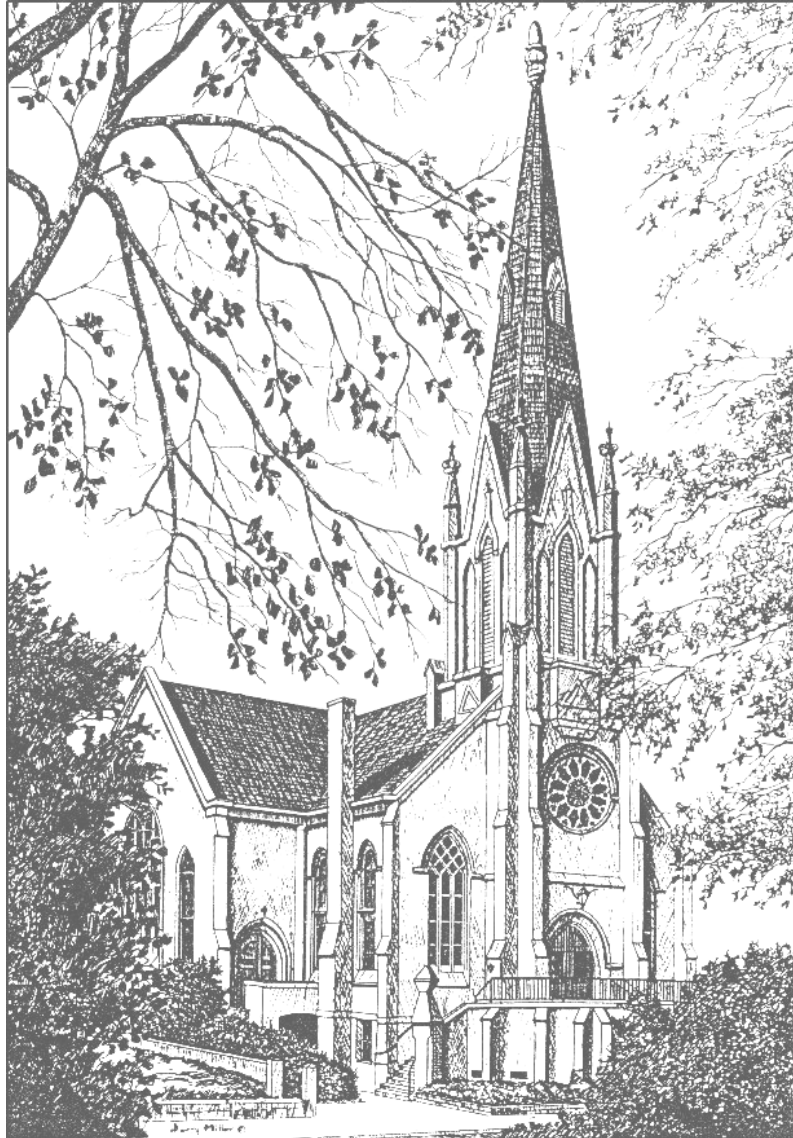


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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October 25, 2020

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2020

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: The beginning elements of worship today, including the words of Psalm 90 and the text of the hymn of praise, call us to a deeper awareness of God's presence and love. God has been our dwelling place in all generations, God has cared for us in the past, and God will care for us in this present time of much anxiety and division. The texts point to one specific way God provides care — through leaders like Moses, Paul, and Jesus. We have been following Moses for a number of weeks in the lectionary texts, and Jesus is our highest example in all things, including leadership, but the sermon explores the kind of leadership the Apostle Paul provides for the early church. It is a different kind of leadership than what we find most often in our culture — leadership that is gentle and nurturing, leadership that is sacrificial and self-giving, leadership that is more concerned with Divine favor than human affirmation. It is a model of leadership that reflects the life and ministry of Jesus and thus one we embrace in the church, but it is also a model that holds up in other arenas of life for people of faith. In this time especially, we pray for such leaders, even as we recognize the Spirit's role as the primary leader in all of our lives.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Prelude

“Christian Hearts in Love United”
Sue Crocker, organ

Michael Burkhardt

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 90

LEADER: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

PEOPLE: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

LEADER: You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

PEOPLE: **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**

LEADER: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

PEOPLE: **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

LEADER: For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

PEOPLE: **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

The Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Michael Hood

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

The Morning Prayer

Leah Reed

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’ ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

“What Kind of Leadership?”

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Hymn of Discipleship

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"²

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain

want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. In my heart, in my
want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
want to be like Je - sus in my heart. In my heart,

heart, Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

“Benediction”³
Emma Tyndall, soprano

Mark Patterson

May the peace of Christ go with you as you leave this place.
May the love of God surround you each and every day.
May a song of joy resound deep within your heart,
so that you may always know the wonder of God’s love.

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

“O God beyond All Praising”
Sue Crocker, organ

David Cherwien

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Today’s prelude and postlude are both settings of hymn tunes. The prelude is based on the Moravian hymn tune CASSEL. Its earliest known printing date is 1735. The postlude is a setting of THAXTED, written by Gustav Holst and first heard in his orchestral suite *The Planets*.

Our acolytes today are Jane and Jonathan Kelley.

Sympathy to **Paula Gupton Page** on the October 16 death of her mother, Mary Denton Gupton.

Deacon elections are being held now through Sunday, November 15. You may submit your ballot (attached) in the ballot box in the portico at the McDowell Street parking lot door, by email to Jennie Herrick at jherrick@fbcraleigh.org, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons.

Honoring our veterans: 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 Jennie Herrick (jherrick@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485).

Hurricane Laura Relief Offering: As happened last year, instead of the usual breakdown for the fall NC Mission Offering, all money collected will go to Baptists On Mission and CBF of NC Disaster Response Teams to help our neighbors who are victims of Hurricane Laura, both near and far. Please join CBF in praying for those affected by the Hurricane Laura and please give generously to this offering to support CBF Disaster Response’s relief and long-term recovery efforts. As of October 20, we have received \$1,620.00.

Calendar Highlights • October 25–31, 2020

Sunday, October 25

- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
7th and 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
High School Sunday School (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 11:00 Virtual Worship Service (YouTube)
- 2:00 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
3rd–5th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 2:30 CROP Walk (Zoom kick-off)
- 4:00 Three-year-olds–Kindergarten Sunday School (Ellis yard)
- 5:30 Youth Group (FBC parking lot and Zoom)
- 7:00 Minister of Music Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 27

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Library or Zoom)
- 3:30 Facilities Assessment Workgroup (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
ITC Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:15 Middle School Small Group (Zoom or 1107 Marlowe Road)
- 6:30 High School Bible Study (Helms' home)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School (Virtual)

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:30 Preschool Music and Missions (Bissette yard)
- 6:00 Centerpoint Program (Zoom)

Thursday, October 29

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Virtual)
- 10:00 Preschool Classes (Garth)
- 1:00 FBC Preschool Costume Parade (FBC Parking Lot)
- 7:00 Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, October 31

- 9:00 Toy Joy Prep (1st and 2nd Floors)
- 11:00 Toy Joy Gift and Goodie Event (FBC Parking Lot)
- 1:00 Toy Joy Prep (1st and 2nd Floors)

Deacon Election — November 2020

Current membership of Deacons and others who are ineligible for election this year, including those who have requested not to be considered for election.

Bob Bailey
 Carl Bailey
 John Baldwin
 Charles Barham
 Margaret Barham
 Peggy Barham
 Evelyn Barrett
 Robert Barrett
 Jay Bissette
 Jennifer Bissette
 Lauren Bradley
 Myra Brickell
 Sterling Brickell
 Frances Brooks
 Anne Bullard
 Matt Bullard
 Janie Carothers
 Jay Carothers
 Linda Carothers
 Sam Carothers
 Tonya Carter
 Tom Childrey
 Ann Cobb
 Britt Cobb
 Austin Connors
 Betty Connors
 Anne Cooke
 Michael Cooke
 Meg Dare

Mike Dare
 Sarah David
 Carolyn Dickens
 Kent Dickens
 Mike Dodd
 Dennis Ellis
 Diane Ellis
 Sam Ewell
 Marchelle Flowers
 Derek Foster
 Jen Foster
 Dennis Francis
 Wes Fulk
 Nancye Gaj
 Charles Gale
 Amy Galvan
 Jaunffrey Galvan
 Jason Gardner
 Kati Gardner
 Ginger Graves
 Tyson Graves
 Mary Hauser
 Jessica Helms
 Dennis Herman
 John Hite
 Sheila Hite
 Jeff Hobart
 John Hobson
 Shirley Hobson

Dorothy Holley
 Chris Hoover
 Felicia Gore Hoover
 Barbara Huggins
 Nancy Hunter
 Holy Ivel
 Blair Jackson
 Cathy James
 Hayden James
 Barry Jones
 Beth Jones
 Lisa Jones
 David Kelley
 Jim Keown
 Bob Kimball
 Susan Kimball
 Divine Kumah
 Erika Kuma
 Sarah Lingafelt
 Rhonda Lowe
 Laura Maness
 Ron Maness
 Alice Marshbanks
 Lynn Marshbanks
 Becky Mercer
 Carol Millen
 Jim Millen
 Sonia Moore
 Betsy Neal

Chuck Nichols
 Janice Osborne
 Murphy Osborne
 Zach Padget
 Bob Page
 Judy Page
 Anthony Petty
 Charles Petty
 Jeremy Petty
 Nancy Moore Phillips
 Robert Ponton
 Will Poteat
 Pam Powell
 Robbie Puckett
 Dawn Raynor
 Mary Powell Rhodes
 Sarah Catherine Rhodes
 Linville Roach
 Mary Jon Roach
 Dan Roberts
 Linda Roberts
 Carol Rockey
 Ann Rollins
 Tom Rollins
 John Rusher
 Mary Nash Rusher
 Ebele Saint Louis
 Frances Shell
 John Shell

Carolyn Smith
 Harriet Smith
 John W. Smith
 Lee Smith
 Paul Smith
 Allison Strickland
 Matt Strickland
 Bob Talley
 Jennifer Talley
 Alan Taylor
 Kimberly Taylor
 Randy Tucker
 Chuck Underwood
 Mallory Underwood
 Laura Anne Vick
 Cara Lynn Vogel
 Jamie Vogel
 Dawn Wade
 Robert Wade
 Joe Webb
 Ryan Willis
 Royce Willmschen
 Hollis Yelverton
 Wyatt Yelverton
 Beth Yerxa

BALLOT FOR ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2020

Each member is allowed to name up to eight men and eight women.

No person listed above may be considered in this election.

MEN

WOMEN

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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7. _____
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