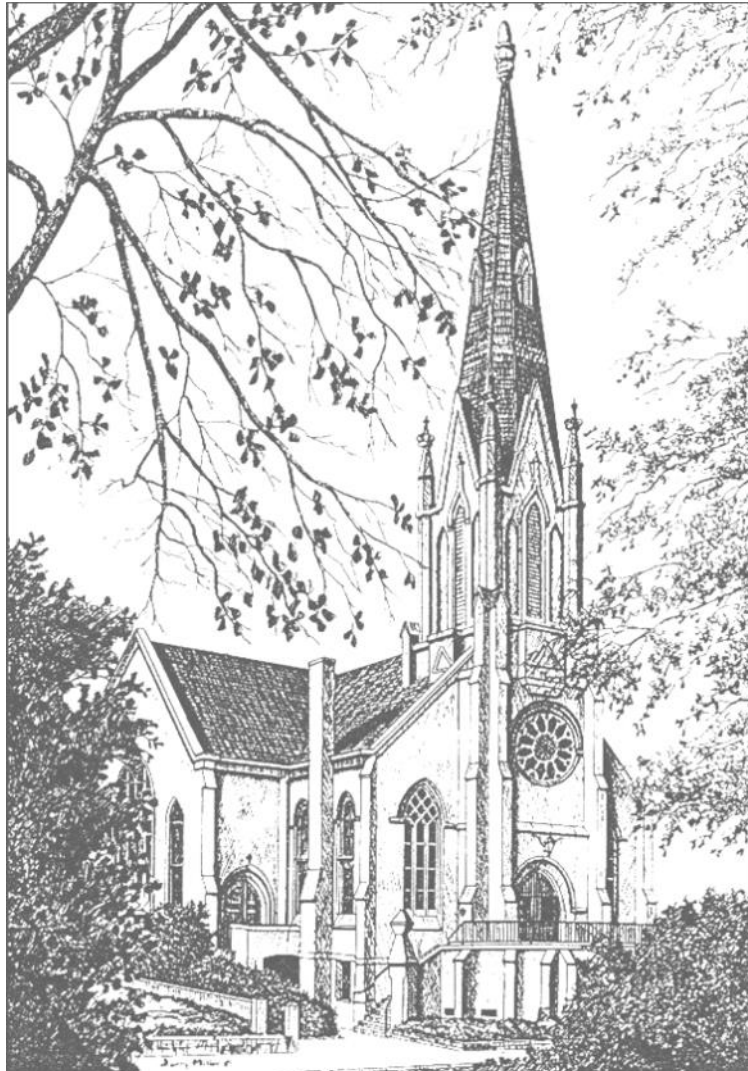


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2, 2022

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 for the church universal, lifting up special concerns for our sisters and brothers who live in contexts of poverty, persecution, and warfare. We sing praises to the God who walks with us in times of trouble, offering comfort and hope. We seek help from an odd source, the book of Lamentations, and then find strength in the celebration of communion.

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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

"By Verdant Pastures"

Maureen Howell

Eric Thiman

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

PEOPLE: **God's mercies never come to an end.**

LEADER: The love of the Lord is new every morning;

PEOPLE: **Great is the faithfulness of our God.**

LEADER: Let us worship God.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed - great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923  
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FAITHFULNESS  
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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Lamentations 1:1–6, 3:19–26

Cindy DeFoor

<sup>1</sup>How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. <sup>2</sup>She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup>Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. <sup>4</sup>The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. <sup>5</sup>Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. <sup>6</sup>From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

<sup>19</sup>The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! <sup>20</sup>My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. <sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup>The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Timothy 1:1–14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he hath made known,  
 nor why, un-wor- thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.  
*Refrain*  
 But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble  
 to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

Words: David Whittle, 1883  
 Music: James McGranahan, 1883

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.**

The Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
*Southern Harmony*, 1835; Mack Wilberg, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

My shepherd will supply my need;  
 Jehovah is his name;  
 In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
 Beside the living stream.  
 He brings my wandering spirit back  
 When I forsake his ways,  
 And leads me for his mercy's sake  
 In paths of truth and grace.  
 When I walk through the shades of death,  
 Thy presence is my stay;  
 One word of Thy supporting breath  
 Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
 Doth still my table spread;  
 My cup with blessings overflows,  
 Thine oil anoints my head.  
 The sure provisions of my God  
 Attend me all my days;  
 Oh, may Thy house be mine abode  
 And all my work be praise!  
 There would I find a settled rest  
 While others go and come,  
 No more a stranger nor a guest;  
 But like a child at home.

Psalm 23,  
 Isaac Watts, para., 1719

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?' <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion

"I Want Jesus To Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

*Unison*  $\Gamma$

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want  
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my  
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim  
 tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is al - most  
 trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

WALK WITH ME  
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## RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Call to the Table

“I Come with Joy”

Sanctuary Choir

*Southern Harmony*, 1835; Zebulon M. Highben, arr.

*Words of this anthem are found at Hymn 768*

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

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 Lord Is Here!”

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1. The Lord is here! His prom-ised word is ev - er - more the  
2. The Lord is here! Where Christ is come his spir - it too is  
3. The Lord is here! He comes in peace with bless - ings from a -  
4. The Lord is here! To ev - ery soul this gift of grace be

same, him-self to be where two or three are gath - ered in his name.  
there, with all who raise the song of praise or breathe the voice of prayer.  
bove, by pledge and sign of bread and wine to fold us in his love.  
given, to walk the way of Christ to - day, and share the life of heaven.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics.

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MUSIC: Jessie S. Irvine, 1871; arr. David Grant, 1872  
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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

"Postlude on DOVE OF PEACE"  
Gilbert Martin

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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

The Deacon on Call is Cindy DeFoor. A 15-year member, Cindy is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School Class. She and her husband David live in Garner.

Be in prayer for the 14 people returning today from the middle school retreat to Camp Caraway and the seven people returning today from the Friends Camp at Camp Mundo Vista.

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 election begins today and concludes on Sunday, October 30. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, in the ballot box in the church office, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 5, meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. The fall theme is *Communicating Faithfully in a Divided World*. On October 5, our speaker will be Professor Jon Powell of the Campbell University School of Law. Jon is the director of the Restorative Justice Clinic. He will speak about how the practices of restorative justice can help us to approach important conversations.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for October 5 is: Sloppy Joes, fries, apple sauce, mixed veggies; non-meat option: vegan Sloppy Joes.

Next Sunday (October 9), from 12-3pm, we will accept Toy Joy donations of new or gently used toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and books — please make sure that all used items are in very good condition and have all of their pieces and parts included. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details about Toy Joy, including volunteer opportunities.

Buy your tickets now for the Fall Festival: \$10/ticket, \$40 family cap. It will be held at the Optimist Farm (2908 Optimist Farm Road, Apex, 27539) on Sunday, October 23, from 3-7pm. Inflatables, fishing, field games, face painting, and more. The cost of the tickets includes supper.

FBC has formed a team to walk in the Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 30, at Pullen Park on Ashe Street. Sign in is at 2pm and the Walk Step-off is at 3pm. If you would like to walk with the team, donate to the team, or both, please scan the QR code to the right to go to the CROP Walk page for FBC. Donations support the global work of CWS and five local agencies. Hope to see you there.



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 September 29, we have received \$5,867.

## Calendar Highlights October 2-9

- Sunday, October 2      *World Communion Sunday*
- 9:45      Sunday School
  - 11:00      Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)
  - 12:15      Trustee meeting (conference room)
  - 5:00      Youth choir (choir room)
  - 6:00      Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
  - 6:30      Youth program (Blue Room)
- Monday, October 3
- 10:00      Clothing ministry re-opens
  - 6:00      High school Bible study (Wade home)
- Tuesday, October 4
- 10:00      Staff meeting (conference room)
  - 10:45      WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
  - 7:00      Properties Committee meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday, October 5
- 5:15      Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
  - 5:45      Children's music (301/307/311)
  - 6:15      Adult Programming (Fellowship Hall)
  - 6:30      Children's missions (preschool suite/children's suite)
  - Handbell choir rehearsal (302)
  - 7:30      Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)
- Thursday, October 6
- 7:00      Band of Brothers (Zoom)
  - 10:30      Thirty-Niners (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, October 9
- 9:45      Sunday School
  - 11:00      Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
  - JBC worship (226)
  - 12:00      Toy Joy donation collection (Fellowship Hall)
  - 4:00      Youth Handbells (307)
  - 5:00      Youth choir (choir room)
  - 6:00      Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
  - 6:30      Youth program (Blue Room)

To facilitate your giving to FBC, use the QR codes below to link to the website for our main electronic giving, VANCO Faith, and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

Use this QR code to e-give to FBC on line:



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