

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018

Eleven O'clock

The Christian Testament

James 3:1-12 (p. 981)

DEPARTING TO SERVE

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Prelude" Cesar Franck

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 19

LEADER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

PEOPLE: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

LEADER: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and runs its course with joy and strength.

PEOPLE: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

PEOPLE: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

PEOPLE: **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

The Invocation Leah Reed

*The Hymn of Praise, 16 DUKE STREET
"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 50:4-9a (p. 594)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

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The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38 (p. 820)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 477 EBENEZER
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"What Kind of Messiah, God, and Faith?"

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, 215 ST. CHRISTOPHER
"Before the Cross of Jesus"

*The Offertory Prayer Tonya Carter

The Offertory Anthem "A Covenant Prayer" Allen Pote

*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 "Voluntary in E Minor" John Stanley

*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Richard Gene Puckett by Robbie and family.

The DEACON ON CALL is Tonya Carter. A 14-year member, Tonya is a member of the Infant-Toddler Board and is a teacher for the Grades 11-12 Sunday School Class. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Tonya and her husband Lin have three children: Joshua, Catherine and Caleb.

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. We begin with the words of Psalm 19 which invite us to worship the God of all creation and a hymn of praise that allows us to do just that. We listen for God's voice speaking through three readings and lift up prayers for those we love and the world around us, today expressing special concern for all affected by Hurricane Florence and all responding with compassion. The sermon, which is rooted in the reading from Mark 8, offers a reflection on Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah. He uses the correct term but does not share Jesus' understanding of what it means. How do we understand the term, what kind of Messiah do we want, what kind of God do we believe in, and what kind of faith does all of this imply? The second two hymns proclaim the kind of faith that is ours, a faith shaped by love in the way of the cross. The anthem expresses our longing to reveal such a faith as we place our lives in God's hands.

TODAY there is no police officer on duty due to Hurricane Florence. Raleigh Police Department Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown cancelled all secondary employment for officers until further notice.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$2,355 so far. Your gifts will help those in need by supporting various agencies including CBFNC, Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc., NC Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Homes, Baptists on Mission (formerly Baptist Men), and WMU of NC.

The ELECTION OF DEACONS will take place during the month of October. If you are eligible but do not wish to serve, please contact Denise Arnold (darnold@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 200) by noon on Wednesday, September 19.

CENTERPOINT: On Wednesday, Sally Plyler will lead a discussion of a cross-section of visual artists at FBC and how Christianity affects their art. 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) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by **noon on Mondays**. Menu: Fried Chicken and Waffles, Collard Greens, and Sweet Potatoes. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Mock Chicken. Children's Menu: Mac-n-cheese.

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: we will collect toothpaste (travel size) and toothbrushes for Toy Joy stockings. Donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Building lobby. Please contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com) for more information.

FBC BACKPACK BUDDIES volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. beginning September 20 to help with deliveries to the Chavis Heights and the Kentwood Communities in Schools centers. Contact Bob and Judy Page (bobandjudy@gmail.com or 919-906-9653).

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 with 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 if you can volunteer wherever needed or if you are interested in a particular project.

FLU SHOT CLINIC, Thursday, September 27, in the Lewis Building lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School boxes, or you may call the church office (919-832-4485), or email firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org by Monday, September 24.

VESPERS SERVICE, Blessing of the Animals, will be held on Sunday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pullen Park Garden near Shelter #4.

SHARING THOUGHTS: A new book study will begin on Sunday, October 7, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 319. Lin Carter will facilitate discussion of *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg.

Calendar Highlights † September 16-23, 2018

- Sun, September 16
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service (S)
 Japanese Worship (227)
 Youth Choir (310)
 6:00 Youth Group
- Mon, September 17
 9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
 6:15 Finance Committee (CR)
- Tues, September 18
 9:00 Ministerial Staff Planning Day
 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
 7:30 HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
- Wed, September 19
 10:00 Clothing Ministry open
 12:00 WMU Group 7 (P)
 3:45 Works in Progress (P)
 4:45 Children's Bells (307)
 5:00 Meal served (FH)
 5:30 Backpack Buddies packing (301)
 5:45 ITC Board (110)
 6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time
 Music and Missions
 6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
 6:50 Evening Bells (307)
 7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, September 20
 7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
 10:00 Thirty-Niners to Bennett Place
 11:00 Library Committee (L)
 1:00 Clothing Ministry open
 3:00 Backpack Buddies delivery
- Fri, September 21
 10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange
 (Trolley Tour)
- Sat, September 22
 9:00 Touching Raleigh with Love
- Sun, September 23
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service, Baptism (S)
 1st Grade Worship Prep (231)
 Japanese Worship (227)
 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220)
 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
 6:00 Youth Group (FH)

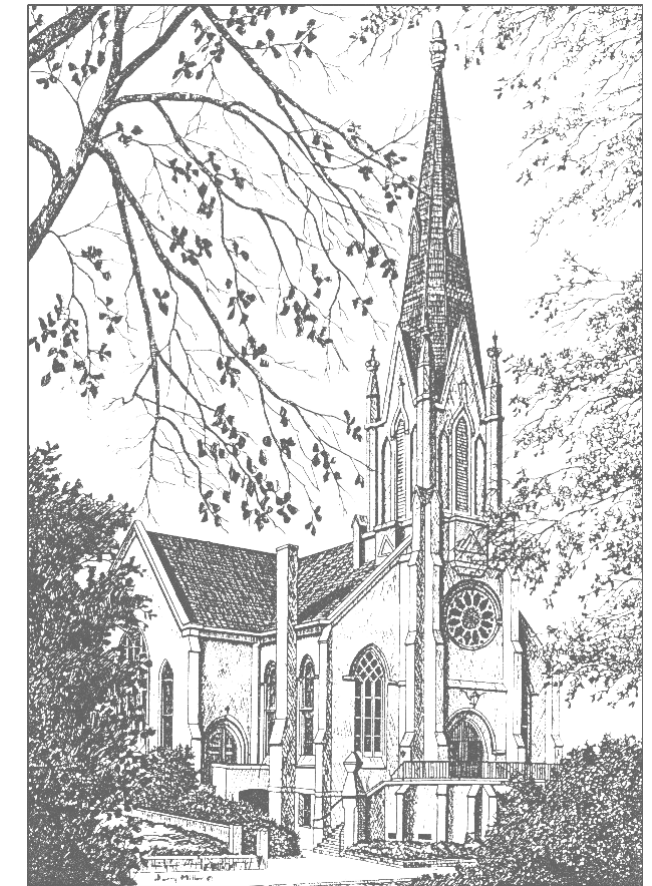
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