

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 12, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude “Voluntary on *Nyland and Olivet*” Gordon Young
Danny Thomerson, guest 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) Psalm 130

LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear my voice!**

LEADER: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

PEOPLE: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

LEADER: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

PEOPLE: **I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.**

LEADER: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

PEOPLE: **more than those who watch for the morning.**

LEADER: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

PEOPLE: **It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 50 MIT FREUDEN ZART
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (p. 255)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Ephesians 4:25–5:2 (p. 951)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel John 6:35, 41-51 (p. 868)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 522 BRADBURY
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
“Good News from a Messy Story”

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 ST. DENIO
“God Made from One Blood”†

(text omitted)

*The Offertory Prayer Robbie Puckett

The Offertory Anthem “Precious Lord” arr. Arnold Sevier
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 638.)

*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 “Voluntary on *Ein’ Feste Burg*” Gordon Young

*The congregation may stand.

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MANY THANKS to Danny Thomerson for serving as our organist today in the absence of Donna Jolly.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jerry H. Stevens and Rolin Ashton Stevens by Berti Stevens and family.

The WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Chloe Fulk.

The DEACON ON CALL is Robbie Puckett. A 35-year member, Robbie serves as the leader of WMU Group Seven and co-chair of the Funeral Committee. She is a member of the Pulpit Supply Committee, the Denominational Relations Committee, and the John Hiott Fellowship Sunday School class. Robbie has two daughters and four grandchildren.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary time in the Christian year. The lectionary texts have had us reading through 1 and 2 Samuel in the Hebrew Bible, Ephesians in the Christian Testament, and the bread of life discourse found in John for our Gospel lessons. The sermons have focused on the historical narratives of 1 and 2 Samuel and explored their implications for contemporary life. Today will be the last in this series as David’s reign comes to an end with his mourning of the death of his son Absalom and probably much more. It is yet another messy text about messy family details, but there is good news in the messiness in that it reflects the nature of our lives through which God’s grace is still able to work. We sing hymns that point to this grace, offer prayers for God’s mercy, and hear an anthem which expresses deep trust in God’s care. We are sent forth to live in ways that point beyond our frailties to the healing power of Christ at work in our lives, the bread of life which comes down from heaven and sustains us forever.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Sarah Frances Massey** who died on August 2.

BE IN PRAYER for 6 of our 8th graders and 2 chaperones as they travel to Ridgecrest today and return on Tuesday.

At the AD HOC SECURITY COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, we now 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 Officer Vicente Kinney. We appreciate his help in enabling all who come to this place for refuge to feel safer and more secure.

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.

AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting school supplies for Clothing Ministry clients. Donations of #2 pencils, composition notebooks (spiral bound or hard cover), dividers, 3-ring binders, erasers, safety scissors, highlighters, and Crayola® brand crayons may be placed in the marked drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby cabinet. Please contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com) for more information.

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!

Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF Field Personnel, invite you to WELCOME HOUSE, 4420 Lead Mine Rd, as they celebrate their 200th guest and newly renovated downstairs. The Open House is on Sunday, August 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Parking is available at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, 4408 Lead Mine Rd.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, August 22, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please make meal reservations online (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Monday, August 20. **Menu:** Meat Lasagna, Mixed Vegetables and Salad. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Lasagna. Children's Menu: Pizza Rolls.

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

Calendar Highlights August 12–19, 2018

- Sun, August 12
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:30 Youth Group (Buffaloe Lanes, Cary)
8th Grade Trip to Ridgecrest
(return 8/14)
- Tues, August 14
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, August 15
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
HS Bible Study (Blue Rm)
11:30 A Place at the Table Pop-Up Meal (FH)
5:45 ITC Board (108)
6:15 Finance Committee (CR)
- Thu, August 16
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Fri, August 17
10th Grade Trip to Charlotte
(return 8/20)
- Sat, August 18
6:00 Deacons' Dinner (Sitti)
- Sun, August 19
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Deacons' Meeting (FH)
5:00 Block Party (Parking Lot)

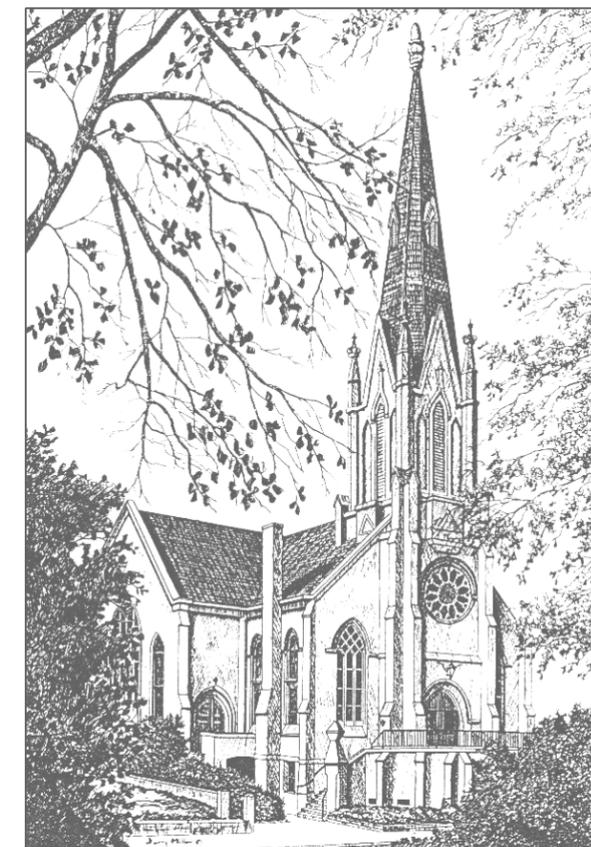
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