

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Chaconne in F Minor" Johann Pachelbel

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 Celebration of Baptism
candidates: Hannah Hinson and Jackson Underwood

The Congregational Affirmation (responsive)<sup>1</sup>

(text omitted)

\*The Hymn of Praise, "In Water We Grow"<sup>2</sup> LYONS

(text omitted)

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Psalm 1 (p. 424)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Christian Testament James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (p. 982)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 9:30-37 (p. 821)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise be to you, O Christ.

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 543 BUNESSAN
"Christ Beside Me"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"The Measure of True Greatness"

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, 651 MARYTON
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

\*The Offertory Prayer Hollis Yelverton

The Offertory Anthem "The Servant Song" David Schwoebel
Becky Mercer, flute

\*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 "Concerto in A Minor" J.S. Bach

\*The congregation may stand.

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from Chalice Hymnal #369 by Ronald J. Allen and Colbert S. Cartwright, © 1995. Used courtesy of Chalice Press, St. Louis, MO.

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The WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Carter Pegram.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Christy Isaacs Alston, mother of Alejandro Alston, and daughter of Linda Roberts. They are given today, by her family, on her forty-eighth birthday.

The DEACON ON CALL is Hollis Yelverton. A life-long member, Hollis serves as Deacon Secretary, Sunday School Director, and as accompanist for the Preschool Music Group. She is a member of the Adult Education Council, the Evening Bells, and the Grains of Sand Sunday School Class. Hollis and her husband, Wyatt, have two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, a part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. Green is the liturgical color of this season, a symbol of growth for individuals and the church as a whole. We begin with the celebration of baptism, highlighting the growth two of our young people have experienced in learning about what it means to follow Jesus and now making a commitment to do so. We sing a hymn of praise that reminds us of our own baptismal experience and the continuing process of growth which takes place throughout life. We read texts which reference growth in different ways, and then the sermon, rooted in the reading from Mark 9, explores the object of Christian growth – a life of service and sacrificial love patterned after the example of Jesus. The anthem and hymn of discipleship echo this theme, lifting up the countercultural idea that true greatness lies in a path of downward mobility, as we follow the Christ who lays down his life for us all.

SYMPATHY TO **Peggy Blackburn** and family on the September 12 death of her husband, **Bill Blackburn**; and to **Chris Whitten** on the September 19 death of her mother, Martha Cutler of Columbia, MO.

TODAY Officer Vicente Kinney from the Raleigh Police Department will be on duty from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We appreciate his help in enabling all who come to this place for refuge to feel safer and more secure.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$2,575 so far.

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](mailto:firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org) by **Monday, September 24**.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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: Sub Sandwiches (Philly Cheese Steak, Turkey and Ham, Tuna, and Veggie) and Sides.

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

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

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 elective has invited Dr. Stanley Hauerwas to attend their class (Room 319) on Sunday, September 30, at 9:45 a.m. for a Q&A session regarding his recently published book, *The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson*, which the class studied this summer. If you are interested in attending this session and would like more information, contact Debbie Willmschen ([dwillmschen@hotmail.com](mailto:dwillmschen@hotmail.com)). A new book study will begin on Sunday, October 7. Lin Carter will facilitate discussion of *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg.

The ELECTION OF DEACONS will take place during the month of October. Ballots will be available beginning Sunday, October 7. Each member may vote for up to eight women and eight men.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER packing event will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 7, following worship. We will have a light lunch before packing meals to feed 1,000 families. Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School boxes. Contact Nancy Phillips ([nancyp919@gmail.com](mailto:nancyp919@gmail.com) or 919-915-4022).

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF: CBFNC is receiving donations for Disaster Response; visit [www.cbfnc.org](http://www.cbfnc.org). Baptists on Mission have set up operations in several locations and need volunteers. To volunteer or contribute, go to [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org).

### Calendar Highlights † September 23-30, 2018

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) Stewardship Council (L)	
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)	
Mon, September 24	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)	
Tues, September 25	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)	
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)	
	7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)	
Wed, September 26	10:00	Clothing Ministry open	
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)	
	4:45	Children's Bells (307)	
	5:00	Meal served (FH)	
	5:30	BackPack Buddies packing (301)	
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time Music and Missions	
	6:15	Church Conference (FH)	
	6:50	Evening Bells (307)	
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)	
Thu, September 27	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)	
	9:00	Flu Shot Clinic (Lewis Building Lobby)	
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)	
	11:00	Library Committee (L)	
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open	
	3:30	BackPack Buddies delivery	
Fri, September 28		HS Boys to Raven's Edge Retreat Center HS Girls Rushing Waters Retreat Center (return 9/30)	
Sat, September 29	1:00	Bill Blackburn memorial service (S) followed by visitation	
Sun, September 30	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Worship Service (S) 1st Grade Worship Prep (231) Japanese Worship (227)	
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)	
	6:00	Vespers Service (Pullen Park Garden)	

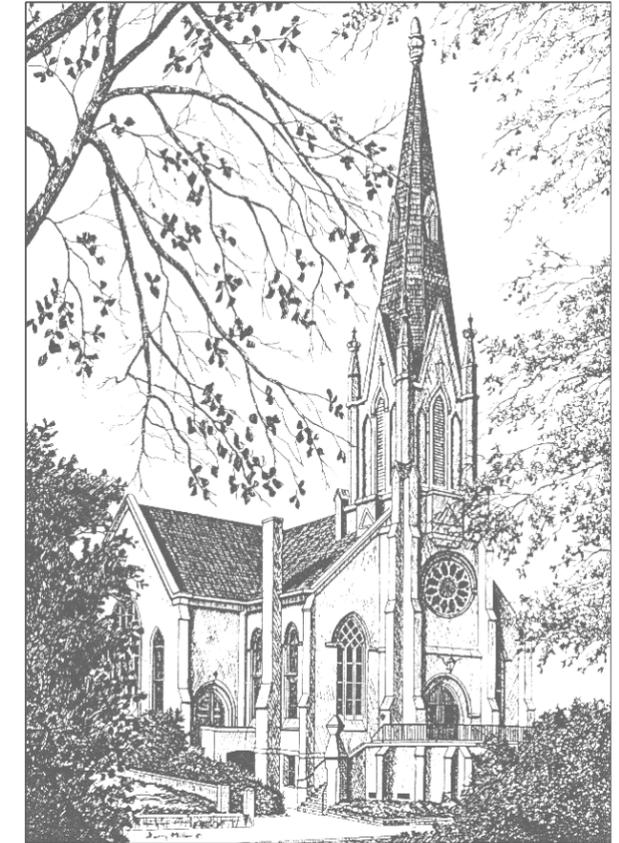
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