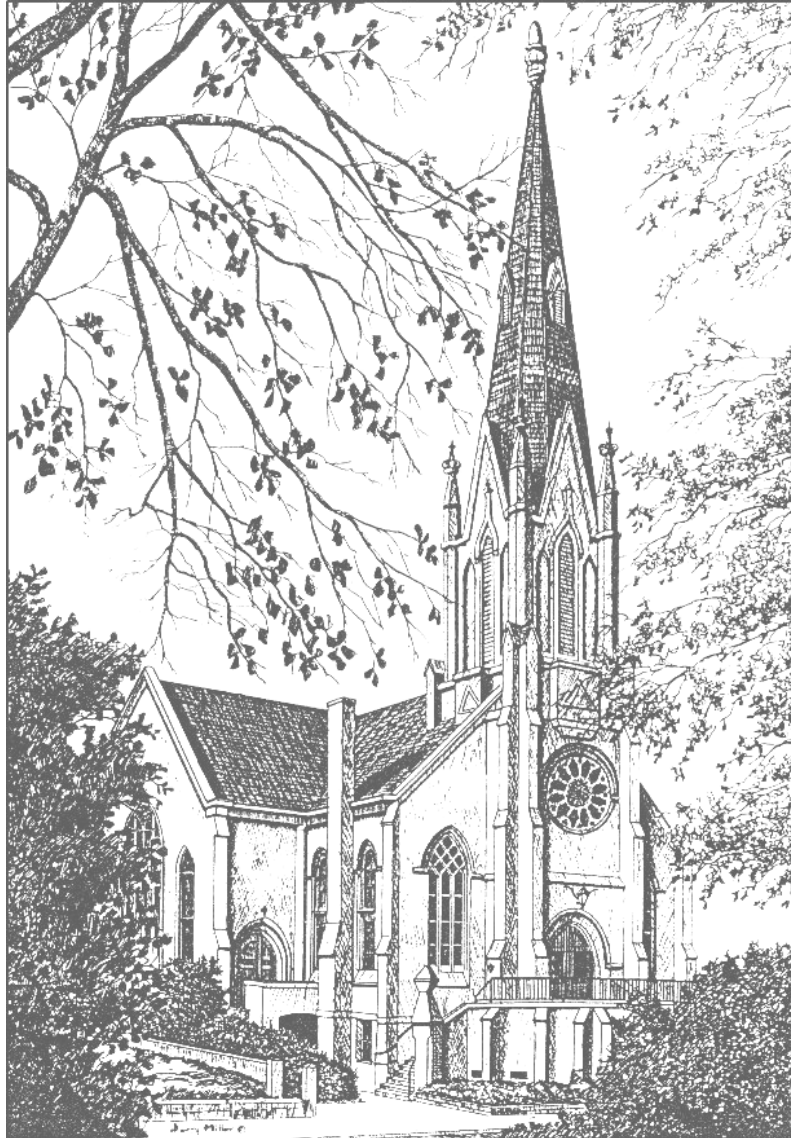


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October 10, 2021

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called ordinary time in the Christian year. It is a season in which we ponder the possibilities for growth. Thus, we wear green stoles and use our green altar covering. And all of today's texts challenge us to grow. We pray for growth and sing songs of the praise to the God who inspires growth. The sermon, which is grounded in the reading from Hebrews, explores a theme that is found in all the texts — God challenges us to grow in many different ways but always in the context of grace. Love, not fear, draws us to closer to God and thus enables us to embrace God's realm.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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 Prelude

"Prelude on BEACH SPRING"
Kevin McChesney, arr.

Mary Hauser

The Introit

Sanctuary Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia.

—Psalm 100:1-2

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 90

LEADER: Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

PEOPLE: **Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

LEADER: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

PEOPLE: **Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.**

LEADER: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

PEOPLE: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.**

ALL: **O prosper the work of our hands!**

The Invocation

1. God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
 3. God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God’s e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth’s foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes thro’
 break - ing un - der sor - row’s i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o’er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for - ev - er o’er the u - ni - verse must reign.

WORDS: Timothy Rees, 1922, alt.
MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT’S LEIGH
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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Jessica Helms

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 4:12–16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep”
Philip Ledger

Sanctuary Choir

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

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

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
 3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;
 4. Through man - y dan-gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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The Sermon

“How God Enables Us to Grow”

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.

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Suggested tune:
BEACH SPRING, no. 578
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Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.

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

“Voluntary on ABBOT’S LEIGH”
Robert Powell

Maureen Howell, organ

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Our acolytes today are Catherine and Hollis Yelverton.

The Deacon on Call is Lacey Pegram. A 29-year member of First Baptist, Lacey is on the Personnel Committee and is a member of Grains of Sand SS class. She and her husband Jonathan have two children, Carter and Kinley.

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Marianne Webb by her husband, Joe Webb, and family.

Deacon elections are being held now through Sunday, October 31. You may submit your ballot in the ballot box in the library, 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.

The State Missions Offering goal is \$10,000; we have received \$7,250 so far. Your gifts will help those in need by supporting various agencies including Baptist Retirement Homes, NC Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Homes, and Baptists on Mission.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 13; meal served at 5:00 p.m., program at 6:15 p.m. This week, Pastor Emeritus Dan Day will join us via Zoom to talk about his book, *Finding the Gospel: A Pastor's Disappointment and Discovery*, released last fall and on sale in the church office for \$15. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and the Zoom link.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu for October 13: chili, roasted potatoes, and cornbread.

Join us on Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m., for a Zoom showing of *Segregated By Design*, a documentary which examines the often-forgotten history of how governments imposed racial segregation in cities nationwide. Afterwards, we'll break out into small groups for discussion. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and the Zoom link.

At the October 20 Centerpoint, Steve Pressley will be presenting a program on his book *Randall Lolley: Thanks for the Memories*. Copies are available for purchase in the church office for \$24 (please note "Lolley Biography" on any checks made out to the church). Steve will sign copies when he is with us.

The Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 31. You can support the walk and the FBC team by "walking" or donating. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

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 this list, please contact Jennie Herrick (jherrick@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485).

Calendar Highlights • October 10–17

Sunday, October 10

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 1:00 Rise Against Hunger (Rise Warehouse)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, October 11

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 Music Made in Heaven Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:15 Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 12

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 13

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 Toy Joy Donation Collection (229)
- 6:00 Music for Children
- 6:15 Centerpoint program (Fellowship Hall/Zoom)
- 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:50 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 14

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 5:30 Welcome Ride Commissioning (Parking Lot)
- 6:30 College Group (TBD)

Sunday, October 17

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 12:00 Toy Joy Donations Collection (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 *Segregated by Design* Viewing (Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Deacon Election — October 2021

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	Betty Connors	Shirley Hobson	Betsy Neal	Mary Nash Rusher
Carl Bailey	Joann Cooper	Felicia Gore Hoover	Clint Neal	Rebecca Sasser
Dolores Bailey	Mike Dare	Barbara Huggins	Susan Nichols	John Shell
John Baldwin	Sarah David	Al Hunter	Janice Osborne	Carolyn Smith
Charles Barham	Glennis DeBra	Nancy Hunter	Murphy Osborne	Harriet Smith
Margaret Barham	Jud DeBra	Holy Ivel	Zach Padget	John Smith
Peggy Barham	Cindy DeFoor	Anita Jackson	Bob Page	Lee Smith
Jay Bissette	David DeFoor	Art Jackson	Judy Page	Paul Smith
Jennifer Bissette	Carolyn Dickens	Blair Jackson	Jonathan Pegram	Allison Strickland
Carol Blanchard	Kent Dickens	Cathy James	Lacey Pegram	Matt Strickland
Lauren Bradley	Mike Dodd	Barry Jones	Anthony Petty	Bob Talley
Nick Bradley	Diane Ellis	Beth Jones	Jamie Petty	Jennifer Talley
Myra Brickell	Sam Ewell	David Kelley	Jeremy Petty	Alan Taylor
Sterling Brickell	Leah Filomena	Jim Keown	Nancy Moore Phillips	Kimberly Taylor
Frances Brooks	Greg Flowers	Bob Kimball	Karen Poteat	Randy Tucker
Anne Bullard	Marchelle Flowers	Susan Kimball	Will Poteat	Sabrina Tyndall
Matt Bullard	Jen Foster	Alan Kinsey	Pam Powell	Chuck Underwood
Marianna Burnette	Wes Fulk	Janet Kinsey	Robbie Puckett	Mallory Underwood
Randall Burnette	Nancye Gaj	Divine Kumah	Dawn Raynor	Cara Lynn Vogel
Janie Carothers	Charles Gale	Keith Lewis	JD Rhodes	Jamie Vogel
Jay Carothers	Amy Galvan	Mary Jane Lewis	Mary Powell Rhodes	Dawn Wade
Linda Carothers	Kati Gardner	Sarah Lingafelt	Sarah Catherine Rhodes	Robert Wade
Sam Carothers	Ginger Graves	Rhonda Lowe	Linville Roach	Robin Willis
Tonya Carter	Tyson Graves	Laura Maness	Mary Jon Roach	Ryan Willis
Tom Childrey	Mary Hauser	Ron Maness	Dan Roberts	Debbie Willmschen
Maria Childrey	Jessica Helms	Alice Marshbanks	Carol Rockey	Royce Willmschen
Margaret Clary	John Hite	Becky Mercer	Daniel Rohrbaugh	Hollis Yelverton
Ann Cobb	Sheila Hite	Carol Millen	Laura Rohrbaugh	Wyatt Yelverton
Britt Cobb	Jeff Hobart	Jim Millen	Ann Rollins	
Austin Connors	John Hobson	Sonia Moore	Tom Rollins	

BALLOT FOR ELECTION – OCTOBER 2021

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

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