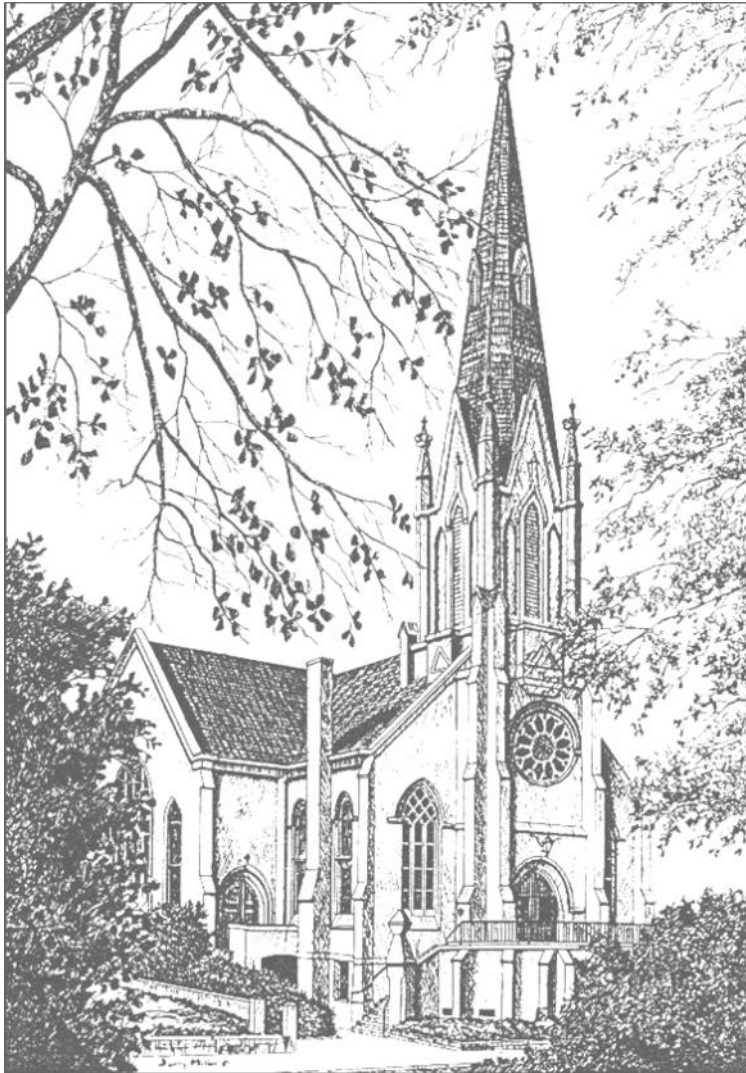


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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October 16, 2022

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: This time of year, it has been traditional for our first graders to receive Bibles after having spent several weeks learning about worship as they prepare to join us regularly. Fifth graders have served as mentors in our worship preparation class, assisting with learning centers and with leadership in this service. We continue all of these traditions with one adjustment today due to COVID. We present Bibles to first-through-third-graders, since we have not been able to do this the past two years. The lectionary reading from 2 Timothy provides a wonderful framework for our practice, as Paul counsels Timothy on the need for lifelong learning and the centrality of scripture in the process. Today's service as a whole is shaped by this central theme.

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Kristin Campbell, arr.

Beth McCollum, violin

The Introit

"Come One, Come All, Come Follow"
Philip Dietterich

Grade School Choir

Come one, come all, come follow the call
of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.
He'll teach you to walk, he'll teach you to talk.
(He'll teach you to work, he'll teach you to play.)
To share in his love every day.

LEADER: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God is Jesus and Jesus is God; God is more than what we can understand!

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God is the One who created us from ashes and dust and who forgives us when we make poor choices.

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God made the earth and space, the moon and the sun, the stars and constellations and everything in the whole entire universe — including every single person in the world!

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God made all the animals — including cats and dogs and birds like Peregrine Falcons.

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God gives us families to make us dinner and keep us safe; God gives us friends who help us out when we're hurt or sad or just want to play.

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

LEADER: God gives us Jesus to show us how to treat each other with love and kindness and patience.

PEOPLE: God's love never fails.

The Invocation

1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; mer - cy and
 2. He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the
 3. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; he bids the
 4. He sent His Son with power to save from guilt and
 5. Through this vast world he guides our feet, and leads us

truth are all his ways: won - ders of grace to
 star - ry lights on high: won - ders of grace to
 moon di - rect the night: his mer - cies ev - er
 dark - ness and the grave: won - ders of grace to
 to his heav - enly seat: his mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure, when this our world shall be no more.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, para. of Ps. 136
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
L.M.

The Presentation of Bibles

Jackson Bissette, Eller Collins, Meg Foster, Asher Helms, Brooks Joyce,
Olivia Kumah, Kinley Pegram, Crosby Rohrbaugh, Camden Sasser,
Hayes Strickland, Ellen Tennant, Elizabeth Yelverton

The Prayer of Blessing (unison)

Christopher Chapman

Loving God, we give thanks for the stories of faith we find in the Bible and for all who help us to understand these stories. We give thanks for the gift of children and the excitement they bring to every opportunity to learn. Bless these children as they seek to grow in faith. Guide our efforts as a church that we may prove faithful to our calling to tell the stories of our faith to our children and grandchildren. Grant us the grace to realize that we have as much to learn from children as we have to teach them. For we offer our prayer in the name of Jesus who welcomes children into his arms in love and says that to such as these belongs the kingdom of God, amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

Charles Blanchard, solo
Sanctuary Choir

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Amen.

Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874
Setting: Gilbert M. Martin, 1986

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Alice Strickland

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Catherine Yelverton

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

1. How sure the Scrip-tures are! God's vi - tal, ur - gent word, as
2. They test each hu - man thought, re - fin - ing like a fire; they
3. Let those who hear his voice con - front - ing them to - day, re -

true as steel, and far more sharp than an - y sword: so deep and
mea - sure what we ought to do and to de - sire: For God knows
ject the tempt - ing choice of doubt - ing or de - lay: For God speaks

fine, at his con - trol they pierce where soul and spir - it join.
all - ex - posed it lies be - fore his eyes to whom we call.
still - his word is clear, so let us hear and do his will!

WORDS: Christopher Idle, 1976
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
Words © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

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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.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Sanctuary Choir

C. Hubert H. Parry, REPTON

He comes to us as one unknown,
A breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
And thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon the inward eye,
A falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
The ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze,
A wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came
By flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame
A life, a death, a saving name,
For ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
Believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,
As yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Savior and our Lord.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1973
Musical Setting: John Ferguson, 1996

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Itching Ears, Jackrabbit Theology, and Genuine Faith”

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

“Your Words to Me Are Life and Health”

WINCHESTER OLD

**Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul;
enable, guide, and teach my heart
to reach its perfect goal!**

**Your words to me are light and truth;
from day to day they show
their wisdom, passing earthly lore,
as in their truth I grow.**

**Your words to me are full of joy,
of beauty, peace, and grace;
from them I learn your blessed will,
through them I see your face.**

**Your words you have fulfilled on earth,
yourself, the living Word;
within my heart your image print
in clearest lines, O Lord.**

Words: George Currie Martin, 1920, alt.
Music: Thomas Este's *Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

Christopher Chapman, Bella Kumah,
Alice Strickland, Catherine Yelverton

*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 in D”
Healey Willan

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The banner for today's worship service is sponsored by Jamie and Cara Lynn Vogel in celebration of their twentieth wedding anniversary on October 12. Their celebration is enriched by all the ways that this congregation has been a part of their journey.

The Deacon on Call is Leah Filomena. Leah was baptized at First Baptist in 1997 and was a member until she left for school in 2006, returning in 2011. She is a member of the Grains of Sand class. She and her husband Tony have two children, Evie and Anthony.

Assisting with handing out Bibles is Lucy Willis. Our Call to Worship, fashioned loosely after Psalm 136, was written collectively by our Worship Preparation class.

Deacon elections are happening now through 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 19, meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm.

Continuing the theme of *Communicating Faithfully in a Divided World*, Dr. Chris Chapman will conclude his program entitled "Creating Safe Space for Challenging Conversations." The program is based on work he has done with faculty and practitioners in the field of pastoral care to nurture a healthier environment for civil discourse in congregations and faith communities.

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). The menu for October 12 is: chicken and pastry with cabbage and glazed carrots; non-meat option: mock chicken and pastry; kids: pizza rolls.

Theology on Tap will meet on Thursday, October 20, at Clouds Brewing (126 N West St), starting at 6pm. Join in for dinner, drinks, and good conversation!

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.



Sign up to volunteer for Toy Joy (Saturday, November 12) at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094facaf2ba3fe3-toyjoy5>. For more information, see the *Rose Window Weekly* or contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com, m: 919-986-9465, or h: 919-782-7491).

Our NC Mission Offering helps fund non-profit organizations doing work and providing services primarily in North Carolina. Through the generosity of FBC members, we have already received \$1,762 toward our goal of \$10,000.

Calendar Highlights October 16–23

Sunday, October 16

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Bible presentation (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 4:00 Youth handbells (302)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, October 17

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:00 High school Bible study (Wade home)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, October 18

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:00 Ordination Council meeting for Michael Hood (conference room)

Wednesday, October 19

- 12:00 WMU Toy Joy activities (Fellowship Hall)
- 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 20

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Clouds Brewing, 126 N. West Street)

Sunday, October 23

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Baby Dedication (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (Fellowship Hall/Zoom)
- 3:00 Fall Festival (Optimist Farm)

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