

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Passacaglia in D Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

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)† Psalm 23

LEADER: The Lord God Ineffable is the one guiding my life; therefore, I lack nothing.

PEOPLE: **He stretches me out comfortably in beautiful grassy meadows.**

LEADER: He guides me unerringly to deep pure water.

PEOPLE: **He constantly renews my whole being and guides me gently into righteous paths because of what His name means.**

LEADER: Furthermore, when I must walk through the valley of uncharted death shadows, I will not fear calamity because You are right beside me,

PEOPLE: **the rod of Your authority and the staff of Your support bring me constant comfort.**

LEADER: You keep setting a banquet table before me, contrary to my enemies.

PEOPLE: **You have anointed my brow with healing oil, my cup is overflowing full.**

LEADER: For certainty, goodness and mercy {the heavenly hounds} will pursue me {sniff out my trail} all the days of my life;

PEOPLE: **thus I shall dwell in the house of the Lord God Ineffable forever.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

\*The Hymn of Praise, 50 MIT FREUDEN ZART  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading Acts 4:5-12 (p. 887)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24 (p. 990)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 10:11-18 (p. 872)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 522 BRADBURY  
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Who Will Give Witness to Our Faith?"

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, 568 HENDON  
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

\*The Offertory Prayer Jess Helms

The Offertory Anthem "My Shepherd and My God" Mary McDonald

\*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 Clothing Ministry Recognition

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 "Fugue from Sixth Sonata" Felix Mendelssohn

\*The congregation may stand.

†The translation of Psalm 23 is by longtime beloved FBC member, Dr. Elmo Scoggin.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of all volunteers of the Clothing Ministry by Jim and Jennie Keown.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Claire and Parker Carothers.

TODAY June Phillips is our First Grade offering helper. As she presents the offering on behalf of our preschoolers, may we remember that, like the loaves and fish, tiny gifts grow into big gifts when given to God.

DEACON ON CALL is Blair Jackson. An 11-year member and first-term deacon, Blair serves as a Leader for Pre-K Mission Friends and W.M.U. Mission Info via Email. She is a member of the Formations Sunday School class. Blair and her husband, Jeremiah, have two children, Emory and Campbell.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its meaning for our lives and world. It is also a day when we recognize our clothing ministry volunteers and install longtime leaders Bill Kibler and Janice Osborne as Directors Emeriti. The lectionary texts provide a wonderful connection between these two themes as Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, 1 John says we are called to lay down our lives for one another as we follow Jesus, and Peter and John get into trouble with the temple authorities, in the story we are following from Acts, because they have healed a man lame from birth and done so in the name of Jesus. What the early church does in the light of the resurrection is give witness to God's gift of new life by extending love and compassion to people in need, by laying down life for others, just as the volunteers in our clothing ministry do to this day. The sermon, which is rooted primarily in the reading from Acts but reflects all of the texts read in this service, explores the work Peter and John are doing and how it might inform our ministry today. The hymns and anthem reflect the themes of God's shepherd care and our calling to lay down life. We are sent forth to live as Easter people, as those who give witness to the ongoing reality of resurrection with our words and deeds of love.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Joyce McNair**, who died on April 17.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: First Baptist's high school class of 2018 is hosting a blood drive as their senior project. If you are able, please make plans to donate **today**. Registration will be in the Fellowship Hall between noon and 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make or cancel reservations by **noon on Mondays** on the website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) under the Food and Faith section, by email ([firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the office (919-832-4485). Menu: Smothered Pork Chops, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad Bar. Non-meat Option: Mock Turkey Roast. Children's Menu: Mac 'n' Cheese.

KAY HUGGINS GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Friday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. at River Ridge Golf Course. Information and registration may be found at <https://fbcraleigh.org/kayhugginsgolfclassic/>. Registration deadline is **today**.

SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will take place Sunday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pollinator Garden of the Gregg Museum of Art and Design, 1903 Hillsborough Street. We invite you to join us for this special Celtic service; bring a guest. For those needing a ride to the museum, a shuttle will run from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: Clothing Ministry donations of diapers and pull-ups (all brands and sizes) and sensitive diaper wipes may be placed in the drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby. Contact Catharine Dudeck ([thedudecks@gmail.com](mailto:thedudecks@gmail.com) or 919-608-4353).

SILENT AUCTION: The auction to benefit student mission teams begins on Wednesday, May 2, and will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 6. If you would like to make a donation of local restaurant gift cards, vacation home rentals, tickets for sporting events, plays and concerts, hand-crafted items or a service, contact Trey Davis ([tdavis@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:tdavis@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485, ext. 208).

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE will host two listening sessions on **Sunday, May 6**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and at 12:15 p.m. in Room 302; and **Sunday, May 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The committee is working with New City Design Group to advise the church of the best use of our space in the Lewis Building. We encourage your participation in this process.

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of May 20-27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or [hi2810@bellsouth.net](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net)) to volunteer.

20TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS are available on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. This book will be \$15.00. Reprints of the 1997 cookbook are available for \$10.00. A set of both is \$20.00.

### Calendar Highlights • April 22 - 29, 2018

Sun, April 22	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Blood Drive (FH)</b>
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	5:30	FBC 101 (301)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, April 23	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Deacons' Meeting (301)</b>
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, April 24	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	12:00	Clothing Ministry Volunteer Luncheon (FH)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, April 25	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	4:45	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	5:30	BackPack Buddies Packing (302)
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Missions and Music Evening Bells (307)
	6:20	Church Conference (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, April 26	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	11:00	Library Committee (L)
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:00	BackPack Buddies Delivery
Friday, April 27	10:30	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)
	1:00	Kay Huggins Golf Classic (River Ridge Golf Club)
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	6:00	Vespers Service (Gregg Museum)

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