

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul" Sigfrid Karg-Elert
"O God, Thou Faithful God"

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 124

LEADER: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when our enemies attacked us,

PEOPLE: **then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;**

LEADER: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent
would have gone over us;

PEOPLE: **then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey
to their teeth.

PEOPLE: **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the
fowlers;**

LEADER: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

PEOPLE: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 25 ANDREWS
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (p. 113)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament James 5:13-20 (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 9:38-50 (p. 821)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 486 WELLESLEY
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Overcoming the Temptation to Try to Limit God"

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, 559 KINGSFOLD
"Make Room within My Heart, O God"

*The Offertory Prayer Pam Powell

The Offertory Anthem "Lord, Speak to Me" Steve Jones
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 574.)

*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 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Paul Manz

*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Louise Brown by her family: Art, Melanie, Hannah, and Will Stahmer.

The DEACON ON CALL is Pam Powell. A fourteen-year member, Pam serves on the Denominational Relations Committee, the Stewardship Committee and the Library Committee. She is a member of the Unity Sunday School class. Pam has one child, Phillip Matthews.

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 Nineteenth 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 today we focus on our need for growth in understanding who God is and how God works in our lives and the world around us. The readings from Numbers 11 and Mark 9 both contain examples of the human tendency to try to limit how God can work. These efforts are never effective or helpful because God will be who God is and we need God to be more than we imagine. The sermon explores our temptation to try to limit God as well as ways to overcome this temptation. The hymns point to a God whose love and mercy are beyond our understanding. The prayers provide space for us not to change God but to be changed by God, a perspective that is reflected in the anthem as it acknowledges our need to be open to God's leadership in all that we say and do. We are sent forth with a yearning to experience more of who God is and thus grow not only in our understanding but in our faithfulness to God's purposes.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$3,518 so far.

BE IN PRAYER for 29 of our High School girls and boys and chaperones as they return from their retreats today.

VESPERS SERVICE, Blessing of the Animals, will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Pullen Park Garden near Shelter #4. From Ashe Ave, take the unnamed road into Pullen Park that runs between the playground and aquatics center, as if going to Shelter 4. As you're driving up this road, you'll see the rose garden terrace on the left. Park in the second lot on the right (NOT the aquatics parking lot but the next one you come to). Cross the street, hang a left around Shelter 4, and follow the sidewalk and steps down to the garden area. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. Please join us for this worship service whether you have a pet or not, as we give thanks to God for the gift of creation.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk is October 28 and FBC is organizing a team. Mary Catherine Hinds, Director of Fundraising Strategy, Church World Service/CROP, will tell us about the work of CWS and the local hunger relief agencies supported by the Walk. Leah Reed and Wayne Hager will discuss FBC efforts to address hunger in our community.

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: Herb-baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Mock Chicken Roast. Children's Menu: Pizza.

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 or 919-906-9653).

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.

The DEACON ELECTION will take place on Sunday, October 28. Beginning October 7, you may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services or in the ballot box in the church office or by mailing it to the church office. This is the first election under the single-step election process the church adopted in August. The new process will be explained in Sunday School classes and at Centerpoint, and printed information is available in the church office. You may address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

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 or 919-915-4022).

THE MASTER'S MEN, a male *a cappella* ensemble dedicated to providing inspirational music to the glory of God, will be our guest choir during worship on Sunday, October 14. FBC member Greg Flowers and Jim Frisbie, son of FBC member Peggy Frisbie are members of this group.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF: Volunteers are needed to work with Baptists on Mission for disaster relief. Laborers, team leaders and monetary donations are needed. For information, contact Dan Roberts (919-815-2764 or fbcflorence18@gmail.com).

Calendar Highlights September 30-October 7, 2018

- 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)
- Mon, October 1
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)
- Tues, October 2
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
7:30 HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
- Wed, October 3
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:45 Works in Progress (P)
4:45 Children's Bells (307)
5:00 Meal served (FH)
WMU Group 6 (110)
5:30 Backpack Buddies packing (301)
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time
Music and Missions
6:15 Centerpoint (FH)
6:50 Evening Bells (307)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, October 4
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:30 Backpack Buddies delivery
- Sun, October 7 *Deacon Election Process Begins*
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service, Communion (S)
1st Grade Worship Prep (231)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Rise Against Hunger Packing Event (FH)
Nominating Committee (301)
4:00 Youth Handbells (307)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH)

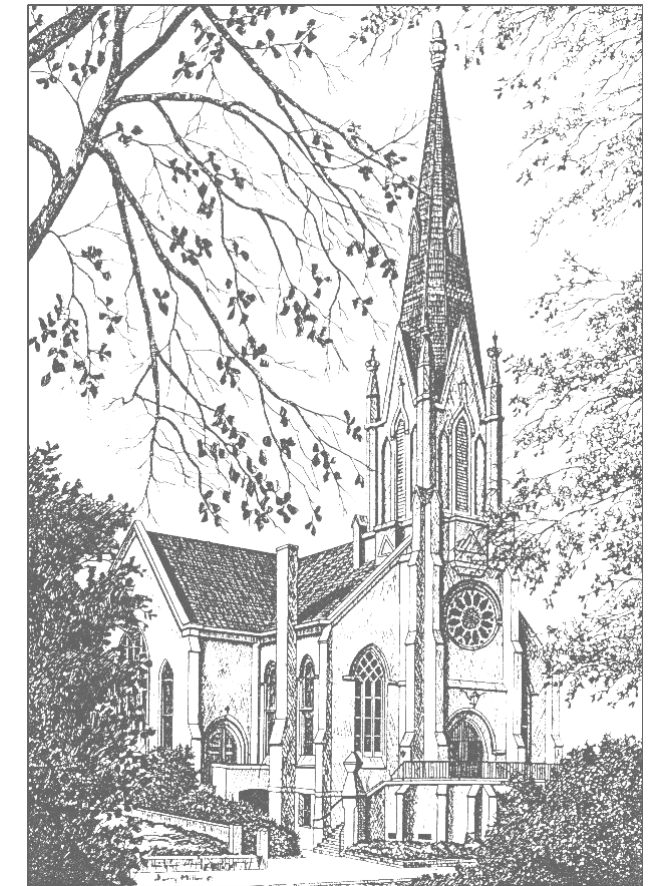
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