

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Prelude" Cesar Franck

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 Choral Introit "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Herbert Colvin

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 66 LEONI  
"The God of Abraham Praise"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 28:10-19a (p. 22)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 8:12-25 (p. 919)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm<sup>1</sup> Psalm 139  
(music omitted)

Becky Mercer, flute  
(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as directed.)

You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting places  
and are acquainted with all my ways. **REFRAIN**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me. **REFRAIN**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **REFRAIN**

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast. **REFRAIN**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p. 795)  
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 381 ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR  
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Jacob or Israel, Patriarch or Momma's Boy"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (unison)<sup>2</sup>

(text omitted)

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, 532 SLANE  
"Be Thou My Vision"

\*The Offertory Prayer Tom Childrey

The Offertory Felix Mendelssohn  
"Andante tranquillo from Third Sonata"

\*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 "Festival Toccata" Percy E. Fletcher

\*The congregation may stand.

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<sup>2</sup>Reprinted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*, copyright © 2002  
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DEACON ON CALL is Tom Childrey. A 24-year member of First Baptist, Tom is a member of the Formations Sunday School Class. He and his wife Maria have three daughters: Katie, Ann and Caroline.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in memory of Annie Womble by her family.

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

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time. The focus in this season is upon growth and thus we wear green stoles (this year our new stoles made by church members from materials given by church members). After the prelude and chimes center us, the choral introit, which is linked to the reading from Genesis 28, invites us to become more aware of God's presence. Like Jacob in that story, once we realize we are in the presence of the Holy, we are moved to offer prayers of gratitude and songs of praise, and then we listen for the voice of God speaking to us through three readings and the singing of a familiar psalm. The sermon, rooted in the reading from Genesis 28 and the chapters surrounding it, explores the character of Jacob, his strengths and weaknesses, his holy moments and embarrassing ones, his place in God's story of salvation despite all of his shortcomings, and our place as well. We respond to our hearing of God's word with the dedication of our lives, all that we have and are, trusting that God can use the uneven mixture of strengths and weaknesses we bring.

HECK-JONES OFFERING: As of July 16, we have received \$10,348 exceeding our goal of \$10,000! Thank you for your generosity.

JULY MISSION PROJECT: We're collecting school supplies this month. A list of suggested items may be found in SS boxes and at [www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org). Pencils and crayons will be saved for Toy Joy; all other items will be included in backpacks for Clothing Ministry clients. Donations may be placed in the cabinet in the Lewis Building Lobby. Contact Anne Cooke ([cooke76@aol.com](mailto:cooke76@aol.com)).

FIFTH SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will be held on July 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER: It's time to collect recipes for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary FBC cookbook. Submit recipes in typical format: ingredients, mixing instructions and baking instructions to Susan Kimball ([susanekimball@gmail.com](mailto:susanekimball@gmail.com)) by August 1. Please feel free to add a brief comment about your recipe and how it is special to you and your family.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Chapman will be away on Sunday, August 6. In his absence, the Pulpit Supply Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Andrew Connors will be our guest speaker. Andrew is the son of Betty and Austin Connors and he grew up in the life and ministry of our congregation. Andrew is the Senior Pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 in church vehicles is limited so sign up is first-come-first-served. Please call the church office (919-832-4485) or email Lin Carter ([lcarter@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lcarter@fbcraleigh.org)).

FAMILY PROMISE: We will host Family Promise families August 27 through September 2. To volunteer, please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or [hi2810@bellsouth.net](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net)).

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](mailto:whager@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485, ext. 207).

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: We are adjusting our 2018 boxed offering envelope order. If you will be giving to the general offering online or by auto draft in 2018 and need only special offering envelopes or if you wish to receive a box containing only 12 general offering envelopes plus special offering envelopes, contact Wayne Hager ([whager@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:whager@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485, ext. 207).

### Calendar Highlights July 23 - 30

Sun, July 23

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 5:30 Youth Group (Blue Room)

Tues, July 25

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

Wed, July 26

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

Thu, July 27

- 11:00 Library Committee (L)
- 1:00 Clothing Ministry open

Sun, July 30

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)
- 6:00 Fifth Sunday Vespers (S)  
followed by ice cream social (FH)
- Senior trip to Gatlinburg  
(return 8/6)



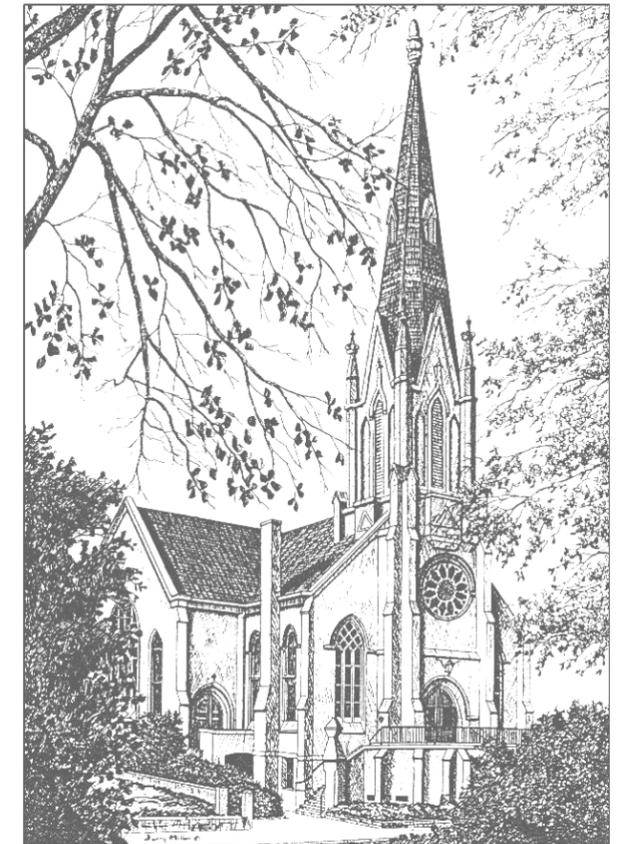
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