

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Alexander Scriabin
"Etude in A-flat Major, Op. 8, No. 8"

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 4

LEADER: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress.

PEOPLE: **Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

LEADER: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

PEOPLE: **How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

LEADER: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful.

PEOPLE: **The Lord hears when I call.**

LEADER: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

PEOPLE: **Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.**

LEADER: There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'

PEOPLE: **You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.**

ALL: **I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 95 CORONATION
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading Acts 3:1-19 (p. 886)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7 (p. 990)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Luke 24:36b-48 (p. 861)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 254 ODE TO JOY
"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

The Sermon "From Beggar to Witness" Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (unison)†

(text omitted)

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, 451 ARISE
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*The Offertory Prayer Nancy Moore Phillips

The Offertory "Prelude in E Major, WTC II" J.S. Bach

*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 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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" John Carter

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Chinwendu Achonu and Lauren Thompson.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Tom and Ann Rollins in honor of the FBC Staff and Deacons for their servant leadership.

DEACON ON CALL is Nancy Moore Phillips. A life-long member, Nancy serves on the Archives and History Committee, as a Grades 3-5 GA Leader, as the WMU President, and as Co-chair of the Funeral Committee. She is a teacher for the Brewer Johnson class and is a Homebound Ministry Visitor. She is also a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Pathfinders Sunday School class. Nancy is married to Bobby Phillips and has two stepsons and five step grandchildren.

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 Third Sunday of Easter. As we continue to celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its meaning for us, we read texts which describe what early believers experience right after Jesus is raised, we sing hymns that point to the joy of new life and the way Christ is at work for healing in the world today, and we pray for new life to be experienced today. The sermon offers a first-person reflection on the reading from Acts, the healing of a man lame from birth, whose story invites us to consider the ways we view those who are forced to beg, the fact that we are all beggars in some way, and the calling we have to give witness to the healing we have experienced. We are sent forth to look for the ways in which the power of resurrection is still at work and to take advantage of the opportunities we have to give witness to the new life in Christ we have already.

SYMPATHY to **Paul Smith** on the April 10 death of his brother, John Edwin Smith of TN; and to **Michael Sledge** and **Steve Sledge** on the April 8 death of their mother, Shirley Williams.

BE IN PRAYER for 100 members of our church family as they return from Caswell today.

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: Jamaican Food Night! Brown Stew Chicken or Curry Chicken, Fried Plantains, Jamaican Rice and Peas, Mixed Jamaican Vegetables. Non-meat Option: Curry Mock Chicken. Children's Menu: Mac 'n' Cheese.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Women in Ministry (Vocation and Calling)*, led by Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Boberg, Minister of Youth and Children at First Baptist, Red Springs.

RECOGNITION NEXT SUNDAY: In worship on April 22 we will establish Janice Osborne and Bill Kibler as Clothing Ministry Directors Emeriti at First Baptist Church. While others helped start this ministry, and scores of volunteers keep it going today, these two have served in leadership roles for roughly 30 years. We will honor them not only with words of affirmation, but a title they richly deserve.

FBC 101: Next Sunday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. we will host the latest rendition of FBC 101, an occasional event offered to help new members and visitors learn more about how the church works and find ways to connect with more people. Anyone interested in attending should contact Dr. Chapman at cchapman@fbcraleigh.org.

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/>.

SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will take place at 6:00 p.m. on April 29 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.

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 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. For donation information, contact Trey Davis (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) to volunteer.

Calendar Highlights

April 15 - 22, 2018

Sun, April 15	9:45	Combined Adult Sunday School (FH)
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
Mon, April 16	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, April 17	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, April 18	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	12:00	WMU Group 7 (P)
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	4:45	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	5:30	BackPack Buddies Packing (302)
	5:45	ITC Board (108)
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Missions and Music Evening Bells (307)
	6:20	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, April 19	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
	4:30	Church Council (CR)
	6:15	Finance Committee (CR)
Sun, April 22	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	5:30	FBC 101 (301)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)

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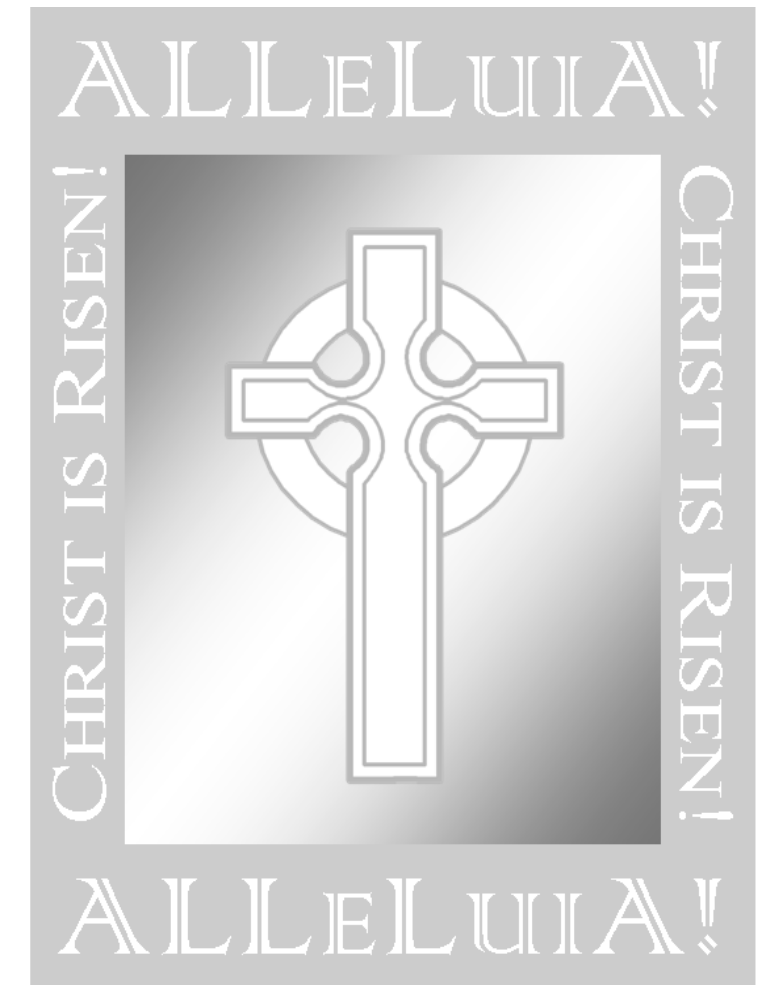
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