

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 26, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Alexandre Guilmant  
"Andante from Fourth Sonata"

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 84

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

PEOPLE: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

LEADER: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 48 SLANE  
"God of Creation, All-Powerful"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Leah Anderson Reed  
1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (p. 272)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 952)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 6:56-69 (p. 868)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 622 CONVERSE  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Engaging the Struggle between Good and Evil"

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, 669 CWM RHONDDA  
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*The Offertory Prayer Jeff Hobart

The Offertory Anthem "Psalm 84" Fauré/Hopson

\*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 "Cortege" Gordon Young

\*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in grateful appreciation for the dedicated volunteers who serve in our Music Ministry.

The DEACON ON CALL is Jeff Hobart. A 25-year member, Jeff is a member of the Planned Giving Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and the Unity Sunday School Class. He has two children, Leigh and Keller.

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.

WE WELCOME Rev. Leah Anderson Reed to worship this morning as the candidate for Minister with Community. Rev. Reed brings 10 years of ministry experience with youth and children, insights from her role as a chaplain for the Eastern North Carolina Poverty Network, and a passion for finding creative ways to build relationships with our neighbors. Members are encouraged to remain after worship for the special conference to vote on her candidacy.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. Green is the liturgical color for this season, a symbol of growth for us as individuals and as a community of faith. This dual emphasis is echoed by the reading from Ephesians, the focal text for the sermon today, which offers encouragement to remain strong in the Lord even in the face of evil. The writer, the Apostle Paul or perhaps a student of his, offers counsel for "you" which we may hear very personally, but the Greek term is plural, implying an interest for the whole community. Though we are each called to "take up the whole armor of God" as we stand firm in faith, we do not have to do so alone. The hymns point to the ongoing struggle between good and evil in which we are called to participate, but they also lift up the reality that God will achieve the ultimate victory. The anthem offers praise to God by adding glorious music to the psalm with which we begin worship. We are sent forth to heed the counsel given by Ephesians – to be strong in the Lord in the strength of God's power.

SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Norma Hamrick** upon her death on August 18.

At the AD HOC SECURITY COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, someone from the Raleigh Police Department is 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.

CENTERPOINT: On Wednesday, August 29, at 6:15 p.m. we'll kick off Centerpoint with a friendly competition for all ages led by Allison and Matt Strickland. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. Please remember to make your meal reservations.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Reservations may be made on the church 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), all by **noon on Mondays**. Menu: Hamburger Steak in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Fried Apples and Salad. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Patty in Gravy. Children's Menu: Nuggets.

The YOUTH KICKOFF will be held tonight from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited.

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

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](mailto:cooke76@aol.com)) for more information.

TOUCHING RALEIGH WITH LOVE is coming to First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Community Ministries Committee is looking for volunteers to help in this opportunity to serve our community. We will be working on five different projects, all at FBC – working in the Clothing Ministry, packing bags for Backpack Buddies, filling Care Bags for the Homeless, landscaping the grounds around the church, and writing cards for the community. Please contact John Rusher at [jmnrusher@gmail.com](mailto:jmnrusher@gmail.com) if you can volunteer wherever needed or if you are interested in a particular project.

### Calendar Highlights August 26 – September 2, 2018

Sun, August 26  
8:30 Meet Minister with Community Candidate (FH)  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
12:00 Called Church Conference (S)  
5:30 Youth Kickoff (FH)

Tuesday, August 28  
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)  
7:30 HS Bible Study (Helms' home)

Wed, August 29  
10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
5:00 Meal served (FH)  
6:15 Centerpoint Kickoff (FH)  
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)

Thu, August 30  
11:00 Library Committee (L)  
12:30 Preschool Open House  
1:00 Clothing Ministry open

Sun, September 2  
Family Promise  
(through 9/8)  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)

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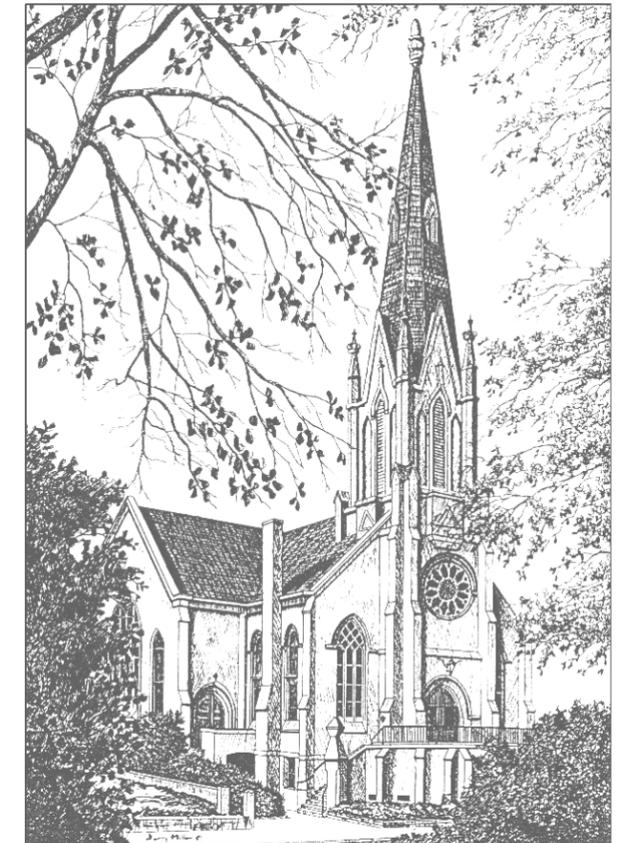
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J. Daniel Day, Pastor Emeritus        Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults  
Wayne Hager, Church Administrator

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