

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 27, 2018

Eleven O'clock

The Christian Testament

Romans 8:12-17 (p. 919)

DEPARTING TO SERVE

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Sigfrid Karg-Elert
"Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals"

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 29

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

PEOPLE: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

LEADER: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

PEOPLE: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

LEADER: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 5 ITALIAN HYMN
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 6:1-8 (p. 553)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 3:1-17 (p. 863)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 311 ODE TO JOY
"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

The Sermon "Complicated, Comprehensive" Trey Davis

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith, 15 (unison)

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, 559 KINGSFOLD
"Make Room within My Heart"

*The Offertory Prayer John Shell

The Offertory Anthem "Holy is the Lord" arr. Ralph Manuel

*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 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 "Improvisation on A Mighty Fortress" Paul Manz

*The congregation may stand.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by the Everette Miller Friendship Class in honor of the class teachers.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Trey and Winnie Spencer.

DEACON ON CALL is John Shell. A 48-year member, John is a member of the Scriptural Serendipity class. He is married to Tara Mann and they have one daughter, Leah.

TODAY Trey Spencer is our First Grade offering helper. As he presents the offering on behalf of our preschoolers, may we remember that, like the loaves and fish, tiny gifts grow into big gifts when given to God.

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 Trinity Sunday, where we contemplate the threefold nature of God. Consider, then, this quotation from a sermon by former Congressional Chaplain Frederick D. Power, in *Holy-Days and Holidays*: "Here is a mystery, the stupendous mystery of the Christian religion, the ineffable mystery of three persons in one God. We cannot define it. Every human attempt at definition involves it in deeper mystery. The arithmetic of heaven is beyond us. Yet this is no more mysterious and inexplicable than the trinity of our own nature; body, soul, and spirit; and no man has ever shown that it involved a contradiction or in any way conflicted with the testimony of our senses or with demonstrated truth." Reflecting on the Trinity, thus, pushes us to reflect not only on the nature of God but also on our own humanity, our relationship with God, and our interactions in the world. Today we worship a God who remains mysterious even while enlightening, one of many conundrums at the heart of our understanding of God and our need for faith.

SYMPATHY to Erin and **Michael Hawks** on the May 18 death of their infant son, Garrett Franklin Hawks.

DR. CHAPMAN is away on vacation and will return on June 3.

BE IN PRAYER for 52 members of the Pathfinders Sunday School class on their retreat at Caswell this weekend.

GRADUATION SUNDAY will be next Sunday, June 3. Please make plans to join us for a worship service led by our graduating high school seniors as they offer their own musical talents, prayers, and reflections, and as we recognize them and offer our love to them at this transition in their lives.

MAY MISSION PROJECT: "Virtual Housewarming" party for the Pakistani family that has been attending our church. Gift cards from Walmart or Target, enclosed in a card are being collected. Give to Anne Cooke or leave in the Pathfinders Sunday School box.

PULLEN PARK PICNIC, the final Centerpoint event for this spring, will be held at Shelter #4 on Wednesday, May 30, at 5:00 p.m.; come earlier if you want to enjoy the park. Bring lawn chair, blankets, Frisbees, etc. to take full advantage of the facilities. Please make reservations by **noon on Monday (even if you are on the permanent list)** 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: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, and Coleslaw. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Burgers.

IRONMAN RACE, on Sunday, June 3, will create less disruption than in previous years. According to the Raleigh Police, streets around the church will remain open. The only traffic change will involve a detour from McDowell Street to MLK Blvd to Person Street. **Dashboard passes will not be necessary.**

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 6:00-8:00 p.m., with an optional meal at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to volunteer.

HECK-JONES OFFERING provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work that is tied to our church. Details may be found in the May 25 edition of *First Foundations*. As of May 20, we have received \$1,705 toward our goal of \$10,000.

CLOTHING MINISTRY is looking for a Coordinator to facilitate the ongoing outreach of this ministry. This person will oversee 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.

Calendar Highlights

May 27 ☀ June 3, 2018

- Sun, May 27
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- Mon, May 28
Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
- Tues, May 29
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, May 30
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:45 Works in Progress (P)
5:00 Pullen Park Picnic (Shelter #4)
- Thu, May 31
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Sun, June 3 *Ironman Race*
Graduate Sunday
8:30 HS Graduates' Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:30 Youth Group (FH)



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