

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire” Wilbur Held
“Come Down, O Love Divine” Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire” Duruflé
(The text may be found at Hymn 296.)

The Call to Worship (responsive)¹ Lynn Lingafelt

(text omitted)

*The Hymn of Praise “On Pentecost They Gathered”² LANCASHIRE
On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

(text omitted)

*The Invocation (responsive)³

(text omitted)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The First Reading⁴ Acts 2:1-21 (p. 885)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading Romans 8:22-27 (p. 919)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (p. 878)
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 689 AURELIA
“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
“Making Sense of All the Excitement”

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, 720 ODE TO JOY
“Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle”
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of Olivia Hitchcock.)

*The Offertory Prayer Kimberly Taylor

The Offertory Anthem “Proclamation for Pentecost” arr. John Bertalot

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDRETH

The Dedication of Olivia Hitchcock, daughter of Michael and Sophia Hitchcock

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Olivia Noelle Hitchcock to the church and dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, her parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Olivia?

PEOPLE: **That she is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Olivia grows in her understanding of God and herself, how will we help her to learn about her true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give her our love and include her in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Olivia grows through different stages of life, what will we tell her about her story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Olivia?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord’s Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to her.**

LEADER: Michael and Sophia, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Olivia in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to her.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Olivia and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Choral Response Moses Hogan
“I’m Gonna Sing ’til the Spirit Moves in My Heart”

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 “Rigaudon” Andre Campra

*The congregation may stand.

The streamers used in today’s service were made by a small group at this year’s churchwide retreat.

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⁴Appreciation is expressed to a number of First Baptist members who will be reading a part of this text in different languages.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Mary Barham in loving memory of her husband, Roger Barham, and in appreciation of our veterans and military.

DEACON ON CALL is Kimberly Taylor. A 17-year member, Kimberly serves as chair of the Discipleship Training Committee, as the Baptist Women President, as a Sunday School teacher for Grades 7-8, and as an assistant for Pre-K and Kindergarten Music and for Children's Handbells. Kimberly also is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. She and her husband Alan have two children, Emily and Matthew.

BE IN PRAYER for 11 of our college students and chaperones serving in Honduras and returning on May 23.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is Pentecost, the day when the Spirit is poured out upon the faithful in Jerusalem. It is a day with previous significance in Judaism, Shavuot, The Feast of Weeks, which commemorates the giving of the law to Moses at Mount Sinai. It is a High Holy Day in the Christian year, a day when we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birth of the church. Thus, the hymns and anthems offer joyful thanks to God for these gifts of grace. The stoles we wear are red, a symbol of the tongues of fire that allow people to hear the Gospel in different languages (a reality we will experience in worship today), and the descending dove on each stole represents the Spirit who is given to the church. The streamers offer a visual element to our celebration, as we seek to offer praise to God with all our being. The sermon, which is rooted in the reading from Acts 2, explores the meaning behind all the excitement. We conclude the service with one of the most exciting rituals of our faith, the dedication of a child.

MAY MISSION PROJECT: FBC is hosting a "Virtual Housewarming" party for the Pakistani family that has been attending our church. Gift cards from Walmart or Target, enclosed in a card are being collected. Give to Anne Cooke or leave in the Pathfinders Sunday School box.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make or cancel reservations by **noon on Mondays** on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485). Menu: Hibachi Chicken or Steak, Fried Rice, Veggies. Non-Meat Option: Mock Hibachi Chicken. Children's Menu: Soba Noodles.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 27, Trey Davis will be preaching while Dr. Chapman is away on vacation.

PULLEN PARK PICNIC, the final Centerpoint event for this spring, will be held at Shelter #4 on Wednesday, May 30, at 5:00 p.m.; come earlier if you want to enjoy the park. Bring lawn chair, blankets, Frisbees, etc. to take full advantage of the facilities.

2018 CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY: June 11-15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, TX. Visit www.cbf.net for information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, *Peace Lab: Discover God's Way of Peace*, will be held on July 29 through August 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., with an optional meal at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to volunteer.

Calendar Highlights May 20 - 27, 2018

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| Sun, May 20 | Family Promise (through 5/26) |
| 8:00 | Ad Hoc Safety Committee (CR) |
| 8:30 | Discipleship Training Committee (P) |
| 9:45 | Sunday School |
| 11:00 | Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227) |
| 12:15 | Deacons' Meeting (220) Outreach Lunch Outing (Artsplasure) |
| 5:30 | Facilities Assessment Dialogue and Meal (FH) |
| Mon, May 21 | Weekday Preschool (M-TH) |
| 9:30 | Sisters in Grace (P) |
| 11:00 | Minister with Community Search Committee (CR) |
| 5:00 | Finance Sub-Committee (219) |
| 6:00 | |
| Tues, May 22 | Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR) |
| 10:00 | WMU Group 2 (Springmoor) |
| 10:30 | ITC Board (110) |
| 5:45 | Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times) |
| 6:00 | |
| Wed, May 23 | Clothing Ministry open |
| 10:00 | WMU Group 7 (P) |
| 12:00 | Works in Progress (P) |
| 3:45 | Meal Served (FH) |
| 5:00 | Church Conference (FH) |
| 6:20 | Sanctuary Choir (310) |
| 7:30 | |
| Thu, May 24 | Band of Brothers (CR) |
| 7:00 | Thirty-Niners (FH) |
| 10:30 | Library Committee (L) |
| 11:00 | Clothing Ministry open |
| 1:00 | |
| Fri, May 25 | Pathfinders' Retreat to Caswell (returning 5/28) |
| Sun, May 27 | Sunday School |
| 9:45 | Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227) |
| 11:00 | |

CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

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| J. Daniel Day, Pastor Emeritus | Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults |
| Wayne Hager, Church Administrator | |

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