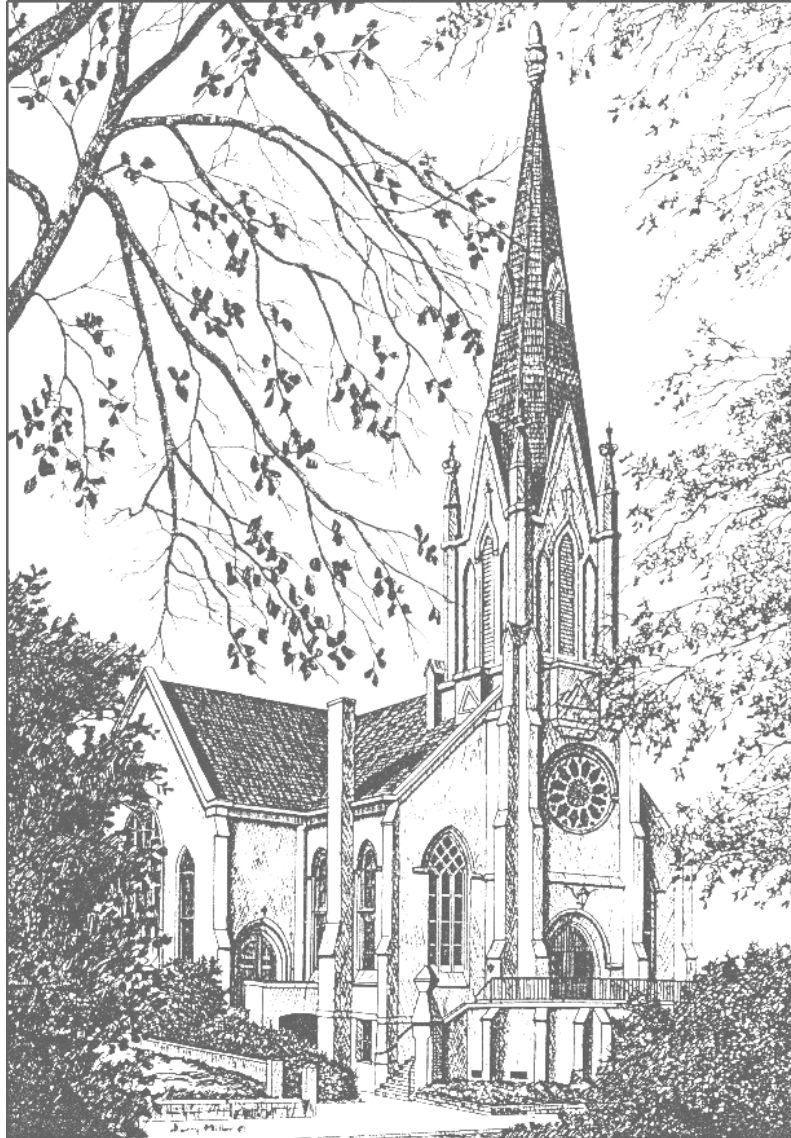


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is World Communion Sunday, a day set aside to celebrate Christian unity around the world. This celebration began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was adopted by the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936 and then endorsed by the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) in 1940. We offer prayers today for the church universal, lifting up special concerns for our sisters and brothers who live in contexts of persecution and suffering. We sing of the church's one foundation in Christ and long for a way to provide a unified witness in a deeply divided time. Other service music comes from different parts of the Global Church and we experience the Lord's Prayer not only in English, but in other languages from various parts of the world. The sermon reflects upon the common ground we have in our love for Jesus, and then we celebrate this common ground through communion.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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

"Gather Us In"
John Behnke, arr.

Maureen Howell

The Introit

"God Welcomes All"
South African; John Bell, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.
God's love is strong and never ends.

The Call to Worship†

inspired by Psalm 8

LEADER: We gather in this place as your children, God, inspired by the power of your ever-present, ever-guiding spirit, with deep gratitude for the ways you have carried us.

PEOPLE: We come to worship you.

LEADER: We stand in awe of your creation, when we look at the moon and starry skies mounted above, we are overwhelmed by your wonder and majesty.

PEOPLE: Your name echoes around the world.

LEADER: Who are we that you are mindful of us? Why do you even take a second look our way?

PEOPLE: Even when we feel insignificant, you remind us that we are your beloved creation.

LEADER: The sheep and cattle, birds flying and fish swimming, the animals roaming in the wild, every living thing in all of creation sings with praise to you.

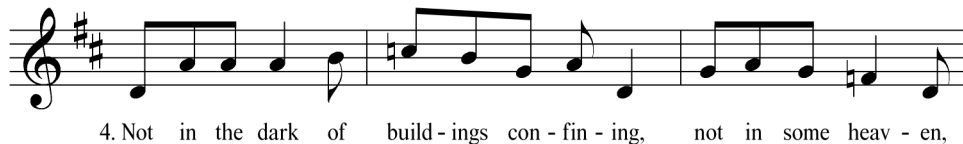
PEOPLE: How wonderful is your name in all the earth!

The Invocation

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 Call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face.
 We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.



LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 2:18–24

John Hite

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven.**

Rose Dammann — German

Hallowed be thy Name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Azamat Allaiarov — Russian

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Tina Harvey — Mandarin

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

David Guzman — Spanish

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Coralie Schauviller — French

The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

"Our Common Love of Jesus"

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

*The Invitation to the Table

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

WELCOME TABLE

(Congregation joins in on 3rd stanza)

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
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 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
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 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

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WELCOME TABLE
 Irregular

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

AURELIA
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DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Choral Amen

*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

"Blest Be the Tie"
Maureen Howell, arr.

Maureen Howell, organ

†Call to Worship written by Leah Anderson Reed for Faithelement Worship Resources (faithelement.net)

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The Deacon on Call is John Hite. A 29-year member, John is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School class. He and his wife Sheila have two grown sons and three grandchildren.

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Louise B. Brown, Bill and Pat Stahmer, and Phil Brown by Art, Melanie, Hannah and Will Stahmer.

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.

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 \$7,195 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 6; meal served at 5:00 p.m., program at 6:15 p.m. This week, Glenn Jonas, author of *Nurturing the Vision: First Baptist Church, Raleigh 1812-2012* will revisit some of the highlights of our history. If you can’t join us in person, look in the *Rose Window Weekly* for 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 6: breakfast for dinner (grits, scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes).

Be in prayer for the 12 middle school students and 4 chaperones returning from retreat to Caraway today.

Our annual meal-packing event with Rise Against Hunger will be held Sunday, October 10, at the Rise warehouse at 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 111 (near Gresham’s Lake) from 1:00–3:00 p.m. More information and the sign-up link are available in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

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. Copies of Dan Day’s book *Finding the Gospel: A Pastor’s Disappointment and Discovery* are also available (\$15, put “Dan Day Book” in the memo line). At this time, Dan is still planning to speak to us via Zoom on October 13.

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 3–10

Sunday, October 3

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship—World Communion Sunday (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (off-site)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, October 4

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 Music Made in Heaven Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 7:00 Properties Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 5

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

Wednesday, October 6

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 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 7

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:30 College Group (TBD)

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)

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