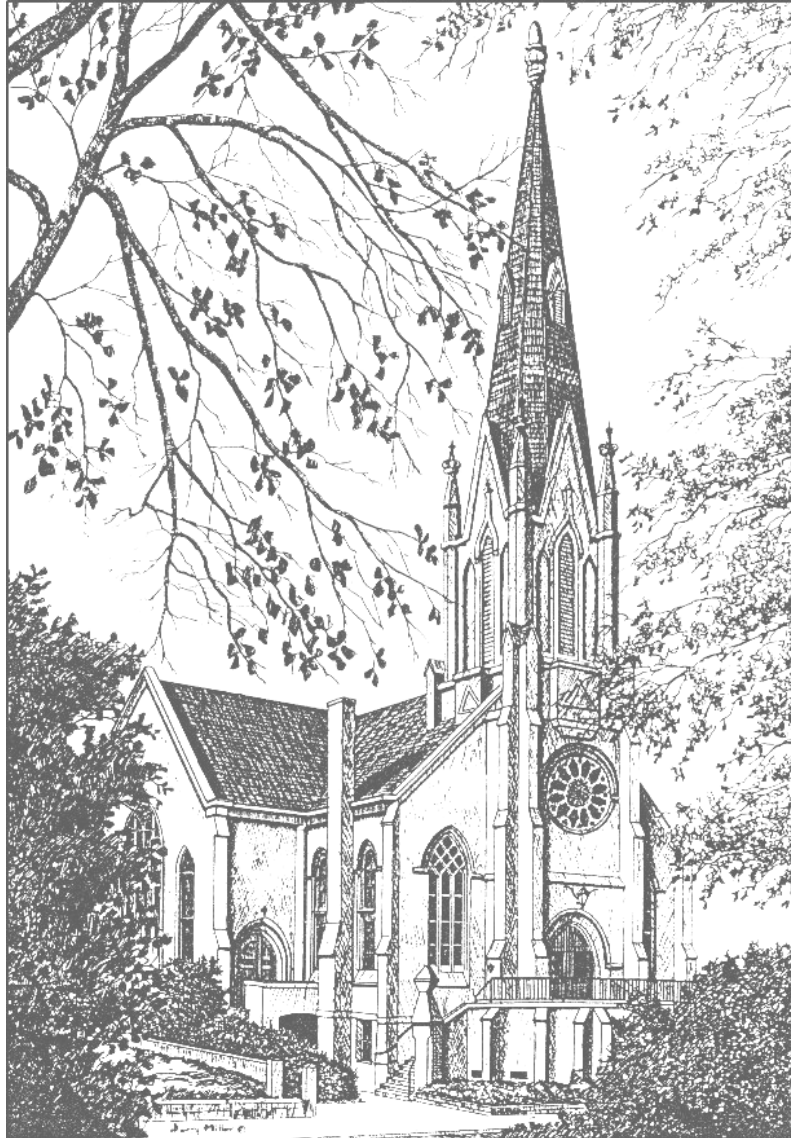


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called ordinary time in the Christian year. We continue the story we began last week from 2 Samuel wherein King David tarnishes his image as “a man after God’s own heart” by committing adultery and murder. The sequel to that story does not provide a happy ending or complete resolution, but it does include a measure of grace (albeit at the inexplicable expense of a child), and it underscores the critical role of the prophet in speaking truth to power. The psalm for today (Psalm 51), perhaps the most moving of the seven penitential psalms, is attributed to David and assigned to this troubling moment in his life. While this historical connection has not been firmly established, the connection does make sense. Our placement of the psalm allows it to call us to repentance, as we both speak and sing of our need and God’s grace. We conclude this service with the commissioning of clothing ministry volunteers. As we restart this significant community service after a year and a half of COVID-19, we recognize that serving our neighbors is one of the most prophetic things we do.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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.”*

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Prelude                | “Meditation on <i>Kingsfold</i> ”<br>Maureen Howell, piano | Maureen Howell  |
| The Greeting of Worshipers |                                                            | Michael Hood    |
| The Introit                | “Sing a New Song”†<br>Sanctuary Choir; Becky Mercer, flute | Heinrich Schütz |
| The Invocation             |                                                            | Michael Hood    |

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

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

Nick Bradley

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.

<sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord,<sup>1</sup>and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup>Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Confession (responsive)

from Psalm 51

Warren Howell

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

PEOPLE: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

LEADER: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

PEOPLE: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

LEADER: You desire truth in the inward being;

PEOPLE: **therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

LEADER: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

PEOPLE: **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Soloist:** Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart,

**Congregation:**

Cre - ate in me, O God, \_ a clean \_ heart, a clean \_ heart,

**Soloist:** Put a new and right spirit within me,

**Congregation:**

Put a new and right spir - it with - in \_\_\_\_\_ me;

**Soloist:** Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart,

**All:**

Cre - ate in me, O God, \_ a clean \_ heart, a  
 clean \_ heart, a clean \_ heart. \_\_\_\_\_

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Psalm 51:11-12

**LEADER:** Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**PEOPLE:** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

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.**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. O come to me, the Mas - ter said, my Fa - ther knows your need;  
 2. A - bide in me, the Mas - ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;  
 3. Be - lieve in me, the Mas - ter said, for I have called you friends,

and I shall be, the Mas - ter said, your bread of life in - deed.  
 my life shall be, the Mas - ter said, poured out for you as wine.  
 and yours shall be, the Mas - ter said, the life that nev - er ends.

By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,  
 His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,  
 And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,

and all his love and good - ness know, for so the Mas - ter said.  
 who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas - ter said.  
 the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas - ter said.



## 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
3. Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its  
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

The Commissioning of Clothing Ministry Volunteers (responsive)

Leah Reed

LEADER: Genuine faith is revealed in acts of service and love, a willingness to be vulnerable and walk in the way of the cross. Members of our church family reveal this kind of faith on a weekly basis, offering clothing and compassion to fellow children of God.

PEOPLE: **We pray God’s richest blessings upon all who serve in and through our clothing ministry. May they serve in the power of God’s Spirit, may the people among whom they serve see Jesus in them, and may they find joy in fulfilling God’s purpose in their lives.**

LEADER: We are all called to service, but not all of us serve in this way. Those who do represent not only Jesus but this community as well. They serve as an extension of this church family.

PEOPLE: **Therefore, we pray for their work and witness, for the relationships they will build, for the lives that will be enriched and the love that will be shared.**

LEADER: We have seen the generosity of God in the ways our church has provided the financial resources and willing hands to renovate our clothing ministry space. For the hours of hard work from dedicated volunteers over the last 16 months, we give thanks.

PEOPLE: **We dedicate this newly renovated space to be used as a vessel for God’s abundant welcome and care for all people. May every person who walks through our doors feel the presence of God through the simple, ordinary gift of clothing.**

LEADER: May those who serve realize that you are not alone in this ministry. God is with you and so are we. May you also recognize your true identity as God’s hands and feet.

VOLUNTEERS: *In the words of Mother Teresa, we will be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in our faces, kindness in our eyes, kindness in our smiles, kindness in our warm greetings. In places of great need, we will be the light of God’s kindness to children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, we will always give a happy smile. We will give not only our care, but also our hearts.*

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

“Recessional on *Cwm Rhondda*”  
Maureen Howell, organ

Paul Manz

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† *Sing a new song to God, the Lord, sing and give praise with one accord.  
For His salvation he doth give, that through His mercy, we may live.  
Worship the Lord in holiness, hymns of great joy to Him address.  
Honor His works and bless His name, His grace and truth to all proclaim.  
Heaven above and earth below, ocean and field His glory show.  
All of God’s creatures sing His praise, let us now too our voices raise.  
Glory and thanks to Him belong, honor Him evermore in song.*

(based upon Psalm 96)<sup>3</sup>

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The Deacon on Call is Nick Bradley. A 7-year member and a first-term deacon, Nick is a member of the Grains of Sand Sunday School Class. He and his wife Lauren have two daughters, Caroline and Savannah.

The sanctuary flowers are given today by Lynn Loomis and family to thank FBC members and staff for the prayers, love, and support shown during her daughter Jennifer Lane’s illness and the loss of Lynn’s father Wilton B. Wheeley and the flowers in the Gathering Room are in loving memory of Jean Finch from her family.

An offering for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Our goal is \$10,000, to be split as needed between Habitat for Humanity and RISE Against Hunger; as of July 29, we have received \$2,210.

Please hold in prayer the group of 7 youth and 3 chaperones leaving today on the Senior Trip to Nashville. They will return next Sunday, August 8.

## **Calendar Highlights • August 1-8**

Sunday, August 1

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Clothing Ministry Commissioning (Sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese Worship (302)

12:00 Clothing Ministry Open House

3:00 Elaine Holley Violin Recital (Sanctuary)

5:30 Youth Group (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, August 2

Senior Trip to Nashville (returns Sunday, August 8)

10:00 Clothing Ministry Re-opening

Tuesday, August 3

10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

7:00 Properties Committee Meeting (301)

Wednesday, August 4

10:00 High School Bible Study Breakfast (TBD)

11:00 High School Bible Study (Blue Room)

7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, August 5

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

6:30 College Group (TBD)

Sunday, August 8

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube)

5:30 Youth Group (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)