

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 11, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Largo from Sonata V" 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) Psalm 146

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

PEOPLE: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

LEADER: Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

PEOPLE: **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

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, 52 ELLACOMBE
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Stewardship Moment Myra Brickell

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 1 Kings 17:8-16 (p. 282)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Hebrews 9:24-28 (p. 976)

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 12:38-44 (p. 825)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 568 HENDON
"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"A Different Perspective on Widows and Others in Need"

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, 578 BEACH SPRING
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

*The Offertory Prayer Jim Keown

The Offertory Anthem Robert Lau
"What Shall I Bring to the Lord?"

*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 Hermann Schroeder
"Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi: No. III"

*The congregation may stand.

The WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Ethan Moore.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of her husband, Ed Vick, by Laura Anne Vick and children: Jennifer, Carolyn, and Elizabeth and families.

The DEACON ON CALL is Jim Keown. A 40-year member, Jim serves on the Wedding Committee and the Bereavement Committee. He is a member of the John Hiott Fellowship class. Jim and his wife, Jennie, have two children and three grandchildren.

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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. It is also the season in which we ponder the challenges of stewardship as we make pledges to support the church's ministries and missions efforts in 2019. And it is Veterans Day in our nation, the day we honor persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. All of these realities help shape the details of this service as we seek to honor God with all that we have and are. The texts for this day in the Christian year reveal a common emphasis on the place of widows. Thus, the sermon explores the way widows are presented, especially in the readings from 1 Kings and Mark, and the implications of the different perspective we find. Myra Brickell offers a word for the stewardship committee and the final two hymns underscore our giving as a means of offering devotion to God. The morning prayer, referencing the insert which lists those connected to us who have served our nation in various military capacities, offers thanks for those who have served in the past, asks for strength for those who serve today, and expresses our yearning for a more peaceful world. We are sent into the world to continue our worship with the way we live each and every day, caring thoughtfully for widows and all in need, offering all we have and are to God, and seeking peace every way that we can.

REACHING OUT FOR EACH OTHER; REACHING UP TO TOUCH GOD: Please prayerfully consider your 2019 financial commitment and return your pledge card to the church office by Sunday, November 18. Your gifts keep our church alive! 68 pledge cards totaling \$381,204 have been received.

NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: TOY JOY. (This event will take place on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.) Donations and volunteers are needed! Please sort and place your donations of new and gently-used toys in the labeled baskets (available on Wednesdays and Sundays through November 28) located in the hallway leading to the Preschool Suite. Financial donations are also being accepted. Make checks payable to First Baptist and mark TOY JOY in the memo line. To volunteer, please contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com). For information, contact Carol Blanchard (artsyncgal@nc.rr.com) or Sabrina Tyndall (tyndalls@bellsouth.net).

MEAL 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: Turkey, Stuffing and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Corn Pudding, and Cranberry Sauce. Non-meat option: Mock Turkey. Children's Menu: Mac n Cheese.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Maggie Kane, Director of *A Place at the Table*, a "Pay-what-you-can Café," will share her stories about the Café.

A HOLIDAY SERVICE OF HOPE, offering hope and assurance to those who have lost loved ones, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 112 S Salisbury Street, on Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

OFFER A CUP OF CHEER: The Raleigh Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. We'll be at our Hillsborough Street entrance, giving away free hot chocolate to parade watchers. Please sign up on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org), and contact Leah Reed (lreed@fbcraleigh.org) with any questions!

INTERGENERATIONAL MORAVIAN STAR WORKSHOP will be held on **Saturday, December 15**, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Come create a beautiful, 3D Moravian Star out of paper and glue for your household and learn the origin of this beautiful tradition. Dinner will be provided (\$5.00 per person). Please sign up with Lynn (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by Sunday, November 25.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms, found in Sunday School boxes or the November 9 edition of *First Foundations*, must be received with payment by Friday, November 30.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be held on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Please sign up (sheets are located in SS boxes and the church office) if you can make 2-3 dozen cookies. Please bring the cookies to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 2.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR MEN'S SHELTER: If you are interested in volunteering (loading, serving, handing out gifts), please sign up on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). If you would like to donate toward the cost of breakfast or hooded sweatshirts, snacks, etc. given away in "goodie bags," turn in your donation marked "Christmas Morning Breakfast" to the financial administrator. This would be a great Sunday School class project! For information, contact Leah Reed (lreed@fbcraleigh.org) or Dan Roberts (danrobs@gmail.com).

Calendar Highlights † November 11-18, 2018

Sun, November 11	Veterans Day
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, November 12	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
Tues, November 13	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
7:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
Wed, November 14	
9:00	Clothing Ministry Pop-up Breakfast (FH)
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:45	Works in Progress (CR)
4:45	Children's Bells (307)
5:00	Meal served (FH)
5:30	BackPack Buddies Packing (302)
6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Music and Missions
6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
6:50	Evening Bells (307)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, November 15	
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
7:00	Holiday Service of Hope (First Presbyterian Church)
Fri, November 16	
10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)
Sat, November 17	
7:00	CBF Children's Mission Day/Conetoe
9:30	Christmas Parade Hot Chocolate Ministry
Sun, November 18	
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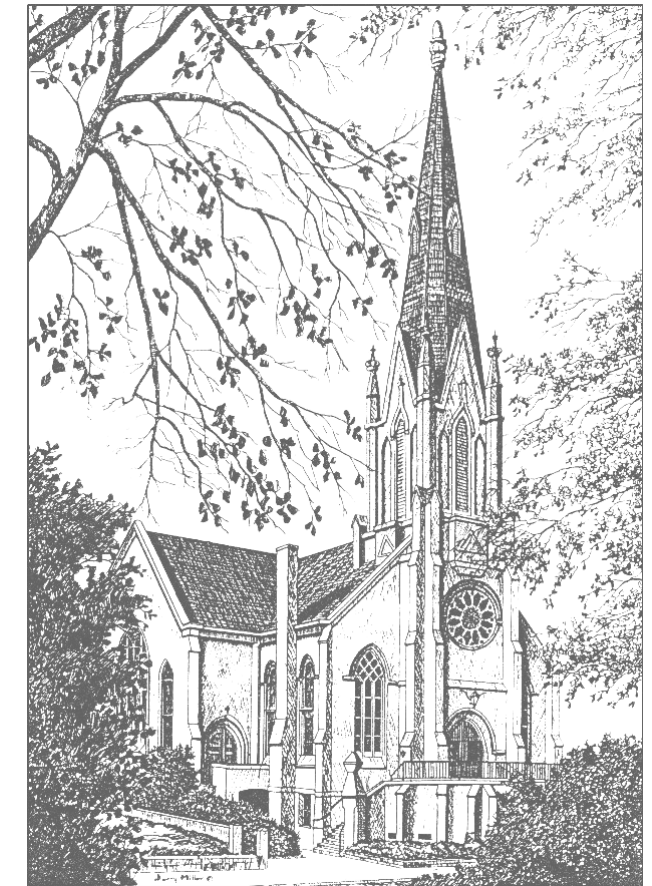
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