

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Andante in B-flat Major" G.F. Handel

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 48

LEADER: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. (text omitted)

PEOPLE: **God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

LEADER: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

PEOPLE: **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.**

LEADER: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

PEOPLE: **Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,**

LEADER: consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels,

PEOPLE: **that you may tell the next generation that this is God who will be our guide forever.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 49 AMSTERDAM
"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (p. 243)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p. 943)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 6:1-13 (p. 817)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 700 SYMPHONY
"We Are God's People"

*The Offertory Prayer Brad Pressley

The Offertory Anthem "A Song of Community"† John Ferguson

*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 Christopher Chapman
"A Call and Response Approach to Church"

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, 715 ABBOT'S LEIGH
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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 "Allegro in D Major" William Boyce

*The congregation may stand.

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The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in thankfulness for the memories of Ivie Lawrence Clayton by Rebecca, Ellen and Lawrence Clayton.

The DEACON ON CALL is Brad Pressley. An 8-year member and first-term deacon, Brad serves on the Finance Committee, as co-chair of the Community Ministries Committee, and as an RA Leader for Grades 1 and 2. He is a member of The Journey Class. Brad and his wife, Heather, have four sons: Hudson, Heath, Hogan and Harris.

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 in the Christian year. We continue to follow the historical narratives of ancient Israel, but today we link this history to the Gospel reading as we reflect upon the ways in which effective ministry depends upon a healthy interaction between leaders and their communities. David reigns as king for forty years, but depends upon the support of Israel's elders. Even Jesus can heal only where people welcome his ministry. Such is the case for us today. Thus, we pray for the health of the community, sing hymns which underscore the nature of our shared life, and hear an anthem that celebrates our distinctiveness. The green stoles we wear, made by church members last year, offer a sign of our understanding of the nature of the church. We close worship with a celebration of communion, the most central sign of our connection to Christ and each other.

BE IN PRAYER for our 9 children and 3 chaperones while they attend PASSPORTkids in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and return on Tuesday, July 10; and for our Arkansas Mission Team which returns on Saturday, July 14.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, *Peace Lab: Discover God's Way of Peace*, will be held on July 29 through August 2, from 5:45-8:00 p.m., with an optional meal at 5:00 p.m. Registration is available online at www.fbcraleigh.org or registration forms may be found in the church office. The registration deadline is July 15.

VESPERS SERVICE: On July 29, at 5:45 p.m., we'll kick off our week of Bible School with a Vespers Service. In lieu of our typical VBS classes this night, we'll have a time of worship to introduce our theme in a personal way. There is an optional supper at 5:00 (sign up on the VBS registration form online at www.fbcraleigh.org); we'll enjoy a cool and tasty dessert in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

The HECK-JONES OFFERING provides a way for our congregation to connect to mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the June 8 edition of *First Foundations*. As of July 1, we have received \$6,790 toward our goal of \$10,000.

The Downtown Faith Coalition of HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is seeking volunteers for this year's Downtown Church Build at 716 E Martin Street. Volunteers are needed on July 14. Visit <http://vhub.at/downtownraleigh> to sign up.

BLOOD DRIVE: On Sunday, July 22, FBC will host a second blood drive. If you are eligible, please consider donating to save a life. You can sign up by following the link on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org). If you have questions, please contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org).

On Sunday, July 29, WE WILL WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Patricia Ihlenfeldt, Director of the Women's Department for the Baptist Union of Southern Africa. She will talk about her ministry of reconciliation in South Africa and thus provide a helpful framework for our VBS theme of peacemaking.

☀ Calendar Highlights ☀

July 8-15, 2018

- Sun, July 8
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:00 Youth Group (Blue Room)
- Tues, July 10
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, July 11
10:00 HS Bible Study (Blue Room)
Clothing Ministry open
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (310)
- Thu, July 12
11:00 Library Committee (L)
11:15 Thirty-Niners to Relish Cafe
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
- Sat, July 13
5:30 Parents' Night Out
- Sun, July 15
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
Youth to Kure Beach
(return 7/19)

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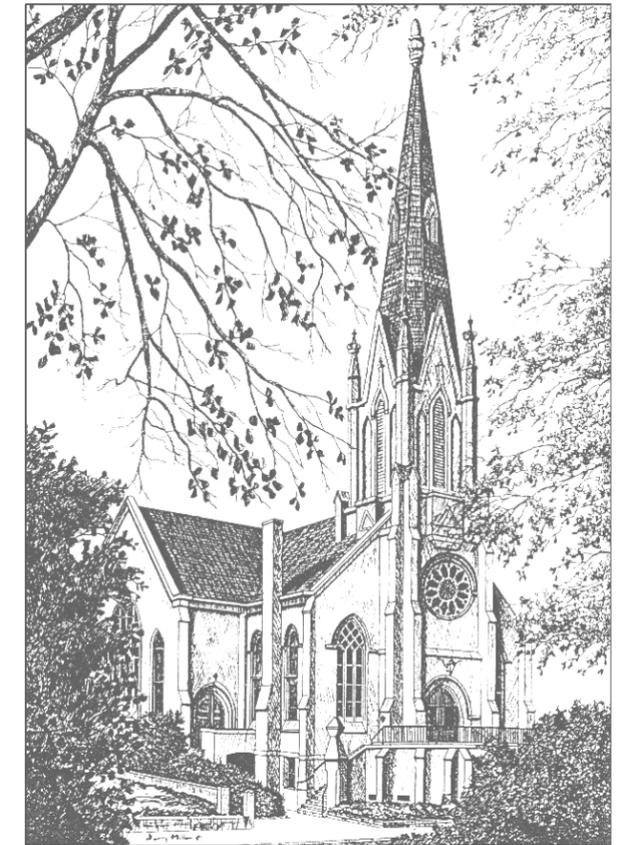
Christopher C. F. Chapman, Pastor
Trey Davis, Youth/College
J. Daniel Day, Pastor Emeritus
Wayne Hager, Church Administrator

Donna G. Jolly, Organist
Lynn Lingafelt, Children
Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults

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