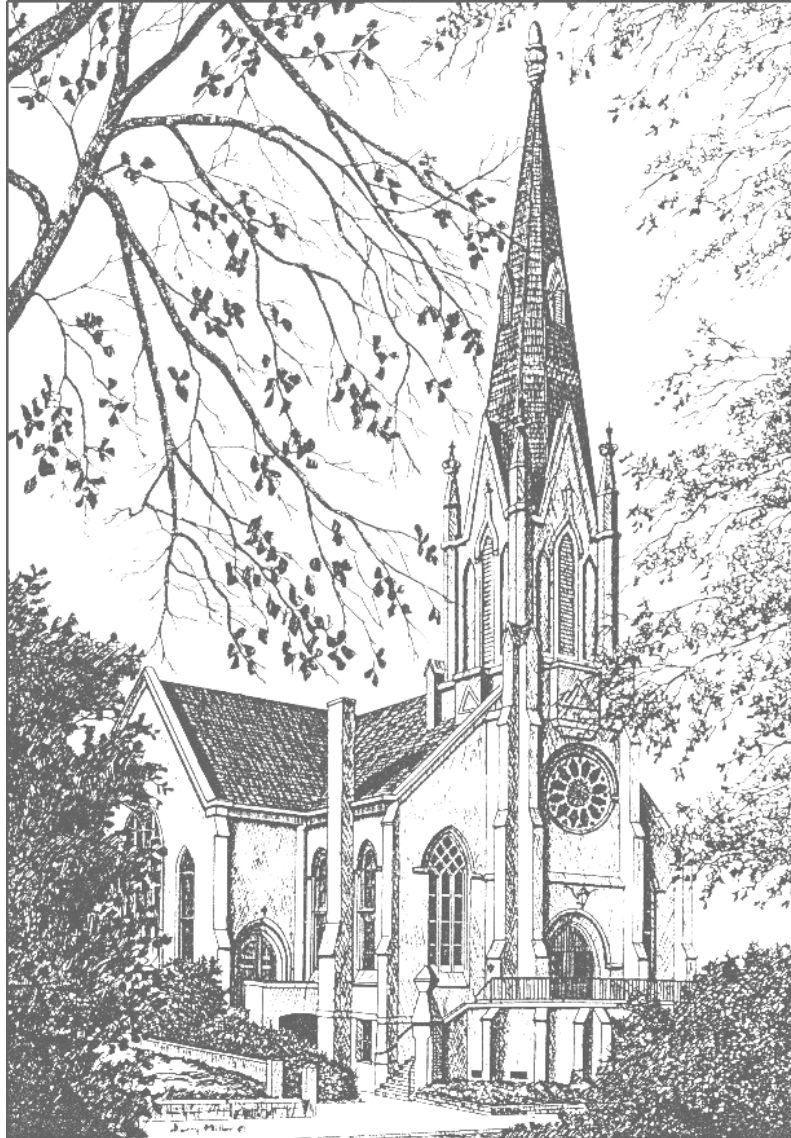


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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November 8, 2020

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, one of the last few Sundays of the Christian year which ends with the Reign of Christ (on November 22 this year). It is also the traditional time of the year when we reflect upon stewardship from a Christian perspective and thus we will hear from church members each week (today: Myra Brickell and Sarah Lingafelt) for three weeks addressing the stewardship theme — “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” The sermon, which is rooted in the readings from Psalm 78 and Joshua 24, addresses our stewardship of memory — how we guard and build on our memories of the past. Like the ancient Israelites whose memories call them to a time of renewal, we are inspired to renew our commitment whenever we recall the depth of God’s goodness to us.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Prelude

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”
Sue Crocker, organ

Craig Lang

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 78

LEADER: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

PEOPLE: **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

LEADER: things that we have heard and known,

PEOPLE: **that our ancestors have told us.**

LEADER: We will not hide them from their children;

PEOPLE: **we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.**

LEADER: God established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,

PEOPLE: **which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;**

EADER: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

PEOPLE: **so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep the commandments.**

The Invocation

Leah Reed

Unison

1. God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise, Lord of the
 2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years you are the
 3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth, called out your
 4. God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast— do for us
 5. God of our now, all our trust is in you, Cov - en - ant -

u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise, Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and
 One in whom his - tory co - heres; na - tions and em - pires your
 Church from the ends of the earth, still you are Sav - ior— put
 now as you've done in the past! Yours is the King - dom—your
 God, ev - er faith - ful and true; Sov - ereign Cre - a - tor, Re -

Rul - er of all, we are your chil - dren— you hear when we call.
 pur - pose ful - fill, mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.
 dark - ness to flight; o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
 tri - umph we claim, chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
 deem - er and Lord, now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Michael Hood

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

The Call to Prayer

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”
Chet and Kitty Goolsby, soloists

CONSOLATOR

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel; here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure, here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above; come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

The Morning Prayer

Lynn Lingafelt

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 25:1-13

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

“The Complicated Gift of Memory”

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Hymn of Discipleship

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”²

BEACH SPRING

1. Come, all Chris-tians, be com-mit - ted to the ser - vice of the
2. Of your time and tal-ents give ye, they are gifts from God a -
3. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, all who on Christ's name be -

Lord; make your lives for him more fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac -
bove, to be used by Chris-tians free - ly to pro-claim his won-drous
lieve; wor-ship him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love will you re -

cord. Come in - to his courts with glad - ness, all your sa - cred vows re -
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, tithes and of - ferings with you
ceive. For his grace give him the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the

new, turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, be trans-formed with life a - new.
bring; in your work, with him find fa - vor, and with joy his prais - es sing.
Word, and re - peat the gos-pel sto - ry un - til all his name have heard.

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

“And the Glory of the Lord”

George F. Handel

Sue Crocker, organ

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Our acolytes today are Nathan and Kristen Rice.

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.

Our annual stewardship emphasis has begun with the theme, “In the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord... And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.” Pledge cards were mailed this week. Beginning today, we will hear speakers in worship each week for three weeks. We encourage you to respond by November 22 by mailing in a pledge card or by pledging online.

Join your FBC family for an outdoor movie night to watch "Shrek" on Friday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. More information (including registration link) in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Space is limited to the first 50 people, so be sure to register soon.

Hanging of the Greens will be held virtually this year. 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, on our website, or by following the link in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Friday, December 4.

Hurricane Relief Offering: As happened last year, instead of the usual breakdown for the fall NC Mission Offering, all money collected will go CBF Global Disaster Response to help our neighbors who are victims of hurricanes. Please join CBF in praying for those affected by the hurricanes and please give generously to this offering to support CBF Disaster Response’s relief and long-term recovery efforts. As of November 3, we have received \$2,200.00.

Calendar Highlights • November 8–14, 2020

Sunday, November 8

- 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 3rd–5th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 4:00 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School (Lingafelt yard)
- Three-year-olds–Kindergarten Sunday School (Zoom)
- 4:30 Youth Group (FBC parking lot and Zoom)
- 7:00 Minister of Music Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, November 9

- 6:15 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 10

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Library or Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 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, November 11

- 5:30 1st –5th Grade Boys Music and Mission (Wade yard)
- 6:00 Centerpoint Program (Zoom)

Thursday, November 12

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Virtual)
- 7:00 Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, November 13–Sunday November 15

High School Retreat (Camp Caraway)

Friday, November 13

- 6:00 Family Movie Night (FBC parking lot)

HONORING VETERANS AND
THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
— VETERANS DAY, 2020 —

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day we remember and honor veterans for their military service. Their courage and sacrifice over the years has been responsible for guaranteeing the freedom of our great country. On this day, we also wish to recognize those members from families of First Baptist Church who are currently serving in the military forces of the United States. We are grateful for their service and the sacrifices being made by each of them and their families.



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MAJ Robert W. Runyans

Judge Advocate General's Corps
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Parents: Robert and Pam Runyans

CAPT Camille C. (Runyans) Fullam

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Parents: Robert and Pam Runyans

CPT Patrick Shaver

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Chaplain (Major) Michael (Mike) Johnson

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Aunt: Carol Rockey

PFC Brooks Parker

Army National Guard
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Kernersville, NC 27284
Grandparents: Charles and Grace Parker

Veterans

Carl Bailey

US Army, 1969–1971

Max Baldwin

US Coast Guard, 1953–1957

Charles Barham

US Navy, 1955–1958

Chip Barnes

US Navy, 1991–2015

John Bennett

US Navy, 1978–1999

Albert Calloway

US Army, 1950–1952

Don Cheek

US Army Air Corp, 1944–1946

William S. Clarke

US Air Force, 1950–1980

Connie Cole

US Army, 1980–1994

Austin Connors

US Army, 1966–1968

Michael Cooke

US Army, 1968–1971

Frederick Russell Cox

US Army, 1953–1955

Jud DeBra

US Army, 1965–1968

Mike Dodd

US Army, 1977–1980

Dennis Ellis

US Marine Corps, 1978–1983

Hal L. English

US Army, 1954–1956

Bob Fleming

US Army, 1953–1955

Dennis Francis

US Navy, 1984–1992

Jim Good

US Army, 1957–1963

Chet Goolsby

US Air Force, 1969–1973

Julian W. Hughes, Jr.

US Army, 1954–1956

Art Jackson

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1969–1971

Bill Jacobs

US Navy, 1955–1959; 1960–1964

Max O. Johnson

Army National Guard of NC, 1962–1968

Durward B. Jones Jr.

US Air Force, 1970–1973

Bob Kimball

US Air Force, 1971–1977

Don Kline

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1953–1955

Bob Matthews

US Navy, Medical Officer 1982-2019

Al Moore

US Navy, 1959–1963

Charles Parker

US Navy, 1954–1962

Brandon Peach

US Army, 2005–2008

Mike Peach

US Army, 1973–1976

Frank Powers

US Army Reserves, 1967–1973

Linville Roach

US Navy JAG, 1955–1959

Daniel O. Roberts

USNR, 1953–1961

Francis Rockey

US Navy, 1955–1966

Johnny Shaver

US Army, 1954–1956

Bill Simpson

US Army, 1943–1945

John Smith

US Army, 1969, 1972

Charles D. White

US Army, 1951–1953

November 8, 2020

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
 Anita Bare
 Wayne Bare
 Charles Barham
 Margaret Barham
 Peggy Barham
 Evelyn Barrett
 Robert Barrett
 Jay Bisette
 Jennifer Bisette
 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. _____
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7. _____
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