

# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 2018

Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Josef Rheinberger  
"Prelude and Fugue in B Minor"

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 15

LEADER: O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

PEOPLE: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

LEADER: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

PEOPLE: **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear God; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

LEADER: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

PEOPLE: **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

\*The Hymn of Praise, 70 ABBOT'S LEIGH  
"God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"

The Greeting of Worshipers

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Song of Songs 2:8-13 (p. 544)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament James 1:17-27 (p. 980)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" K. Lee Scott

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (p. 818)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 436 CHEREPONI  
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Helpful Wisdom from a Neglected Text"

### 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, 556 ST. CATHERINE  
"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

\*The Offertory Prayer Dennis Herman

The Offertory "Adante from Concerto in A Minor" J.S. Bach  
Elaine Holley, violin

\*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 Ralph Vaughan Williams  
"Prelude on *Hyfrydol*"

\*The congregation may stand.

The DEACON ON CALL is Dennis Herman. A 7-year member and first-term deacon, Dennis serves as chair of the Scholarship Committee. He is a Homebound Ministry Visitor and a member of the Pathfinders Class. Dennis and his wife, Betsy, have three children and three grandchildren.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of Beverly and Alan Tuttle for their friendship and connection with our children over the years by the Tyndall family.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. The liturgical color for this season is green, a symbol of growth, and we continue to wear the stoles made last year by church members using materials provided by church members. The sermon and many elements of worship are rooted in the reading from Song of Songs or Song of Solomon as the book is often called in Christian translations. It is a fairly well-known passage from a book that has been neglected or at least under-used in Christian tradition due mostly to its subject matter. The book is a collection of love poems with vivid imagery. Scholars debate whether the focus is purely on romantic human love or perhaps this love is being used as a metaphor to help deepen our understanding of divine/human love. The sermon explores both possibilities, the hymns focus on various forms of love, and in our prayers we not only express our desire for the increase of love in this world, but we open our lives to God's love that it might shape all that we say and do.

SYMPATHY to **Joan Speir** on the August 24 death of her sister, Wanda Robertson of TN.

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 Senior Officer Samuel Gates. We appreciate his help in enabling all who come to this place for refuge to feel safer and more secure.

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.

All REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT activities will resume on September 5.

The CLOTHING MINISTRY will be closed on Wednesday, September 5, and Thursday, September 6.

CENTERPOINT: On Wednesday Jill Ciccone Pike, a visual artist and active member of Greystone Baptist, will be our keynote speaker on Art and Spirituality. 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: Casserole Night! Mexican Chicken, Veggie Casserole, Breakfast Casserole, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Casserole. Children's Menu: Cheese Pasta Casserole.

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: we will collect toothpaste (travel size) and toothbrushes for Toy Joy stockings. Your donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Building lobby beginning next Sunday. Please consider asking your dentist for a donation. A tax receipt can be provided. 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.

TOY JOY will be held on Saturday, December 8; set-up will be on Friday, December 7. We will also have an All Missions Night on Wednesday, December 5, following the meal, which will be dedicated to preparation for the event – taking tags off stockings, sorting books, decorating gift bags, etc. Details may be found in the August 31 edition of *First Foundations*.

### Calendar Highlights † September 2–9, 2018

Sun, September 2

Family Promise  
(through 9/8)

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship (S)

Mon, September 3

**Labor Day – office closed**

Tues, September 4

9:30 Weekday Preschool  
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)  
7:30 HS Bible Study (Helms' home)

Wed, September 5

9:30 Weekday Preschool  
10:00 **Clothing Ministry closed**  
3:45 Works in Progress (P)  
4:45 Children's Bells (307)  
5:00 Meal served (FH)  
WMU Group 6 (108)  
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time  
Music and Missions  
6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)  
6:45 Evening Bells (307)  
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)

Thu, September 6

9:30 Weekday Preschool  
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)  
11:00 Library Committee (L)  
1:00 **Clothing Ministry closed**

Fri, September 7

9:30 Weekday Preschool  
10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)

Sun, September 9

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
12:15 Nominating Committee (301)  
5:00 Youth Choir (310)  
6:00 Youth Group (FH)

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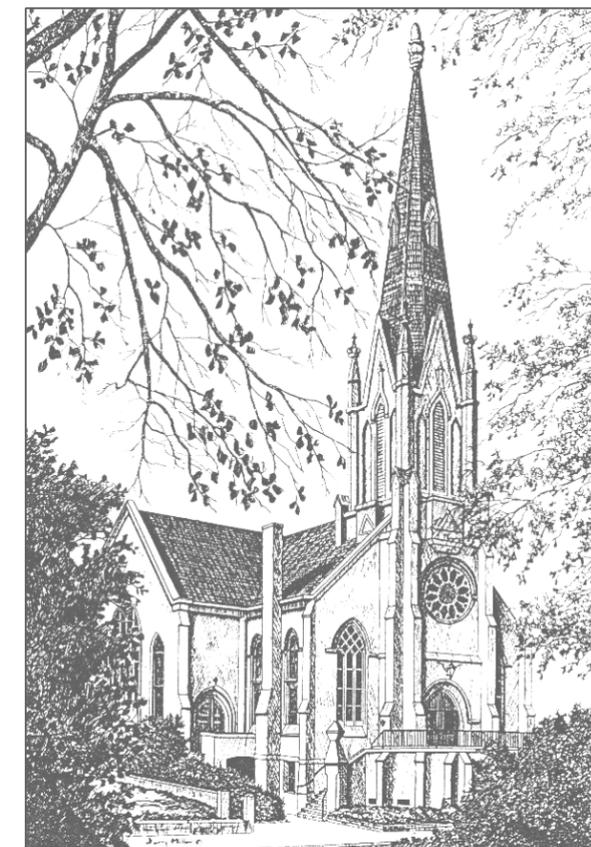
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