

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 7, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Pastorale in F Major" J.S. Bach

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 8

LEADER: O Lord, our God how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PEOPLE: **You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

LEADER: you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

PEOPLE: **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;**

LEADER: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

PEOPLE: **Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.**

LEADER: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

PEOPLE: **all sheep and oxen, and also beasts of the field,**

LEADER: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

PEOPLE: **O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

The Invocation Leah Reed

*The Hymn of Praise, 51 HYFRYDOL
"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 2:18-24 (p. 2)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (p. 970)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 10:2-16 (p. 822)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 433 GERMANY
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*The Offertory Prayer Jeremy Petty

The Offertory "Andante in F Major" John Stanley

*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 Christopher Chapman
"Getting the Point Jesus Intends"

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken
"Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" arr. Friedell

The Cup Is Shared

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, 689 AURELIA
"The Church's One Foundation"

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 "Toccata per il Deo Gratias" Giovanni Martini

*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Tom and Elneta Wallace by Julie Wallace and Carl and Linda Yow.

The DEACON ON CALL is Jeremy Petty. A 45-year church member, Jeremy is a member of the Formations Sunday School Class and the Honduras mission team. He is married with four sons.

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.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is World Communion Sunday, a day set aside to celebrate Christian unity around the world. This celebration began in 1933 at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was adopted by the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936 and then was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) in 1940. It is just one of many ways in which we seek to acknowledge our connection to the larger body of Christ in this community and around the world. We read lectionary texts that many others will use today, texts that do not directly address Christian unity, but do identify themes that call for a unified response from the church universal. The sermon explores the reading from Mark, a text which has been used by the church to judge those who have experienced divorce, but one which might be viewed in a very different way, and one more in keeping with what we know of the character of Jesus – as a word of encouragement and advocacy for the vulnerable and marginalized, beginning with women and children. The scope of need around the world calls for a compassionate response from the church as a whole, the entire body of Christ is needed. We conclude worship with the celebration of communion, a ritual which links us to other Christians of all times and places, and the singing of a hymn which reminds us of what binds us together – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$3,862 so far.

BE IN PRAYER for 15 of our Middle School students and chaperones as they return from their retreat today.

The DEACON ELECTION will conclude on Sunday, October 28. Beginning today, you may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, 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.

CORE AND MORE exercise classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30–1:15 p.m. in Room 108, October 8 through November 28. The cost is \$8.00 at the door or pay for the month in advance for only \$5.00 per class. Try your first class for free! Contact Niki Torres (folkfitnessnc@gmail.com) or visit www.folkfitnessnc.com.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Nancy Lee, Professor of Religious Studies at Elmhurst College, will discuss the female voice in scripture and her most recent book, *Hannah and Hanneviah: Hearing Women Biblical Prophets in a Women's Lyrical Tradition*.

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: BBQ Pork, Broccoli and Squash, Yellow Rice, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Mock BBQ. Children's Menu: Hot Dogs.

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

THE MASTER'S MEN will be our guest choir during worship next Sunday, October 14. FBC member Greg Flowers and Jim Frisbie, son of FBC member Peggy Frisbie, are members of this group.

CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 28. You can support the WALK and the FBC team by walking or donating. Details may be found in the September 14 edition of *First Foundations*.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF: Volunteers are needed to work with Baptists on Mission for disaster relief. Laborers, team leaders, and monetary donations are needed. Sign-up sheets are available in SS boxes and online (www.fbcraleigh.org). Contact Dan or Linda Roberts (919-815-2764, 919-815-2739 or fbcflorence18@gmail.com).

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: The Reverend Chaplain Elesha Dye, Bereavement Coordinator of Amedisys Hospice (and wife of FBC Food Director, Troy Dye) is forming a community support group. Contact Elesha (919-773-4865 or elesha.dye@amedisys.com). The Reverend Haven Parrott, Grief Coordinator at Transitions LifeCare, will make grief support groups available. You may call the Grief Center line at 919-719-7199 or email Haven at hparrott@transitionslifecare.org. There is no charge for these resources.

TOYJOY will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Donations of new and gently-used toys will be collected October 14–November 30. To volunteer, please contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com). For information, contact Carol Blanchard (artsyncgal@nc.rr.com) or Sabrina Tyndall (tyndalls@bellsouth.net).

Calendar Highlights † September October 7–14, 2018

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)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, October 8	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
12:30	Core and More Exercise Class (108)
7:00	Ministry to Internationals Committee (P)
Tues, October 9	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Bottle Rev 3 at Greystone) Weekday Preschool Parents' Night
7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
Wed, October 10	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
12:30	Core and More Exercise Class (108)
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	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
6:50	Evening Bells (307)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, October 11	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners (Oakwood Cemetery Tour)
11:00	Library Committee (L)
1:00	Clothing Ministry open
2:30	Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
3:30	BackPack Buddies delivery
Fri, October 12	
10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)
Sun, October 14	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship Service (S) 1st Grade Worship Prep (231) Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)

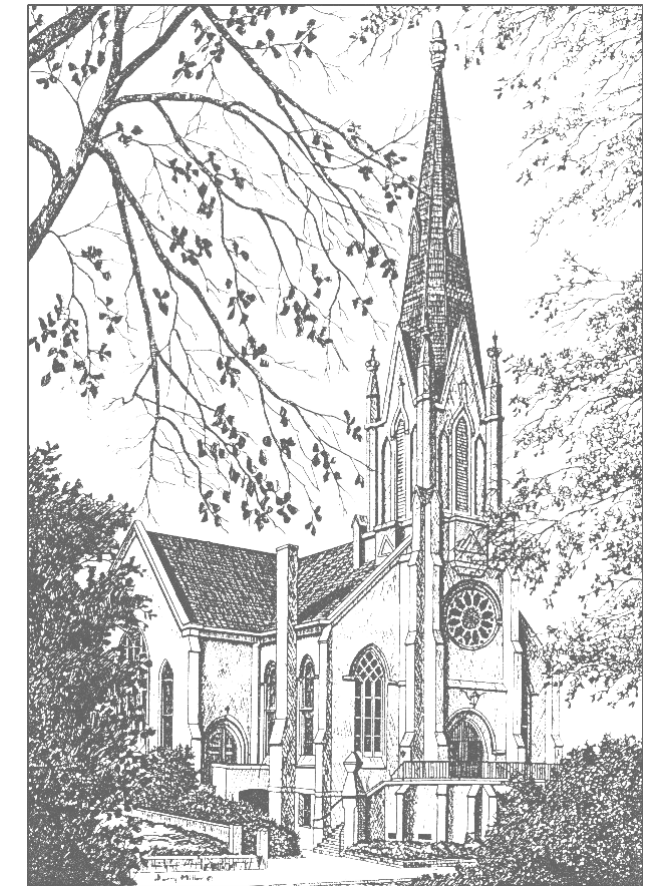
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