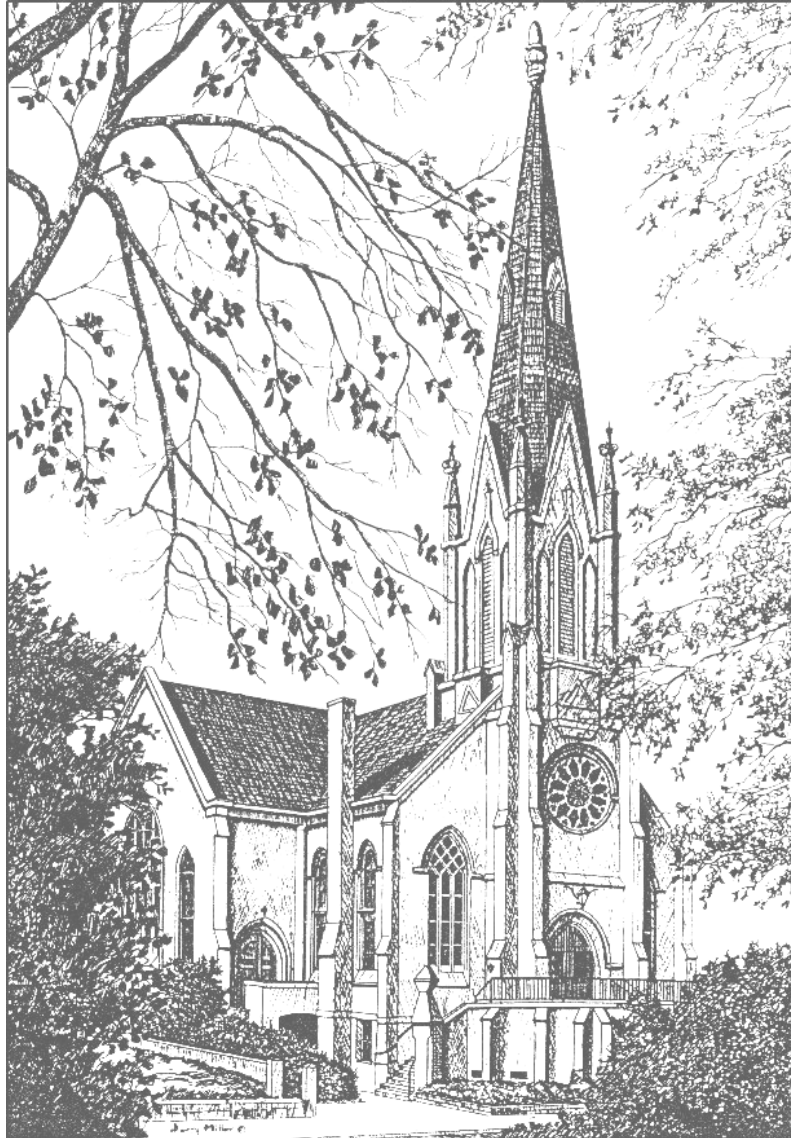


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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October 24, 2021

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, part of what is called ordinary time. As we begin the homestretch of the Christian year, which ends on November 21 with the Reign of Christ Sunday, we continue to follow Jesus and learn from his ministry. Today Jesus gives sight and much more to a blind man named Bartimaeus in a story that echoes the prophetic hope expressed by Jeremiah. What might we learn from Bartimaeus' experience? The music and prayers for today explore the themes of blindness and sight, despair and hope, sadness and joy. The sermon explores these themes as well through the experience of Bartimaeus. The pervasive message running through the entire service is that with the God we know in Christ, there is always hope. We see this in the wonder of creation, proclaimed by an anthem involving children, youth, and adults. We see this in the promise of restoration proclaimed by the psalmist and the prophet. We see this in our own personal encounter with Christ.

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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Phillip Keveren

Maureen Howell, organ

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 126

LEADER: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

PEOPLE: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

LEADER: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

PEOPLE: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

LEADER: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

PEOPLE: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

ALL: ***Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.***

The Invocation

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so' loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mary Nash Rusher

⁷For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Call to Prayer

"Lord, Open My Eyes"

Warren Howell

(Congregation to join on verses 2 & 3)



2. Lord, open my ears,
Lord, that I may hear.
Lord, open my ears
to hear your Word in me.

3. Lord, open my lips,
Lord, that I may speak.
Lord, open my lips,
and my tongue will announce your praise.

The Morning Prayer

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 10:46–52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Sanctuary Choir,
and Orff Ensemble

John Ferguson, arr.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

— Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Learning from a Man Named Bartimaeus”

The Prayer of Response (unison)†

**God of Restoration, gather us up from the farthest parts of the earth —
the blind, the lame, the sick, the sorrowing.
Bring us in from the dark — those in doubt, those in uncertainty,
those who are broken, those who are lost.
May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy,
a great company restored.
Let us feel the cascade of gratitude in the potential of catastrophe sidestepped.
Open our eyes to walk anew along a straight path
on which we shall neither stumble nor fall —
all obstacles which before seemed insurmountable,
intractable, and existential — now gone.
Lead us by your pleasant brooks to the beauty of still waters to feel the relief
and the grace of Your presence with us now.
In the name of Christ who restores and shall ever restore us. Amen.**

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

“Jesus, Have Mercy!”

BUNESSAN

"Jesus, have mercy! Help! Son of David!"
So Bartimaeus called to the Lord.
Filled with great faith, he knew as he waited:
Christ was his hope for vision restored.
Jesus, have mercy! May we see clearly
You gave a gift we cannot repay.
You had it all, but loving us dearly,
Even your life, Lord, you gave away.
Jesus, have mercy when we're uncertain,
Hiding our talents high on our shelves.
As we've been blessed, may we be an offering —
Healing your world by giving ourselves.
Jesus, have mercy! May we give freely
So that the church has plenty to share.
May we bring tithes and offerings gladly,
Reaching to those in need everywhere.
Jesus, have mercy! Give us new vision;
Show us new ways to build up your church.
We are your people, called into mission!
Help us to bring your hope to the earth.

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

“Postludium”
Ron Boud

Maureen Howell, organ

*The congregation may stand

†From Faithelement Resources for Worship, faithelement.net, October 24, 2021; written by Greg Funderburk, Minister for Pastoral Care, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, TX.

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Orff Ensemble is: CeCe Bissette, Jackson Bissette, Parker Carothers, Alice Strickland, Hayes Strickland, Dillon Tyndall, Jesse Vogel, and Catherine Yelverton with Becky Mercer playing flute.

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The Deacon on Call is Mary Nash Rusher. A 32-year member, Mary Nash serves as a co-teacher for the High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) class and is a member of the Unity Sunday School class. She and her husband John have three children: David, Tom, and Kelly.

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 \$7,725 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.

Visit the table in the Lewis building lobby for the church library book give-away. Please feel free to take one or more books the library can no longer use.

Dr. Chapman will be away from the office Tuesday, October 26–Tuesday, November 2. Lynn Lingafelt will preach while he is away.

Church Conference: Wednesday, October 27, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:00 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m. You can find the Zoom link in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

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 27: chicken stir-fry with rice.

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*.

Calendar Highlights • October 24–31

Sunday, October 24

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, October 25

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 Music Made in Heaven Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Tuesday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 27

- 3:30 ITC Costume Parade
- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Music for Children
- 6:15 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall/Zoom)
- 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:50 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 28

- FBP Costume Parade
- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Saturday, October 30

- 9:00 Adult Choir Breakfast (301/302, Handbell Room)
- 10:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)

Sunday, October 31

- Crop Walk Micro-Walks
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 12:00 Handbell Lunch (Garth)
- 1:00 Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 Crop Walk FaceBook Live (Fellowship Hall)

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	Britt Cobb	Jeff Hobart	Jim Millen	Ann Rollins
Carl Bailey	Austin Connors	John Hobson	Sonia Moore	Tom Rollins
Dolores Bailey	Betty Connors	Shirley Hobson	Betsy Neal	Mary Nash Rusher
John Baldwin	Joann Cooper	Felicia Gore Hoover	Clint Neal	Rebecca Sasser
Kari Baldwin	Mike Dare	Barbara Huggins	Susan Nichols	John Shell
Charles Barham	Sarah David	Al Hunter	Janice Osborne	Carolyn Smith
Margaret Barham	Glennis DeBra	Nancy Hunter	Murphy Osborne	Harriet Smith
Peggy Barham	Jud DeBra	Holy Ivel	Zach Padget	John Smith
Jay Bisette	Cindy DeFoor	Anita Jackson	Bob Page	Lee Smith
Jennifer Bisette	David DeFoor	Art Jackson	Judy Page	Paul Smith
Carol Blanchard	Carolyn Dickens	Blair Jackson	Jonathan Pegrarn	Allison Strickland
Lauren Bradley	Kent Dickens	Cathy James	Lacey Pegrarn	Matt Strickland
Nick Bradley	Mike Dodd	Barry Jones	Anthony Petty	Bob Talley
Myra Brickell	Diane Ellis	Beth Jones	Jamie Petty	Jennifer Talley
Sterling Brickell	Sam Ewell	David Kelley	Jeremy Petty	Alan Taylor
Frances Brooks	Leah Filomena	Jim Keown	Nancy Moore Phillips	Kimberly Taylor
Anne Bullard	Greg Flowers	Bob Kimball	Karen Poteat	Randy Tucker
Matt Bullard	Marchelle Flowers	Susan Kimball	Will Poteat	Sabrina Tyndall
Marianna Burnette	Jen Foster	Alan Kinsey	Pam Powell	Chuck Underwood
Randall Burnette	Wes Fulk	Janet Kinsey	Robbie Puckett	Mallory Underwood
Janie Carothers	Nancye Gaj	Divine Kumah	Dawn Raynor	Cara Lynn Vogel
Jay Carothers	Charles Gale	Keith Lewis	JD Rhodes	Jamie Vogel
Linda Carothers	Amy Galvan	Mary Jane Lewis	Mary Powell Rhodes	Dawn Wade
Sam Carothers	Kati Gardner	Sarah Lingafelt	Sarah Catherine Rhodes	Robert Wade
Lin Carter	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

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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