

## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 28, 2018

Eleven O'clock

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Josef Rheinberger  
“*Adagio espressivo* from Fantasie-Sonate”

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 126  
LEADER: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
PEOPLE: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**  
LEADER: then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”  
PEOPLE: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**  
LEADER: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
PEOPLE: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**  
ALL: ***Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.***

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 77 LOBE DEN HERREN  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Stewardship Moment Catherine Carter

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 31:7-9 (p. 641)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Hebrews 7:23-28 (p. 974)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel Mark 10:46-52 (p. 823)  
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 557 SCOTT  
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

The Sermon “Reflections on Healing” Christopher Chapman

### 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, 644 BEACH SPRING  
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of Ava Harker.)

\*The Offertory Prayer Dawn Raynor

The Offertory Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Alice Parker

\*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 Dedication of Ava Harker, daughter of Adam and Anza Harker  
LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Ava Lucille Harker to the church and dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, her parents, do.*  
LEADER: What can we affirm about Ava?  
PEOPLE: **That she is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Ava grows in her understanding of God and herself, how will we help her to learn about her true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give her our love and include her in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Ava grows through different stages of life, what will we tell her about her story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Ava?  
PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord’s Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to her.**

LEADER: Adam and Anza, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Ava in faith?  
PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to her.*  
LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Ava and all the children God entrusts to our care?  
PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**  
LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.  
ALL: **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 “Prelude in C Minor” Felix Mendelssohn  
\*The congregation may stand.

The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor and appreciation of the ministers and staff of our church by Joe and Marianne Webb.

The WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Megan Archer.

Our FIRST GRADE OFFERING HELPER is Lily Dean. As she presents the offering on behalf of our preschoolers, may we remember that God gives all of us opportunities to reach out in Christian service to others and reach up to honor God.

The DEACON ON CALL is Dawn Raynor. An 18-year member, Dawn serves as vice-chair of the Board of Trustees. She is a teacher for the Grade 8 Sunday School class. Dawn and her husband Glenn have two sons, Dillon and Aidan.

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-Third Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called Ordinary Time in the Christian year. It is a season in which we reflect upon our calling to grow up into Christ in every way as individuals and as a community of faith which is why the liturgical color is green. The sermon, which is rooted in the reading from Mark, ponders the varied ways in which we sometimes experience healing and sometimes do not. This is also the time of year when we emphasize stewardship and thus hear a brief word about this aspect of Christian discipleship from Catherine Carter and sing a hymn of discipleship which identifies stewardship as an act of worship and devotion. We end the service with the dedication of Ava Harker, renewing our commitment as a church to support families as they seek to nurture children in faith.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Grady Harris** on his October 21 death.

The STATE MISSIONS OFFERING goal is \$10,000; we have received \$6,245 so far.

The DEACON ELECTION concludes today. Ballots are available at sanctuary entrances and in the church office. They will be collected by tellers as you exit the sanctuary. This is the first election under the single-step election process the church adopted in August. You may address questions to any of the current deacons.

RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE: On November 2-3, our church has been invited to participate in a Racial Equity Institute at First Baptist Church on Wilmington Street. This multi-church, two-day training event will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$250. If you are interested in attending or have further questions, please contact Leah Reed ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)).

A PASTA DINNER for City of Oaks marathon participants will be held on Saturday, November 3. We need volunteers from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. to help prepare, serve, and clean up. To volunteer, contact Leah Reed [lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org).

The CITY OF OAKS MARATHON should cause little or no difficulty for travel to FBC on Sunday morning, November 4. All downtown streets will reopen by 8:30 a.m. Some street closures in West Raleigh and the Crabtree Valley area may hinder travel in those areas prior to 9:30 a.m. and some even after worship. For a course map and information, visit [www.cityofoaksmarathon.com](http://www.cityofoaksmarathon.com) or [www.fbcraleigh.org/traffic-alerts](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/traffic-alerts).

The CHURCH MAINTAINS a list of members who are military service veterans and those on active duty having connections to First Baptist. If you know of eligible individuals whose names have not previously been on these lists, please contact Denise Arnold ([darnold@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:darnold@fbcraleigh.org) or 919-832-4485, ext. 200).

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. Come to offer a friendly face and a warm drink as we celebrate the season with our downtown community! Sign up on the website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)), and contact Leah Reed ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)) with any questions!

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

PHOTOS NEEDED: As we begin a complete redesign of our church website, we are in need of professional photos taken in recent years that represent our church well and would be appropriate for our church website! The Publicity Committee would love to see your pictures of church events, intergenerational relationships, our buildings, retreats, worship, mission trips, clothing ministry, etc., any picture you would want to see on a new FBC Raleigh website! Please upload all of your photos to the FBC Photo Library by Sunday, November 11, using the link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/iCozzAFT4dAzywHD9>.

### Calendar Highlights October 28–November 4, 2018

- Sun, October 28 **Deacon Election Ends**  
8:30 Deacon Hospitality Committee (CR)  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
2:30 Matsumoto Memorial Service (S)  
3:00 Crop Walk (NCSU)  
4:00 Youth Bells (307)  
5:00 Youth Choir (310)  
6:00 Youth Group (301)
- Mon, October 29  
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)  
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)  
12:30 Core and More Exercise Class (108)
- Tues, October 30  
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, October 31  
10:00 Clothing Ministry open  
12:30 Core and More Exercise Class (108)  
No afternoon/evening activities
- Thu, November 1  
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
- Fri, November 2  
8:30 Racial Equity Institute (FBC, Wilmington St)
- Sat, November 3  
8:30 Racial Equity Institute (FBC, Wilmington St)  
5:00 Pasta Dinner for Marathon Participants (FH)
- Sun, November 4 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service, Communion (S)  
Japanese Worship (227)  
12:15 Nominating Committee (CR)  
4:00 Youth Bells (307)  
5:00 Youth Choir (310)  
6:00 Youth Group (FH)

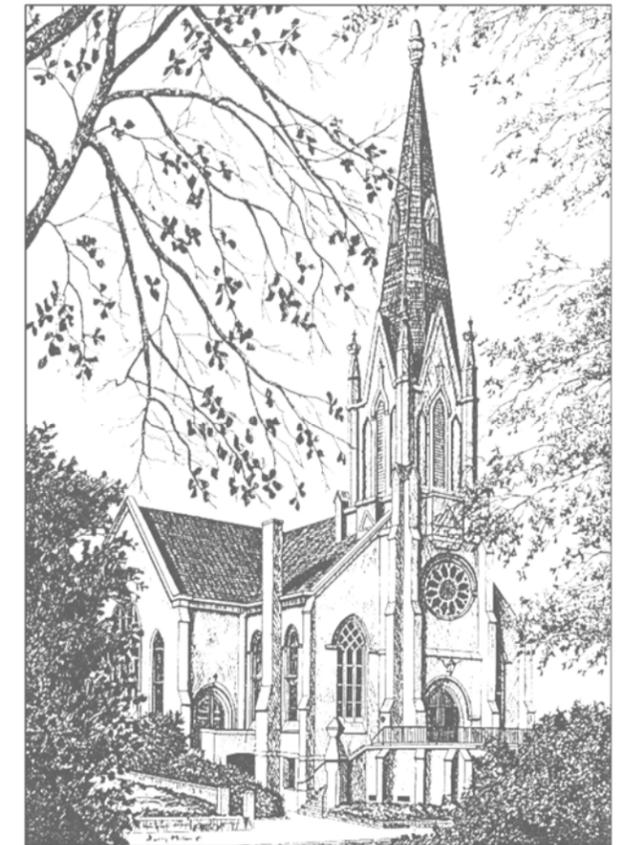
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J. Daniel Day, Pastor Emeritus        Leah Anderson Reed, Community  
Wayne Hager, Church Administrator    Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults

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