

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 3, 2018 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude “Prelude from Unaccompanied Suite #5” J.S. Bach
John Holley, viola

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 Greeting of Worshipers Trey Davis

The Processional “La Rejouissance” G.F. Handel

The Call to Worship (responsive) Chinwendu Achonu

LEADER: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

PEOPLE: **You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

LEADER: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

PEOPLE: **For it was you who formed my inward parts. You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

LEADER: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand. At the end, I am still with you.

PEOPLE: **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Lead me in the way everlasting.** (from Psalm 39)

The Invocation Joshua Carter

*The Hymn of Praise, 78 ST. ANNE
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Joshua 1:5-9 (p. 168) Wesley Goodwin

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Acts 15:35-40 (p. 900) Emily Simpson

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Solo “You Raise Me Up” arr. James Rickley
Charles Blanchard, baritone; John Holley, viola

The Morning Prayer Lauren Thompson

The Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 (p. 812) Phillip Matthews

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 532 SLANE
“Be Thou My Vision”

The Meditations Mollie Clary, Keller Hobart,
Leigh Hobart, and Tom Petty

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response Cameron Creekmore

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, 519 VILLE DU HAVRE
“It Is Well with My Soul”

*The Offertory Prayer Carl Bailey

The Offertory Anthem “Christ Be In My Waking” arr. Larry Shackley
Youth Choir
Catherine Carter, soprano; Elaine Holley, violin;
Rhonda Lowe, piano

*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 Charge to the Graduates (insert)
Dennis Ellis, Mary Hauser,
Zach Padgett, and Sarah Catherine Rhodes

The Presentation of Gifts

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction Christopher Chapman

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 “La Marche” G.F. Handel

*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of our 2018 graduates.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Catherine and Caleb Carter.

DEACON ON CALL is Carl Bailey. A 29-year member, Carl drives for the FBC Bus Ministry, serves on the Transportation Committee, volunteers for the Afterschool Backpack Buddies program, and serves as President of the Thirty-Niners seniors group. He is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. Carl and his wife, Ruth, have 2 married sons and 4 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: Welcome this morning to Graduation Sunday, the Sunday where we are led in worship by our graduating high school seniors. Our graduates are excited to worship with you today. They invite you to respond to worship however you feel most comfortable, but they also wish to emphasize that they speak and sing these words as an act of worship and not as a performance. For this year’s theme, the graduates have chosen to reflect on various aspects of their identity in faith. Our students regularly talk about various characteristics of Christian belief and practice, but it means something more to develop some of those traits into pillars of one’s faith and identity. The graduates today hope to present more than a generic description of faith; they hope instead to share how these facets of faith have become integrated into the very essence of how they see themselves and how they believe that God sees them as well. They invite you to reflect on your own spiritual identity, on the traits that you find at the root of your faith, and on the qualities that you hope to develop and cling to at your very core.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER appreciation breakfast will be held next Sunday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2018 CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY: June 11-15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, TX. Visit www.cbf.net for information.

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. Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to volunteer.

EXTENDED SESSION, childcare during worship, is a wonderful way for involved church members to get to know our children and their families. Volunteers serve once a quarter and are a vital part of ministry at FBC. We have only two openings that need to be filled to have a full roster. If you are interested in serving, contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org).

HECK-JONES OFFERING provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the May 25 edition of *First Foundations*. As of May 27, we have received \$1,815 toward our goal of \$10,000.

CLOTHING MINISTRY is looking for a Coordinator to facilitate the ongoing outreach of this ministry, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Clothing Ministry. Inquiries should be directed to Christopher Chapman (cchapman@fbcraleigh.org).

COLLEGE GRADUATES: Do you know of FBC members who received a degree this spring? Please contact Denise Arnold (919-832-4485, ext. 200, or darnold@fbcraleigh.org) by June 21 with the graduate's name, college, and degree awarded.

GAME NIGHT: On Sunday, June 24, at 6:00 p.m. we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a dessert social followed by a Game Night. Bring a dessert to share and a favorite board game. Drinks will be provided. No sign up is required.

JUNE MISSION PROJECT: We will be collecting money to purchase Bibles to give out at this year's Toy Joy. We will also purchase enough Spanish language Bibles to have for any family that requests one. You may make your check payable to First Baptist Church and put "Toy Joy Bibles" in the memo line; mail the check to the Church Finance office or place it in the offering plate.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: The Downtown Faith Coalition is seeking volunteers for this year's Downtown Church Build at 716 E Martin Street. Volunteers are needed on June 23 and 30 and July 7 and 14. Visit <http://vhub.at/downtownraleigh> to sign up.

Calendar Highlights

June 3 -10, 2018

- Sun, June 3 Graduate Sunday
8:30 HS Graduates' Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:30 Youth Group (FH)
- Tues, June 5
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, June 6
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (310)
- Thu, June 7
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
5:00 Facilities Assessment Group (CR)
- Sun, June 10
8:30 SS Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:00 Youth Mission Team Meeting (FH)

CONGRATULATIONS

to our high school graduating
class of 2018!



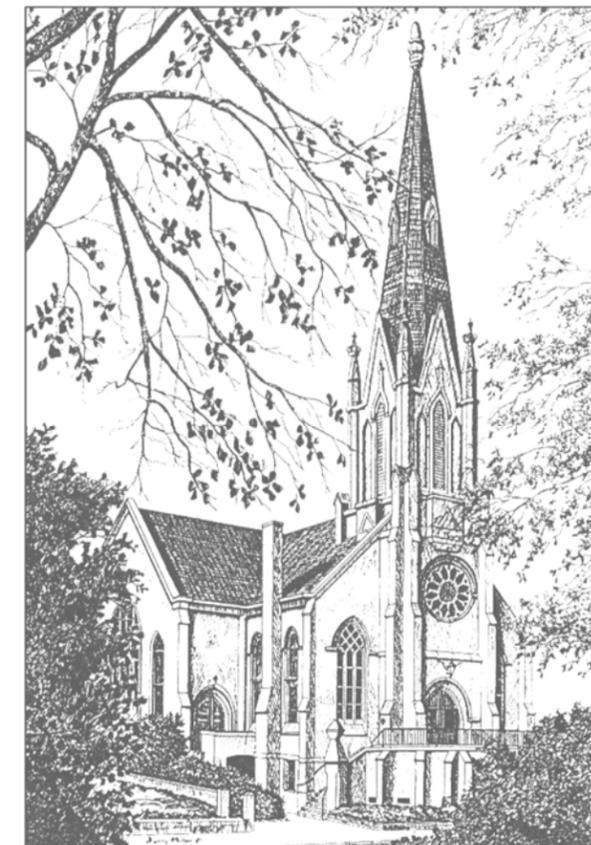
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