

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude arr. by Albin C. Whitworth
"Be Still, My Soul"
Danny Thomerson, organist

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)†

(text omitted)

The Invocation Christopher Chapman

*The Hymn of Praise, 20 ODE TO JOY
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (p. 248)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 950)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 6:1-15 (p. 867)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 507 FINLANDIA
"I Then Shall Live"

The Sermon Patricia Ihlenfeldt

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, 695 ST. PETER
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*The Offertory Prayer Jamie Vogel

The Offertory Anthem "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Michael Cox
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 461.)

*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 "Toccatina from Suite Gothique" Léon Boëllmann

*The congregation may stand.

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MANY THANKS to Danny Thomerson for serving as our guest organist while Donna Jolly is on vacation.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in celebration of Albert and Lorine Calloway's 60th wedding anniversary with love from Emily and Brad Geerdes.

The DEACON ON CALL is Jamie Vogel. A 23-year member of First Baptist, Jamie serves on the Information Management Committee and sings in the Sanctuary Choir. He is a member of The Journey Sunday School Class. Jamie and his wife Cara Lynn have one son, Jesse.

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

Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, a part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. We wear green stoles made last year by church members, symbols of growth and diversity in our community, and we continue our series of readings about ancient Israel, but this week we focus on the reading from Ephesians 2 as we welcome to the pulpit Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Director of the Women's Department for the Baptist Union of Southern Africa. Her message, rooted in the claim of Ephesians 2:19 that we are all members of one household of God and shaped by her experience of conflict and reconciliation in South Africa, provides both the focus for our worship this morning and a helpful framework to undergird our Vacation Bible School theme of peacemaking. We lift up prayers for peace, we sing hymns of praise to the God who longs for peace, and we hear an anthem which celebrates the reconciling work of the Prince of Peace, Jesus our Christ. We are sent forth to honor the God we worship here with lives devoted to peace and justice.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Nell Padgett** who died on July 23.

At the AD HOC SECURITY COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, we will have someone from the Raleigh Police Department on site from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays to help us until we have completed a thorough security assessment. The officer on duty today is Detective Wendy Clark. We appreciate her help in enabling all who come to this place for refuge to feel safer and more secure.

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

There will be a CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE today immediately following worship to consider a recommendation from the facilities assessment committee regarding a study of the church parking lot.

We'll kick off VBS with a VESPERS SERVICE at 5:45 p.m. this evening. We'll have dessert afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. During Vespers, we'll sing, read scripture, and hear personal stories from Chris Hoover, Wayne Bare, and Kati Gardner of specific experiences where they have recognized their need for God's peace and how they came to pursue it. There will also be a reflective element in which we all will have the opportunity to respond. Please join us for this time of worship.

JULY MISSION PROJECT: We're partnering with Urban Ministries to participate in their *Fight Hunger Food Drive*. Donations of non-perishable food (cereal, oatmeal, brown rice, canned fruit and vegetables, and canned tuna and chicken) may be placed in bins on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. No glass, please. Monetary donations may be given at urbanmin.org/fight-hunger.

The HECK-JONES OFFERING provides a way for our congregation to connect to mission work with ties to our church. As of July 22, we have received \$9,900 toward our goal of \$10,000.

The CLOTHING MINISTRY is in need of men's clothing, particularly sizes small and medium shirts and pants, and empty prescription medicine bottles.

BLOCK PARTY: Sunday, August 19, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Get to know your downtown neighbors and enjoy good food, free live music and kid's activities!

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of September 2-9, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Please contact Holly Ivel (hi2810@bellsouth.net or 919-628-9850) to volunteer. A schedule and details may be found at <http://fbcraleigh.org/familypromise/>.

Calendar Highlights July 29 – August 5, 2018

Sun, July 29	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:00	Called Church Conference (S)
	5:00	VBS Dinner (FH)
	5:45	Vespers Service (S)
	6:45	Dessert Social (FH)
Mon, July 30	5:00	VBS Dinner (FH)
	5:45	VBS
Tues, July 31	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	5:00	VBS Dinner (FH)
	5:45	VBS
Wed, August 1	10:00	Clothing Ministry open HS Bible Study (Blue Rm)
	5:00	VBS Dinner (FH)
	5:45	VBS
Thu, August 2	11:00	Library Committee (L)
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open
	5:00	VBS Dinner (FH)
	5:45	VBS Senior Trip to Gatlinburg (return 8/9)
Sat, August 4	5:00	6th Grade Day Trip to Semora Family Fun Night (Mudcats Game)
Sun, August 5	8:30	Music Committee (CR)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	5:00	Toy Joy Planning Meeting (CR)
	5:30	Youth Group (Blue Room)

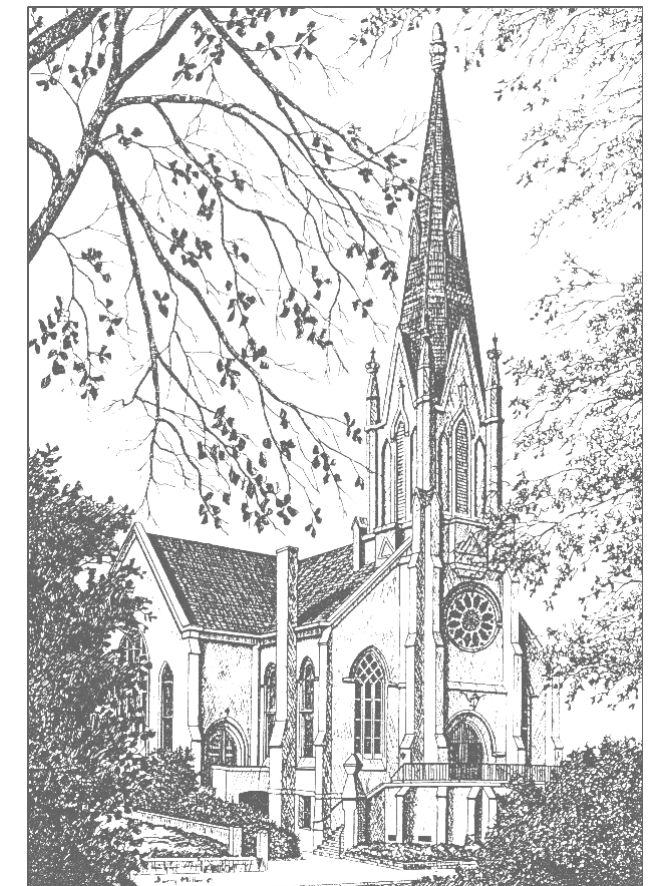
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