

## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018

Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Adagio from First Sonata" Felix Mendelssohn

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 146

LEADER: Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel,

PEOPLE: **whose hope is in the Lord their God,**

LEADER: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

PEOPLE: **who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.**

LEADER: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

PEOPLE: **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.**

LEADER: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow, but brings to ruin the way of the wicked.

PEOPLE: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

ALL: ***Praise the Lord!***

The Invocation Leah Reed

\*The Hymn of Praise, 130 AZMON  
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

The Greeting of Worshipers

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 35:4-7a (p. 578)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament James 2:1-10, 14-17 (p. 981)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 7:24-37 (p. 819)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 499 "Lord, I Was Blind" O WALY WALY

\*The Offertory Prayer Mary Powell Rhodes

The Offertory Anthem "When the Poor Ones"<sup>1</sup> David Cherwien  
Jonathan Eggleston, guitar

(text omitted)

\*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 Sermon "What Is the Story Here?" Christopher Chapman

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (responsive)<sup>2</sup>

(text omitted)

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 437 AURELIA  
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

### 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 "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

\*The congregation may stand.

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The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Harllee H. and Pauline G. Jobe by their daughter, Mary Anne Jobe.

The ROSES ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of the August 24 birth of **George Cahill Maloney** to Daniel and Annie Maloney; and the September 5 birth of **Harris Wray Robbins** to Bryan and Michelle Robbins.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, a part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. All three readings from the lectionary offer images of God's reign wherein healing takes place and the boundaries of the covenant community are extended. The blind see, the deaf hear and everyone is welcome at God's table. The sermon explores this theme, focusing on the reading from Mark; the hymns and anthem offer praise to the God who offers healing to all; and the celebration of communion enables us to experience the good news scripture proclaims, as all are made to feel welcome and healing is available for our deepest wounds.

The DEACON ON CALL is Mary Powell Rhodes. A 40-year member and first-term deacon, Mary Powell serves on the Music Committee, as chair of the Commission on Fellowship, and as co-chair of the Prayer Circle via Email. She is also a member of the Prayer Shawl Group, the Evening Bells, and the Pathfinders Class. Mary Powell and her husband Bob have two children, J.D. Rhodes and Sarah Catherine Rhodes.

SYMPATHY to **Gerri Harris** on the September 4 death of her sister, Mary Julia Matlock of Durham.

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 Gerald Gratz. We appreciate his help in enabling all who come to this place for refuge to feel safer and more secure.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Gathering Room. An usher can provide a device for you.

CENTERPOINT: On Wednesday, Beth Yerxa, FBC member and Executive Director of Triangle Art Works, will share information about programs for experiencing art and taking art lessons. 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: Sweet and Sour Meatballs over Rice, Cabbage, Green Beans, Corn, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Meatballs. Children's Menu: Chicken Tenders.

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. Please 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.

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.

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, 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 9-16, 2018

- 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)
- Mon, September 10  
 9:30 Weekday Preschool
- Tues, September 11  
 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 12  
 9:30 Weekday Preschool  
 10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
 3:45 Works in Progress (P)  
 4:45 Children's Bells (307)  
 5:00 Meal served (FH)  
 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 13  
 7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)  
 9:30 Weekday Preschool  
 10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)  
 11:00 Library Committee (L)  
 1:00 Clothing Ministry open  
 2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
- Fri, September 14  
 Children's Retreat to Willow Run  
 MS Retreat to Camp Caraway  
 (return 9/16)
- Sun, September 16  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship (S)  
 Japanese Worship (227)  
 5:00 Youth Choir (310)  
 6:00 HS Cookout (Tuckers' Home)

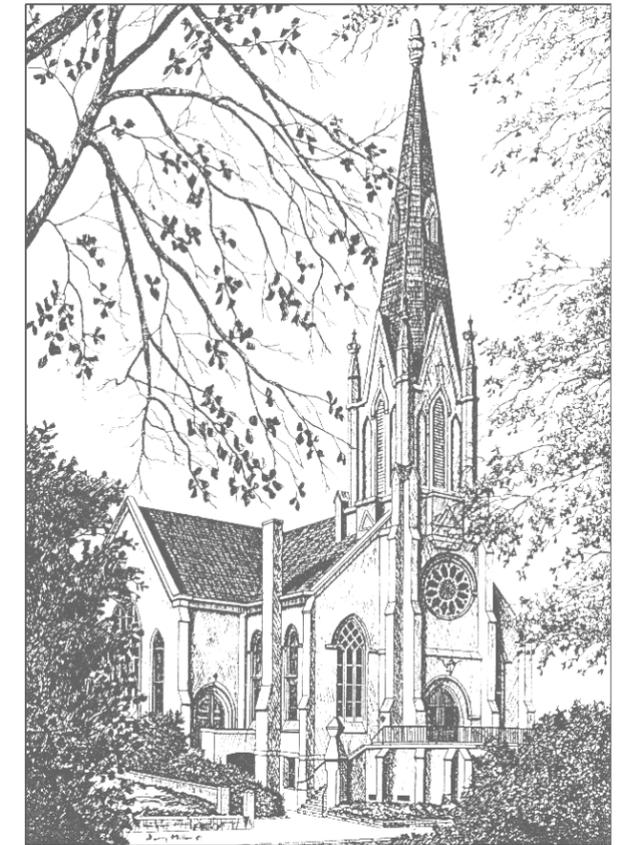
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