

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Flor Peeters  
"Duke Street" Charles W. Ore

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 133

LEADER: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

PEOPLE: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

LEADER: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

PEOPLE: **For there God ordained a blessing: life forevermore!**

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 92 DIADEMATA  
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading Acts 4:32-35 (p. 888)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2 (p. 989)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 20:19-31 (p. 883)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 127 ENGELBERG  
"All Praise to Christ"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"In Defense of True Character"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (unison)

**Eternal God, we give thanks for all the witnesses of the resurrection we have and for all who have preserved their story to this day. May we live as faithful stewards of the witness we have received, ever investing as much of ourselves in the journey as those who have come before us did, taking risks, asking hard questions, only believing what the crucible of experience confirms to be true. Yet, when we do believe, may we do so with the conviction of early disciples like Thomas and Mary Magdalene, that we too may help others come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son, and through believing, have life in his name, the same name in which we pray, amen.**

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, 239 DUKE STREET  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

\*The Offertory Prayer Randy Tucker

The Offertory Anthem "Thine Is the Glory" Robert Powell  
(The anthem text may be found at hymn 251.)

\*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 Wilbur Held  
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

\*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Jay and Luke Foster.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Colonel and Mrs. William T. Joyner by their family.

DEACON ON CALL is Randy Tucker. A life-long member and first-term deacon, Randy serves on the Personnel Committee and is a member of the Unity Class. He and his wife Zoe have three adult children.

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 Second Sunday of Easter, a season in which we celebrate the good news of resurrection and reflect upon its meaning for our lives and world. Thus, the hymns, anthem, prayers, and liturgy continue to reflect the joyful spirit of Easter Sunday, and the texts describe the implications of resurrection for the very first believers. The sermon offers a first-person exploration of one of the characters found in the traditional Easter season reading from John 20. Grossly mislabeled as "doubting," Thomas is actually a model of faith for any time, but especially our time. As we hear a bit about his story, we reflect upon our own, and ponder the ways we might grow in faith. Having encountered the Spirit of the Risen Christ yet again in worship here, we are sent forth to live as Easter people in a Good Friday world.

**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: Asian Food Night! Jasmine Rice and Fried Rice, Sesame Chicken, Stir-fried Vegetables and Salad Bar. Non-meat Option: Quorn Sesame Mock Chicken. Children's Menu: Asian Pot Sticker Dumplings.

**CENTERPOINT SEMINAR:** Members will report on a recent Baptist Men trip to Honduras, the new campus where they stay, and the long-range plans for it. Sharefish Inc. representatives will discuss an effort led by Diane Ellis to empower village women to earn income for their families. They will also discuss a May college mission trip to the village of El Carrizo.

**BE IN PRAYER** for 104 members of our church family as they travel to Caswell on Friday and return on Sunday.

**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 and bring a guest for this time of joyful and reflective worship.

**APRIL MISSION PROJECT:** We will support the second annual FBC Clothing Ministry KIND (Kidz in Need of Diapers). 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. Please contact Catharine Dudeck ([thedudecks@gmail.com](mailto:thedudecks@gmail.com) or 919-608-4353) for questions or pick up assistance.

**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).

**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. Both may be bought as a set for \$20.00.

#### Calendar Highlights † April 8-15, 2018

Sun, April 8	<i>Rock 'n' Roll Marathon</i>
9:45	<b>No Sunday School</b>
11:00	Worship (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)
	Minister with Community Search Committee (CR)
Mon, April 9	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, April 10	
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 11	
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	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
6:45	Community Ministries Committee (CR)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, April 12	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
8:30	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (Governor's Mansion tour)
10:30	Thirty-Niners: Safety for Seniors (FH)
11:00	Library Committee (L)
1:00	Clothing Ministry open
2:30	Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
3:00	BackPack Buddies Delivery
Fri, April 13	
	Churchwide Retreat to Caswell (return 4/15)
Sun, April 15	
9:45	Combined Adult Sunday School (FH)
11:00	Worship (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)

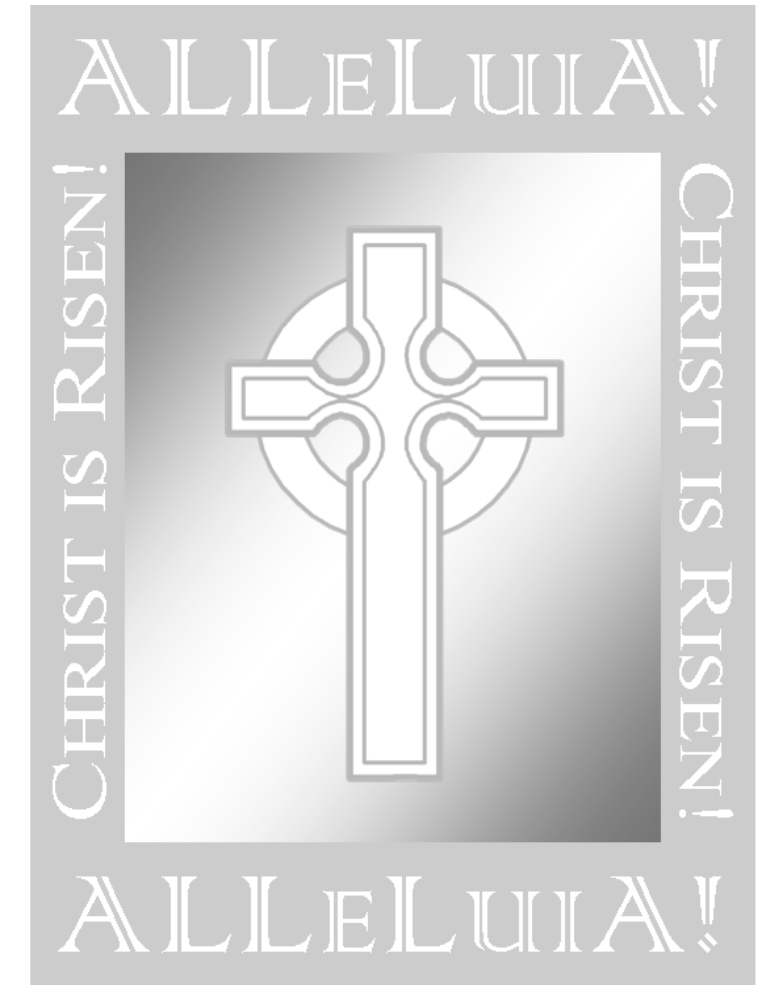
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