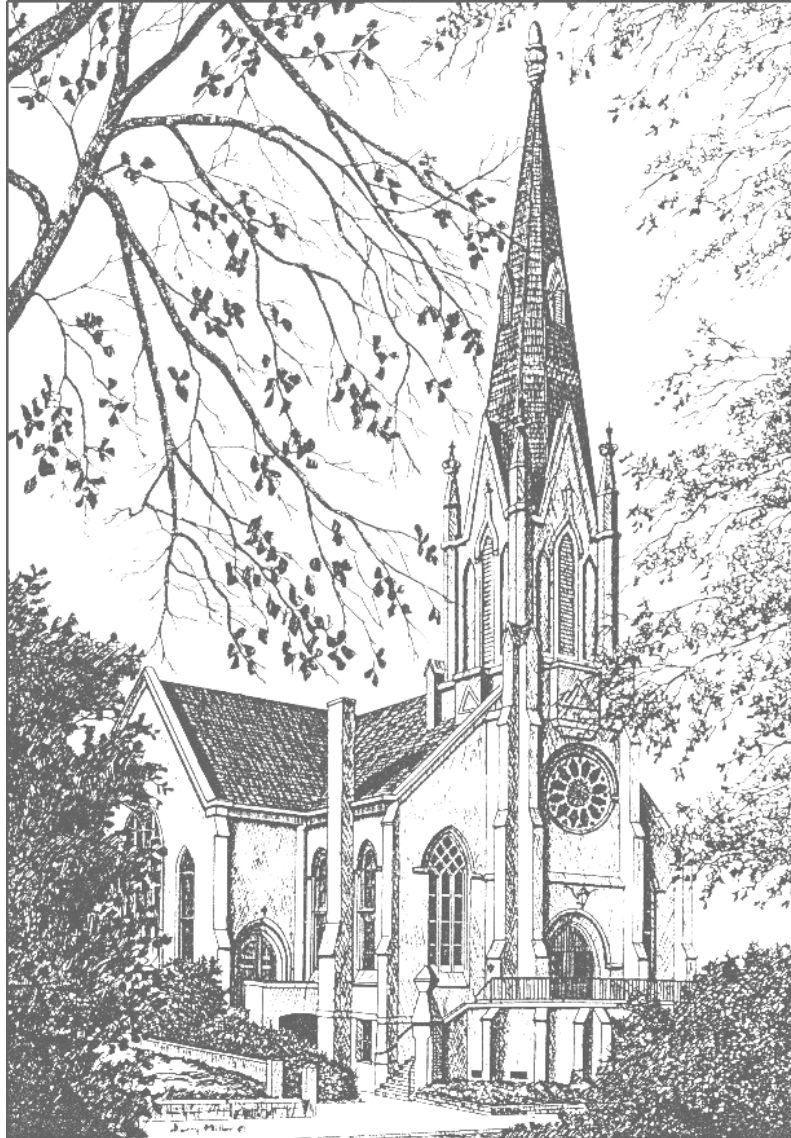


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the next to last Sunday in the Christian year. Since this is the closest Sunday to Veterans Day, it is also the day we recognize those who have served our nation through the U.S. Armed Forces. And it is the first Sunday of our annual stewardship emphasis. While the biblical texts provide the primary foundation for our worship, all of these themes shape our shared experience, and the need for urgency runs through every emphasis. The faithful in each text find themselves in urgent need of action, a sense of urgency always defines military experience, and the situation of the church in our time requires urgency in regard to faithfulness and stewardship. The good news is it is not all up to us, God is ever at work bringing new things into being. Our calling is to participate in this ongoing work of creation.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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

"Voluntary in A"
William Selby

Maureen Howell, organ

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 16

LEADER: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

PEOPLE: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

LEADER: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

PEOPLE: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

LEADER: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

PEOPLE: **You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Invocation

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Daniel 12:1-3

Dawn Wade

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Hallelujah, Amen (from *Judas Maccabeus*, 1747)”
G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join!
Hallelujah, amen.

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.**

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

LLANGLOFFAN

1 The days are sure-ly com-ing, says God to all the earth, when
 2 The days are sure-ly com-ing, says Christ, the prom-ised one, when
 3 The days are sure-ly com-ing when we will know at last the
 you will see my prom-ise: sal-va-tion come to birth. My
 you will read my warn-ing in moon and stars and sun. Though
 full-ness of God's pres-ence, God's prom-ise, come to pass. Then
 righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land and
 earth and heav-en trem-ble, stand up and do not fear, for
 righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land and
 you will be de-liv-ered by my al-might-y hand.
 I am your re-deem-er, and I am draw-ing near.
 we will be de-liv-ered by God's al-might-y hand.

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Living with a Sense of Urgency and Trust"

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

“View the Present Through the Promise”

AR HYD Y NOS

View the present through the promise,
Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deepening darkness,
Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving
through your watching and believing
in the hope past hope’s conceiving:
Christ will come again.
Probe the present with the promise,
Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness,
Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving
and your justice and forgiving
be a sign to all the living:
Christ will come again.
Match the present to the promise,
Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise,
Christ will come again.
Pattern all your calculating
and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting:
Christ will come again.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, 1994
Tune: Welsh folk melody

The Stewardship Moment

Jamie Petty

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

Maureen Howell, organ

“Allegro” from “L’Autunno” (from *The Four Seasons*)
Antonio Vivaldi

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Dawn Wade. An eight-year member of First Baptist, Dawn is a member of the Sharing Thoughts Sunday School class and serves on the Church Council as the Committee Rep for the Social Committee. She and her husband Robert have two children: Amelia and Ryland.

The acolytes today are Carter and Kinley Pegram.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Jim Clary at his birthday by Margaret, Greg and Julie, Mark and Amy, and his Grandchildren.

Our annual stewardship emphasis has begun with the theme “First Fruits.” Pledge cards were mailed this week. Beginning today, we will hear speakers in worship each week for three weeks. We encourage you to respond by November 30 by mailing in a pledge card or by pledging online.

The State Missions Offering goal is \$10,000; we have received \$8,100 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.

Church Conference: Wednesday, November 17, 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 November 17: chicken lo mein with sautéed Asian vegetables.

During November, our mission project is collecting food (granola bars, cereal, juice boxes, or canned meat/fish) for the Raleigh branch of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Place your contributions in the marked drawer of the Lewis Lobby cabinet.

Clothing Ministry news: volunteers are needed! If you’re interested and haven’t volunteered with us before, please come to an orientation meeting on Wednesday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Clothing Ministry. Also, we are in dire need of children’s coats, all sizes (infants through youth). Place your donations in the bin at the back parking lot door.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Friday, December 3.

Calendar Highlights

November 14–21

Sunday, November 14

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

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

- 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, November 18

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 12:00 ITC Fall Feast (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 21

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (S & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (302)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

HONORING VETERANS AND
THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
— VETERANS DAY, 2021 —

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day we remember and honor veterans for their military service. Their courage and sacrifice over the years has been responsible for guaranteeing the freedom of our great country. On this day, we also wish to recognize those members from families of First Baptist Church who are currently serving in the military forces of the United States. We are grateful for their service and the sacrifices being made by each of them and their families.

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Grace Parker

Veterans

Carl Bailey
US Army, 1969–1971

Max Baldwin
US Coast Guard, 1953–1957

Charles Barham
US Navy, 1955–1958

Chip Barnes
US Navy, 1991–2015

John Bennett
US Navy, 1978–1999

Albert Calloway
US Army, 1950–1952

Don Cheek
US Army Air Corp, 1944–1946

William S. Clarke
US Air Force, 1950–1980

Connie Cole
US Army, 1980–1994

Austin Connors
US Army, 1966–1968

Michael Cooke
US Army, 1968–1971

Frederick Russell Cox
US Army, 1953–1955

Jud DeBra
US Army, 1965–1968

Mike Dodd
US Army, 1977–1980

Dennis Ellis
US Marine Corps, 1978–1983

Hal L. English
US Army, 1954–1956

Bob Fleming
US Army, 1953–1955

Dennis Francis
US Navy, 1984–1992

Jim Good
US Army, 1957–1963

Chet Goolsby
US Air Force, 1969–1973

Julian W. Hughes, Jr.
US Army, 1954–1956

Art Jackson
US Army Corps of Engineers,
1969–1971

Bill Jacobs
US Navy, 1955–1959; 1960–1964

Max O. Johnson
Army National Guard of NC,
1962–1968

Durward B. Jones Jr.
US Air Force, 1970–1973

Bob Kimball
US Air Force, 1971–1977

Don Kline
US Army Corps of Engineers,
1953–1955

Bob Matthews
US Navy, Medical Officer
1982–2019

Al Moore
US Navy, 1959–1963

Charles Parker
US Navy, 1954–1962

Brandon Peach
US Army, 2005–2008

Mike Peach
US Army, 1973–1976

Frank Powers
US Army Reserves, 1967–1973

Linville Roach
US Navy JAG, 1955–1959

Daniel O. Roberts
USNR, 1953–1961

Francis Rockey
US Navy, 1955–1966

Johnny Shaver
US Army, 1954–1956

John Smith
US Army, 1969, 1972

Charles D. White
US Army, 1951–1953

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