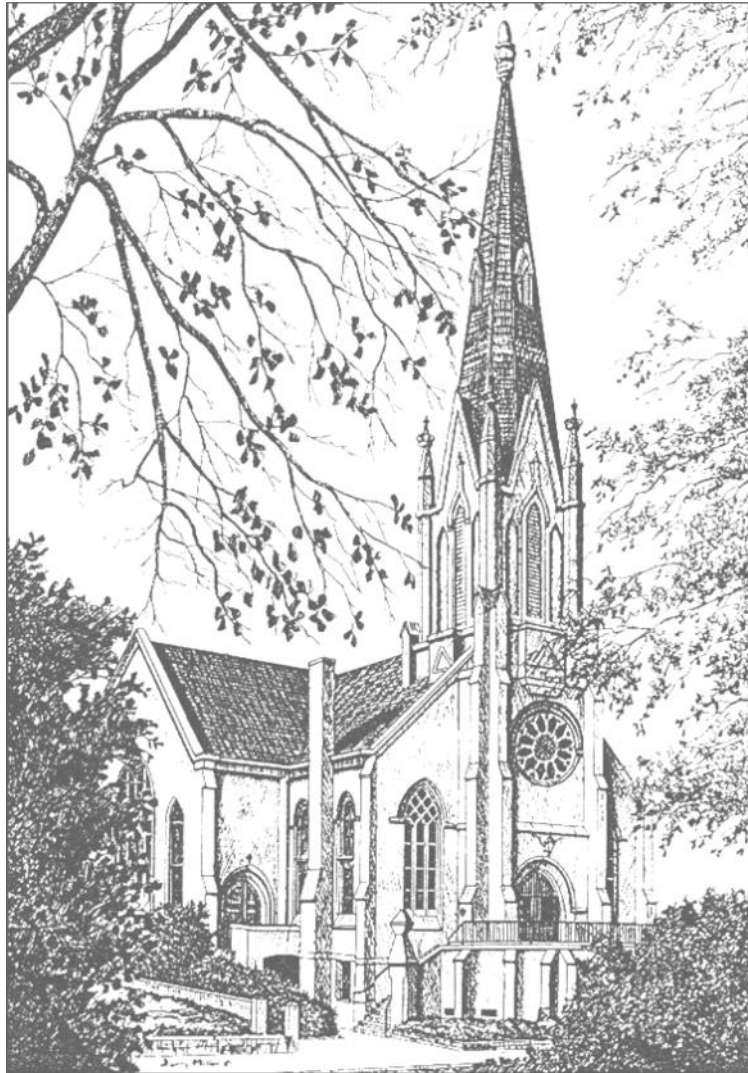


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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August 14, 2022

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate two sacred rituals — baptism and child dedication. Though their sequence is reversed in the service, these two rituals mark key moments on the journey of faith. For children born into Baptist families, we seek God's blessing when they are young and look to the day when they will proclaim their faith in Christ. Baptism is the ritual through which they do that. Today we have the privilege of celebrating both sacred moments and recommitting our lives to the ongoing work of following Christ. That this work can be challenging is made clear in the reading from Luke in which we see another side of Jesus and thus another side of our calling, one that involves doing whatever it takes to transform our lives and the world around us.

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

"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light"

Maureen Howell, piano

Maureen Howell, arr.

The Invitation to the Ritual (responsive)

Christopher Chapman

LEADER: We thank you, God, for water. By it you give life to plants, animals, and all humankind.

PEOPLE: **We thank you that in the beginning your Spirit of creation moved over the face of the waters.**

LEADER: We thank you for your rainbow covenant promise that emerged from the drowning flood waters.

PEOPLE: **We thank you for safe passage of our ancestors through the Red Sea, passing from slavery to freedom.**

LEADER: We thank you for quenching the thirst of our ancestors with water from the rock at Horeb.

PEOPLE: **We thank you for the baptism of Jesus in the waters of the River Jordan.**

LEADER: We thank you for Jesus who stilled raging water; who offered "living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life," who washed the disciples' feet to signify their continuing vocation.

PEOPLE: **We thank you, God, that you have led us by still waters.**

LEADER: We thank you for the promise that one day justice will flow like the waters, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PEOPLE: **We thank you for creating us in the watery womb of our mothers and for recreating us in the watery womb of baptism, as we are "buried with Christ into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life." Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Nathan David Bacon
Dylan Charles Tucker

The Prayer of Blessing and Commitment

Michael Hood

*The Response

Leader: Thanks be to God.
All: Thanks be to God for the wa - ters of life,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It features a vocal line for the Leader and a piano accompaniment. The Leader's part consists of a single melodic line. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole rest for the first measure, then provides a harmonic accompaniment for the rest of the system. A repeat sign is present at the beginning of the piano part.

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The second system of music continues the piano accompaniment from the first system. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Words and Music: Darryl Dewalt, 2014

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 5:1–7

Nick Bradley

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“Guide My Feet”

(*congregation to join on stanza 3)

1. Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand... 3. Stand by me... 4. I'm your child..

Text: African-American spiritual

Tune: African-American spiritual; harm. By Diana Kodner, b. 1957

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.**

⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“Bow Down Low”
Shaker Work Song

Sanctuary Choir

Bow down low and bend your head.
For I’ve come to sweep this house.
For to sweep the Lord’s house clean.
Yes, I’ve come to wash and clean
from this floor the stains of sin
And I’ve not come in vain.
Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean as you go.

David Bridges, musical arrangement, 1988

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

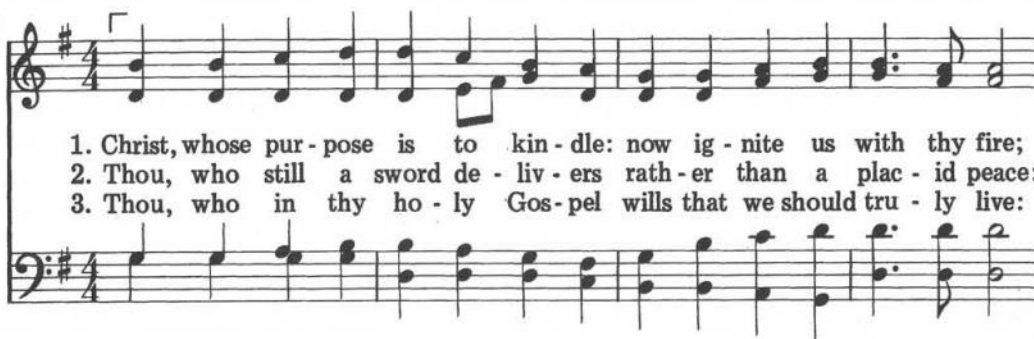
“Following the Christ Who Brings Fire and Division”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

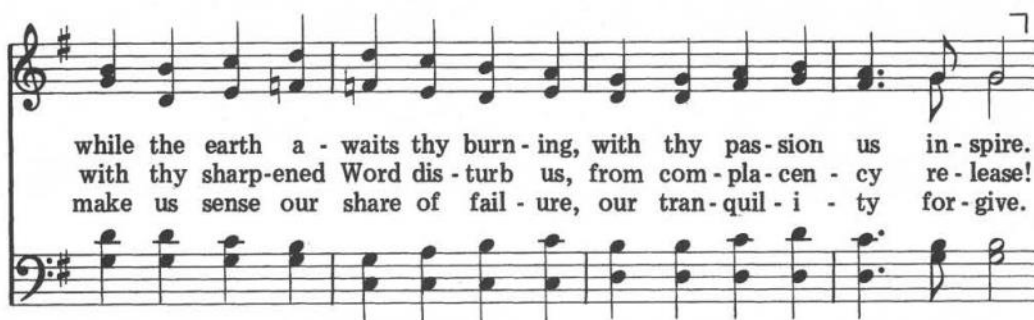
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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.

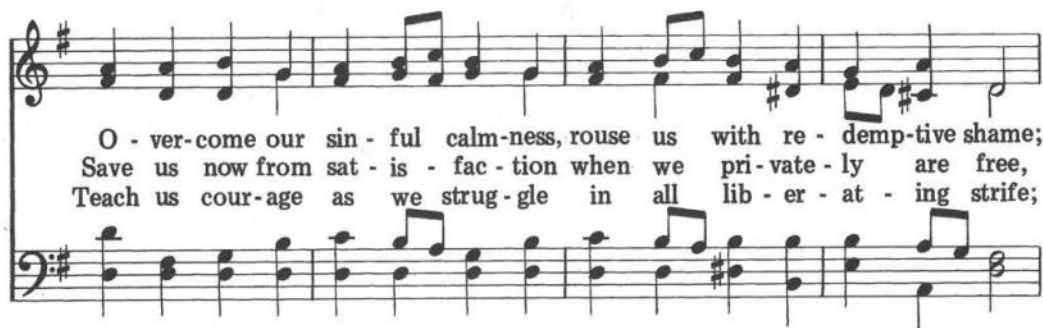
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex
so they may participate in the dedication of Savannah Bradley.)



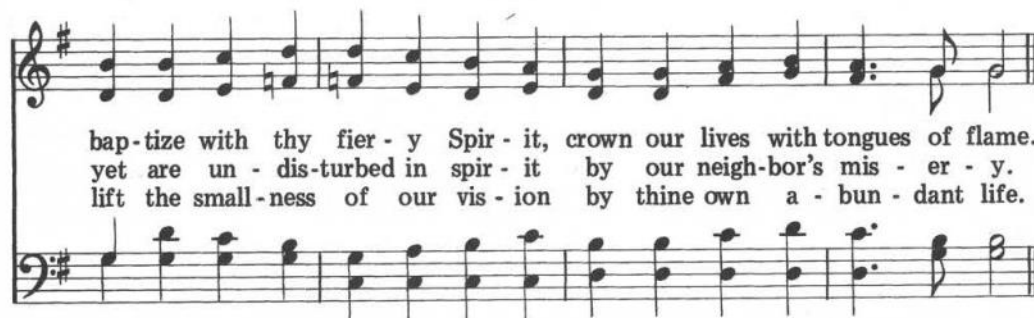
1. Christ, whose pur - pose is to kin - dle: now ig - nite us with thy fire;
2. Thou, who still a sword de - liv - ers rath - er than a plac - id peace:
3. Thou, who in thy ho - ly Gos - pel wills that we should tru - ly live:



while the earth a - waits thy burn - ing, with thy pas - sion us in - spire.
with thy sharp - ened Word dis - turb us, from com - pla - cen - cy re - lease!
make us sense our share of fail - ure, our tran - quil - i - ty for - give.



O - ver - come our sin - ful calm - ness, rouse us with re - demp - tive shame;
Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion when we pri - vate - ly are free,
Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle in all lib - er - at - ing strife;



bap - tize with thy fier - y Spir - it, crown our lives with tongues of flame.
yet are un - dis - turb - ed in spir - it by our neigh - bor's mis - er - y.
lift the small - ness of our vis - ion by thine own a - bun - dant life.

The Dedication of Savannah Claire Bradley, daughter of Nick and Lauren Bradley

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Savannah Claire Bradley to the church and dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, her parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Savannah?

PEOPLE: **That she is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Savannah grows in her understanding of God and herself, how will we help her to learn about her true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give her our love and include her in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Savannah grows through different stages of life, what will we tell her about her story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Savannah?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord's Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to her.**

LEADER: Nick and Lauren, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture your child in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to her.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Savannah and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

The Response

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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

"A Joyful Ode"

Maureen Howell

Phil Lehenbauer

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Nick Bradley. An eight-year member and a first-term deacon, Nick is a member of the Grains of Sand Sunday School class and serves on the Infant-Toddler Board. He and his wife Lauren have two daughters, Caroline and Savannah.

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Jerry H. Stevens and Rolin Ashton Stevens by Berti Stevens and family.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the August 6 birth of Nash Zackary Rusher to Tom and Zena Rusher and grandparents John and Mary Nash Rusher.

Sympathy to Sarah Moore on the August 10 death of her mother, Valerie Hinman.

The next Theology on Tap gathering will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, August 18, at Clouds Brewing (126 N. West Street). See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

FBC proudly presents *A Summer Variety Show & Ice Cream Social* on Sunday, August 21, at 7:00pm. This fun evening of entertainment and inspiration will feature an array of soloists, children, choirs, and instrumentalists presenting gospel, Broadway, folk, jazz, and more. Ice cream social to follow! Childcare is available for babies through 3-year-olds from 6:45–8pm. Today is the deadline to sign up for childcare; contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) if you're interested.

For our August mission project, we are collecting items to be distributed to various Raleigh schools to equip classrooms. Those items are: dry erase markers, regular colored markers, gallon Ziplock bags, pens, pencils, white copy paper, colored card stock, and Papermate flair pens (colors). Your donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby anytime during the month of August.

The Rise Against Hunger meal packing day will be Sunday, August 28, immediately following worship and a quick lunch in the Fellowship Hall. There are jobs for all ages and abilities. We have seated jobs for seniors, others that require the unending energy of our youth, and plenty of jobs in between. Sign up at events.riseagainsthunger.org/FBC.

The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many. As of August 11, we have received \$4,338.

Calendar Highlights August 14–21

Sunday, August 14

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Baby Dedication and Baptisms (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)

Monday, August 15

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

Tuesday, August 16

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, August 17

- 10:00 High school Bible study (Blue Room)
- 6:00 Handbell rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room/sanctuary)

Thursday, August 18

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Clouds Brewing)

Saturday, August 20

Salt Shakers

Sunday, August 21

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 7:00 *A Summer Variety Show & Ice Cream Social* (sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

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