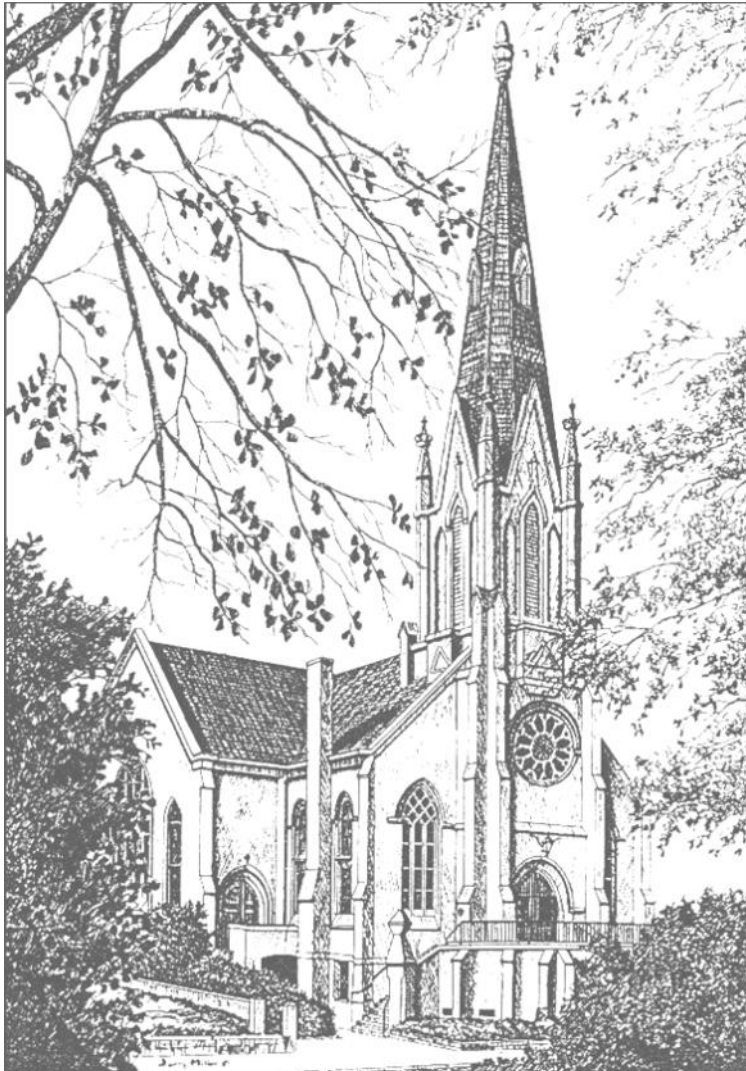


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we are led by four choirs in the adoration of God — children's, youth, sanctuary, and congregational. This reality presents a nice symbol of who we are and what we are called to offer our Maker. The texts provide an array of avenues through which we express our devotion to God — concern for the poor, the pursuit of love, following commandments — but the sermon focuses on the reading from Jeremiah in which the prophet embodies a kind of hope that can only be based on one thing — absolute trust in God. As we offer worship in this time and space, we ponder ways we can honor God in our daily lives.

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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

"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"  
J. S. Bach

Sue Crocker and  
Maureen Howell, piano

The Introit

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"  
Richard W. Gieseke

Grade-School Choir

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again, I say rejoice!  
Let your moderation be known to all people. The Lord is at hand.

Words: Philippians 4:4-5

The Call to Worship and Invocation (responsive)

Lynn Lingafelt

Based on Psalm 91

LEADER: In this place we gather together; we lay aside our fears and doubts.

PEOPLE: **In the shelter of the Most High, abiding in the shadow of the Almighty.**

LEADER: "Our refuge and our fortress; our God, in whom we trust."

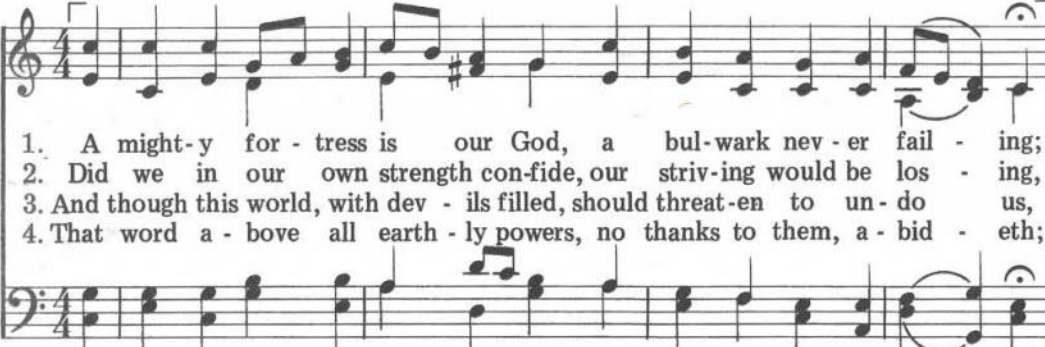
PEOPLE: **Under God's wings we will find refuge; God's faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

LEADER: O Lord, those who love You, You will deliver; You will protect those who know Your name.

PEOPLE: **When they call to You, You will answer them; You will be with them in trouble,**

LEADER: You will rescue them and honor them. With long life You will satisfy them and show them Your salvation.

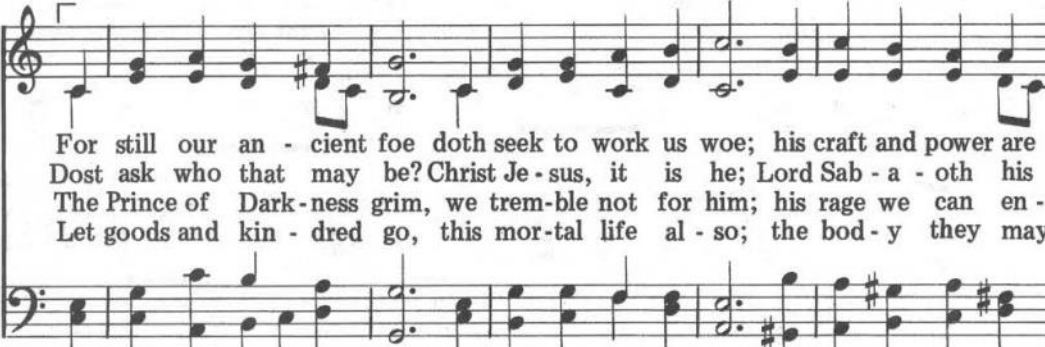
**ALL: Amen.**



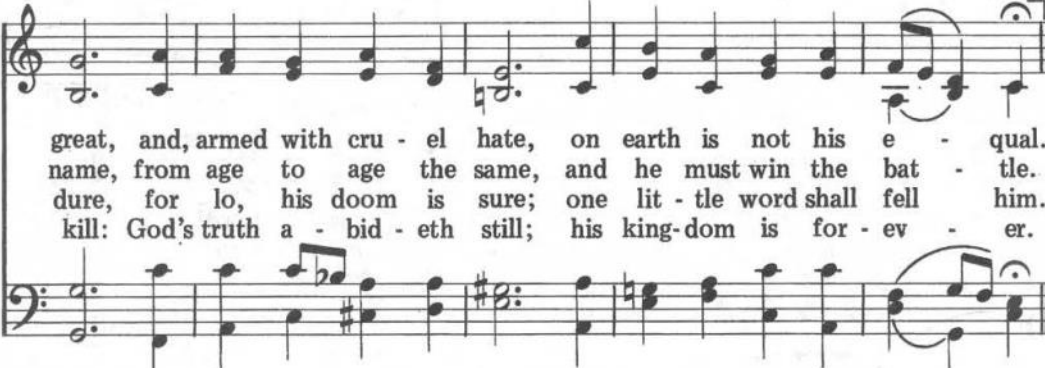
1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



our help - er he, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his  
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod-y they may



great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king-dom is for - ev - er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529; harm. *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Sam Carothers

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Timothy 6:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838

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 Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Maureen Howell, arr.

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
 a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
 for everyone born, a star overhead.

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
 revising the roles, deciding the share,  
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
 for woman and man, a system that's fair,

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
 for young and for old, the right to belong,

All:

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 to live without fear, and simply to be,  
 to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
 for everyone born, the right to be free.**

*Refrain*

And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice, and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus-tice and joy!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998  
 Music: Brian Mann, 2006

## 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.**

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, 1994

Tune: Welsh folk melody

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

### \*The Charge (responsive)

LEADER: Pursue righteousness and godliness, today and always. Face life with gentleness and endurance.

PEOPLE: **The love of God sends us out to share love. The riches of God inspire our generosity.**

LEADER: Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life in the midst of every day.

PEOPLE: **We are called to life with eternity in it. We are blessed with God's presence always.**

LEADER: Good works and caring contain their own blessing. Our lives dance with meaning when we share.

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in God's healing touch. We give thanks for salvation so richly given.**

### \*The Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. The Lord make his face  
to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24-26

Music: Peter Lutkin, 1900

### \*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

"Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott"  
Dietrich Buxtehude

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The banner for today's worship service is sponsored by Emily Johnson in loving memory of her parents, Mary Frances and Ernie Johnson.

The Deacon on Call is Sam Carothers. A 39-year member of First Baptist, Sam serves on the Hospitality Committee and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and a teacher for the Everette Miller-Friendship Sunday School class. He and his wife Linda have two children and four grandchildren.

Today 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. Today and our other drop-off day of October 9 are the only times that we can accept donations. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details about Toy Joy, including volunteer opportunities.

Be in prayer for the 15 people returning from the Wilderness Sunday School class retreat today, the 14 people going on the middle school retreat to Camp Caraway (leaving Friday and returning Sunday), and the seven people going to the Friends Camp at Camp Mundo Vista on Saturday and Sunday.

Church Conference: Wednesday, September 28, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:15pm, meeting at 6:15pm. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for Zoom link and documents.

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 September 28 is: baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and bread. Non-meat option: black bean burger; kids: pasta.

The new issue of our *First Foundations* magazine is currently available in the Lewis building lobby by the elevators as well as at both entrances of the sanctuary. You may also access all the issues of our magazines on the church website ([fbcraleigh.org](http://fbcraleigh.org)).

For our September mission project, we will collect candy that will be put in the stockings for Toy Joy. Bite-size chocolate and non-chocolate varieties are needed — *no Halloween-wrapped please*. Your donations may be placed in the drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby through the end of September.

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 22, we have received \$5,817.

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 below 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.



**Calendar Highlights**  
**September 25–October 2**

Sunday, September 25–Sunday, October 2

Family Promise Week

Sunday, September 25

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)  
Japanese worship (226)  
Worship prep class (231)
- 12:00 Toy Joy collection (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 26

- Clothing ministry closed (*until October 3*)
- 5:00 Deacons' meeting (301/222)
- 6:00 High school Bible study (Wade home)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, September 27

- 9:00 Clothing ministry small group (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, September 28

- 5:15 Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool suite/children's suite)  
Handbell choir rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, September 29

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:00 Thirty-Niners (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, September 30–Sunday, October 2

Middle school retreat (Camp Caraway)

Saturday, October 1 & Sunday, October 2

Friends Camp (Camp Mundo Vista)

Saturday, October 1

- 9:00 Historic Church Walk (sanctuary)

Sunday, October 2 *World Communion Sunday*

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (sanctuary & YouTube)  
Worship prep class (231)
- 12:15 Trustee meeting (conference room)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)