

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Choral Dorien" Jehan Alain
"Aria" Flor Peeters

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 119

LEADER: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

PEOPLE: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

LEADER: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

PEOPLE: **Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

LEADER: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

PEOPLE: **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

LEADER: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

PEOPLE: **See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 17 AUSTRIAN HYMN
"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (p. 51)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 13:8-14 (p. 923)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 799)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

ELLACOMBE

(text omitted)

*The Offertory Prayer

Mary Powell Rhodes

The Offertory Anthem

arr. John Ferguson

"God, You Made All Things for Singing"

*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 Sermon "Moving Beyond Our Resistance" Christopher Chapman

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 641

ALL THE WAY

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

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

"March in C Major"

Louis Lefébure-Wély

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Harllee H. and Pauline G. Jobe by their daughter, Mary Anne Jobe.

DEACON ON CALL is Mary Powell Rhodes. A 39-year member and first-term deacon, Mary Powell serves on the Music Committee, as co-chair of the Prayer Circle via Email, and as a member of the Prayer Shawl Group. She also is a member of the Evening Bells and Pathfinders Class. Mary Powell and her husband Bob have two children, Sarah Catherine Rhodes and J.D. Rhodes.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Worship begins today, as always, with a prelude which allows us time to gather and begin to focus our attention on God. The Trinity Chimes reflect our understanding of one God revealed in three persons. We share then in the reading of a call to worship taken from Psalm 119 which is the focal text for the sermon. While we often struggle to find time to study scripture in depth and sometimes resist the teachings of our Lord, the psalmist delights in the study of God's word. We listen then for God's voice speaking to us through the reading of Holy Scripture and words of proclamation, songs of praise and times of prayer, the celebration of communion and silent reflection. We respond to our hearing of God's word with the dedication of our lives and we depart to live as those who have been transformed by time we spend in worship.

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.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Youth Mission Trip Report*. We will hear from our youth about their experiences during mission trips in June to Charlotte and New York City.

DEACON NOMINATIONS will be received on Sunday, September 24. If you will not be present, you may submit nominations *in absentia* via forms available in the church office on September 20. Nomination forms can be mailed upon request.

MEAL RESERVATIONS 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 the new deadline)**. Menu for **September 20**: Chicken and Pork Sausages, Grilled Peppers and Onions, Garden Salad and Dessert.

SHOWING OF THE FILM, *The Ties that Bind*, will be held on Sunday, September 17, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with a covered dish meal and end with discussion following the viewing of the film at 6:00 p.m. Please see “From the Pastor” in the August 4 issue of *First Foundations* for more details about the film.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 6:15 p.m.

FLU SHOT CLINIC, Thursday, September 28, in the Lewis Building lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call the church office (919-832-4485) by Monday, September 25, to sign up.

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting donations of 60 watt light bulbs, toilet paper, kitchen trash bags, paper towels, and air filters (20” x 20” x 1”) for Family Promise to use at the Day Center and for the clients’ apartments. Place donations in the marked cabinet drawer in the Lewis Building lobby.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING received is \$1,265 towards our goal of \$10,000. Your gifts will help those in need by supporting various agencies including CBFNC, Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc., NC Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children’s Homes, Baptists on Mission (NC Baptist Men), and WMU of NC.

HURRICANE HARVEY RESPONSE: Those who want to respond immediately to the needs created by Hurricane Harvey in the Gulf Coast Region are encouraged to do so by giving through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (www.cbf.net/harveyvolunteer/) or Baptists on Mission (baptistsonmission.org/Missions/By-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Harvey).

Calendar Highlights • September 10-17

- Sun, September 10
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
1st Grade Worship Prep (231)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH/Blue Room)
- Mon, September 11
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)
6:30 HS Bible Study (Blanchards’ Home)
- Tues, September 12
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap
6:30 HS Bible Study (Helms’ Home)
- Wed, September 13
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:45 Works in Progress (P)
5:00 Meal served (FH)
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
Music and Missions
6:20 Youth Mission Report (FH)
6:45 Evening Bells (307)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, September 14
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
- Fri, September 15
Middle School Retreat
Children’s Retreat to Willow Run
(return 9/17)
- Sun, September 17
9:00 Homebound Ministry (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
1st Grade Worship Prep (231)
5:00 Covered Dish Meal (FH)
6:00 Film viewing, *The Ties that Bind*,
followed by discussion

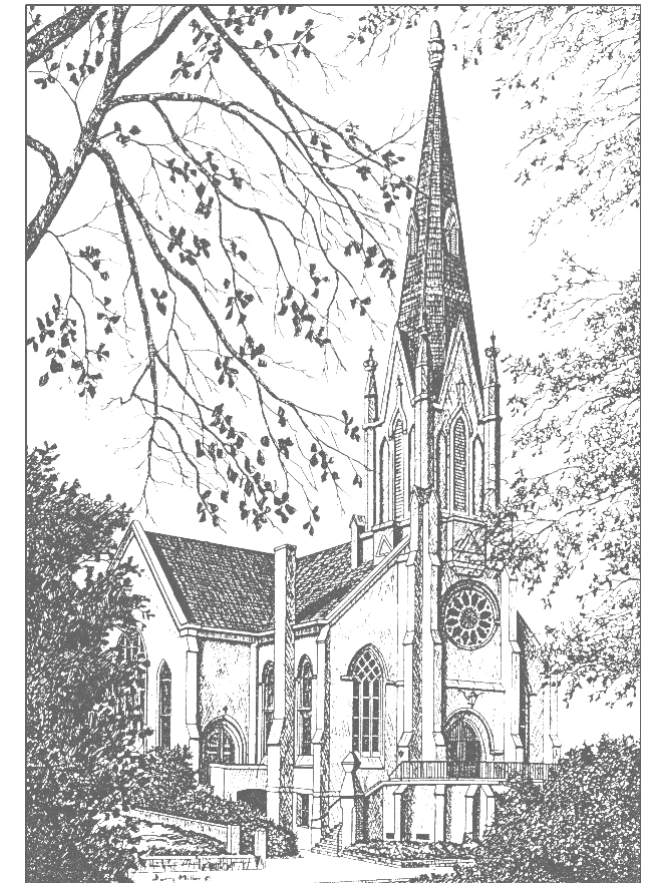
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