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. Menu: Composed Summer Salad with Grilled Chicken, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Tomatoes, and other Garden-Fresh Veggies; Crisp Baguettes with Butter; Dessert. Please make your meal reservation by **noon on Friday, August 18.**

MEAL RESERVATIONS for this Fall may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by **noon on Fridays (please note new deadline).**

BLOCK PARTY will be held on Wednesday, August 30. We'll gather in our parking lot from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for an evening of food trucks, live music, inflatables, and activities for children, youth and adults. Come join us and invite a friend!

GIVING KIOSK: The credit/debit card kiosk is now available by the elevator on the second floor of the Lewis Building on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. You will be able to give to the general offering, one of our three mission offerings, or the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund at any time. For information, contact Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 207).

CLOTHING MINISTRY is in need of volunteers to help in the Men's Department on Mondays from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., and on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Calendar Highlights August 6 – 13

Sun, August 6

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Buffaloe Lanes Cary Family
Bowling Center)

Tues, August 8

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)

Wed, August 9

- 10:00 HS Bible Study (Blue Room)
Clothing Ministry open

Thu, August 10

- 10:30 Thirty-Niners to Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House
- 11:00 Library Committee (L)
- 1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- 2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)

Fri, August 11

- 5:30 Parents' Night Out

Sun, August 13

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- 12:15 Personnel Committee (CR)
- 5:30 Youth Group (TBD)

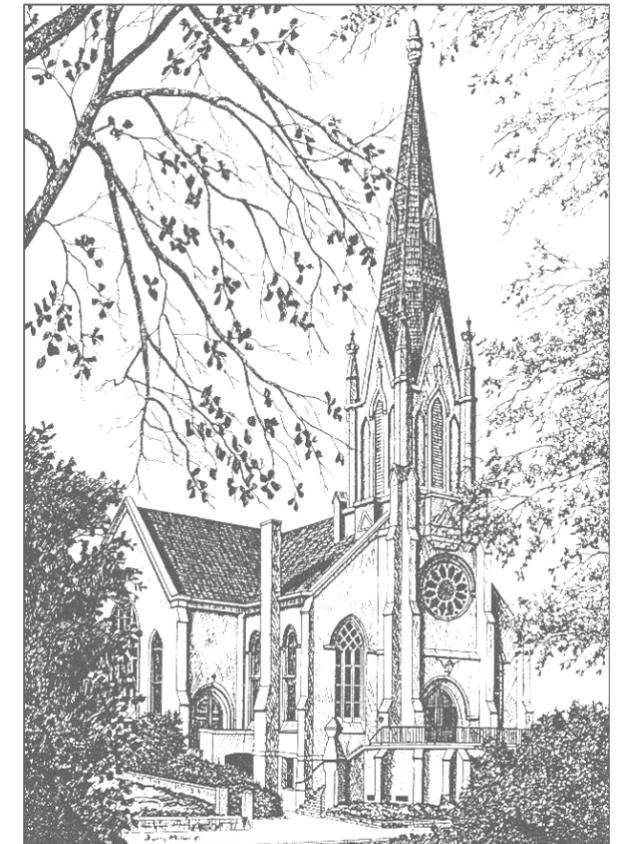
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