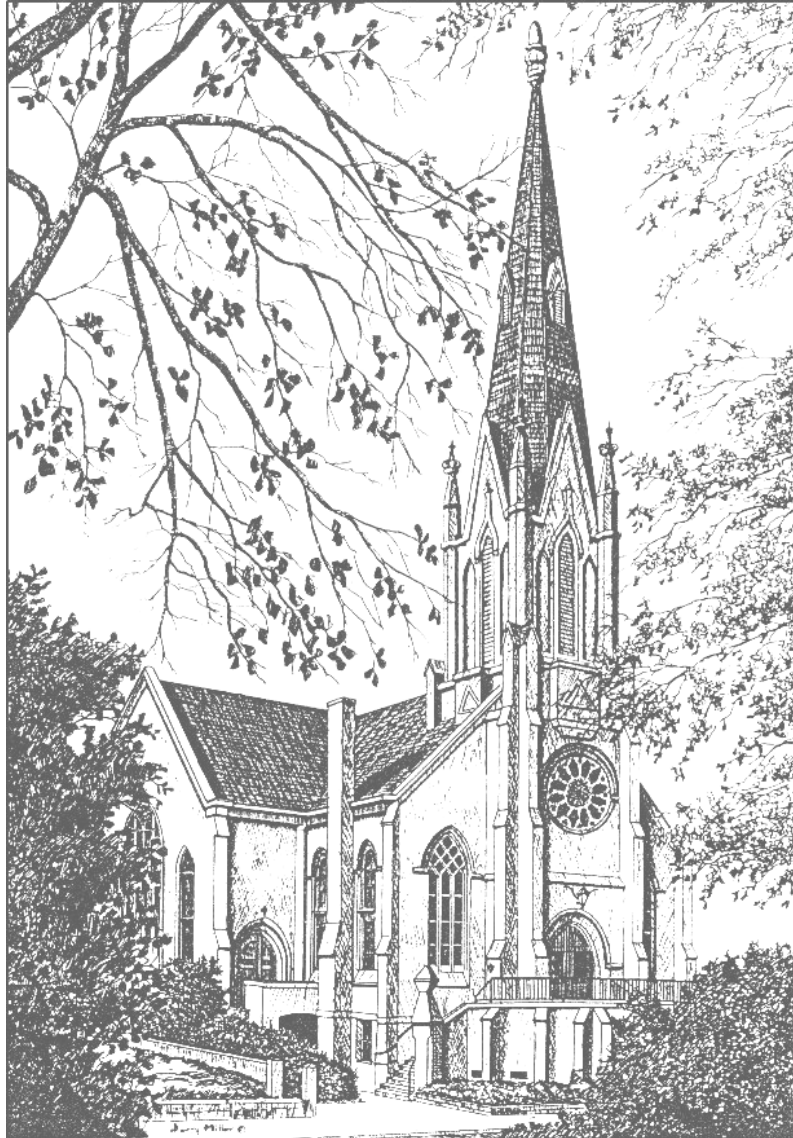


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: This morning, our graduating high school Seniors will be leading us in worship. We all know that the past year has been one that has made people feel disconnected from others more than ever before. Yet, this group has truly faced the complications of our time head on. They have thrived despite them, strengthening their bonds of friendship and their sense of calling as the body of Christ. This morning, they are excited to share their creative voices, and we are equally honored to be able to celebrate them in this way. In today's service you will hear reflections from the graduates on a shared experience, what it means to be a part of the body of Christ, and how for them, a sense of unity gives way to hope. For the graduates, their hope is that you leave today feeling inspired to find moments of unity and hope within your own relationships and with God while also feeling challenged to embrace others despite your differences, as well as embracing the person you truly are.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

The Processional

"Prelude on *Nettleton*"
Sue Crocker, organ

Aaron David Miller

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)¹

Emma Tyndall

LEADER: Loving God, here we are, your children, at the end of a journey and the beginning of another.

PEOPLE: **For some of us this place is new. For others it has become our home.**

LEADER: Some of us are uncertain of what lies ahead; and others are eager to explore.

PEOPLE: **Some of us have burdens we need to lay down; others are looking for challenges to take up.**

LEADER: Here we are, your children, with our unique stories, different needs, varied gifts.

PEOPLE: **Help us to learn here that we are loved, and to celebrate the humanity we share. Amen.**

The Invocation

Bailey Underwood

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my *Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

* 1 Samuel 7:12

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 41:9–13

Laurel Simpson

⁹You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; ¹⁰do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. ¹¹Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. ¹²You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. ¹³For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Do not fear, I will help you.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 17:20–26

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Morning Prayer

Zack Tucker

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.**

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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!

The Meditations

Caleb Carter, Abby Hinson, Hannah Hinson,
 Elaine Holley, Dillon Raynor, Emma Tyndall, Bailey Underwood

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Response

Led by Hannah Hinson, Elaine Holley, and Emma Tyndall

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

Refrain
 say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”
 ate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend: “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Charge to the Graduates

Jessica Helms, Sarah Catherine Rhodes,
Michael Hood

LEADER: Jacob departed from his parents and set out on a journey of self-discovery. Night fell, and Jacob—alone and cold—slept beneath the stars, using only a rock for a pillow. In the stillness of night, he dreamt of the angels, and received a blessing from God.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you bless us. We pray that we will take time to be still and that by doing so we might find comfort, especially when we are alone.*

LEADER: Samuel lay in bed and heard a voice calling his name. He ran to the priest Eli, thinking that Eli wanted him. Eventually, Eli helped Samuel to realize that the voice was the voice of God. Samuel responded to God's voice and delivered God's message.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you call out to us, especially when you call out repeatedly. Help us to listen for your voice, to trust that we hear you when we are alone. Help us to seek out others who can help us listen for your voice.*

LEADER: Mary learned from an angel that she would give birth to the Son of God. The events surrounding that birth were terrifying and confusing. While she had every right to be afraid, we are told that she "pondered these things in her heart," solitarily meditating upon her love for God and God's love for her.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you offer us calm. When we are anxious or afraid, help us to ponder you, to contemplate our lives, to think upon our world. Help us to recognize and appreciate your ability to steady us when we are shaken.*

LEADER: Jesus spoke to a crowd of over 5000, fed them with loaves and fishes, and then dismissed the mob. He even sent his disciples away in a boat. The crowd dispersed, and Jesus went alone to a mountaintop to pray. Exhausted by the work that he had done and the daunting future that lay ahead, Jesus took time to be alone, to sit in nature, to pray, and to recharge.

GRADUATES: *Dear God, we are grateful that you help us to recharge. May we turn to you when we are weary. May we remember that there is power in solitude. May we seek renewal in your love.*

LEADER: Church, what have you to say to these graduates?

PEOPLE: **We promise to continue to teach, to nurture, to comfort, to challenge, and to love these high school graduates. They are members of our family, and we will hold them in our hearts. May they find God wherever they are going, and may they love God with all their hearts. Amen.**

The Presentation of Gifts

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

Michael Hood

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

"Allegro Maestoso — from *Sonata II*"
Sue Crocker, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

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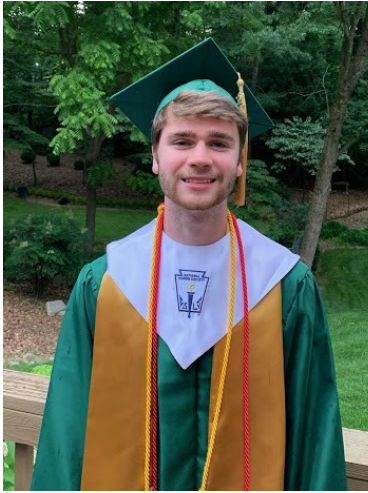
Our acolytes today are Emory and Campbell Jackson.

The sanctuary flowers are given for today’s worship service in honor of our 2021 high school graduates.

Dr. Chapman will be on vacation through June 20. In his absence, the high school graduates are leading worship today, Leah Reed will preach on June 13, and Michael Hood will preach on June 20.

With our return to in-person services, if you would like to donate flowers or designate your selection of our banners with a donation to the Day Mission Fund, please contact Myra Brickell at 919-812-6680 or myrabrickell@gmail.com. Photos of the banners are available on the website: <https://fbcraleigh.org/artful-giving/>

THE GRADUATES



Caleb Carter
Enloe High School



Abby Hinson
Sanderson High School



Hannah Hinson
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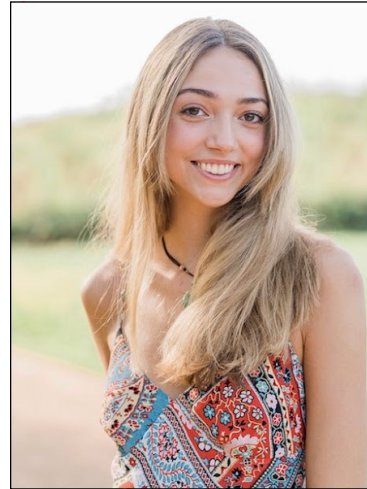
Eliza Meyer
Broughton High School



Dillon Raynor
Raleigh Charter High School



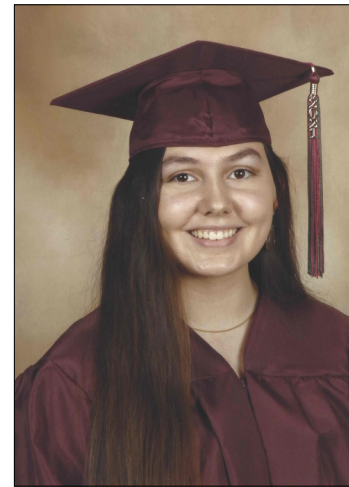
Addison Selna
Heritage High School



Laurel Simpson
Sanderson High School



Zack Tucker
Athens Drive High School



Emma Tyndall
Green Hope High School



Bailey Underwood
Cardinal Gibbons High School

Calendar Highlights ▪ June 6–13, 2021

Sunday, June 6 *Senior Sunday*

- 9:00 Senior Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
7th and 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 11:00 Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)

Tuesday, June 8

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 11 (Springmoor)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School (Zoom)
- 8:00 Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, June 9

- 11:00 Clothing Ministry Donations Collection (FH, Clothing Ministry)
- 7:00 Youth Movie Night (Netflix Teleparty)

Thursday, June 10

- 7:30 College Group (Zoom)

Saturday, June 12

- 11:00 Clothing Ministry Donations Collection (FH, Clothing Ministry)

Sunday, June 13

- 9:00 Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School (Zoom)
- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
7th & 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
High School Sunday School (Blue Room)
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)