

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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March 31, 2024

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EASTER

March 31, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for us — the triumph of life over death, love over fear, hope over despair. We read stories that point to the Good News and reflect on the experience of early followers of Jesus who are at first consumed by fear and amazement. We linger with them over the unsettling aspect of this experience, realizing that the shocking nature of resurrection and its transformative power are inextricably linked. And on this day of all days, theology leads to doxology, our reflection leads to glorious songs of praise and adoration. Christ is risen, risen indeed, and because he is, nothing will ever be the same.

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

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
Calvin Hampton

Maureen Howell

The Introit

“An Easter Chant”
Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

The Call to Worship

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Hymn of Praise, 234 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

*The Invocation

The Response

“An Easter Greeting”

Sanctuary Choir

Martin How

Wyatt Yelverton, solo

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, tell it with a cheerful voice,
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Alleluia, alleluia, death is conquered, we are free,
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Christ has won the victory.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive:
I know that my redeemer liveth: The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed.

Words: Cecil Francis Alexander, 1846
with verses from 1 Corinthians, Book of Job

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 25:6–9

Derek Foster

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



Celtic Alleluia
Finton O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, 1985

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 Hymn of Devotion, 678

PROMISE

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Sanctuary Choir

Daniel Kallman, arr.

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the joys of heaven,
Thou the only Savior art.
To serve thee ever, forsake thee never,
We bow before thee, love and adore thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In him is gladness, gone is all sadness,
He who once was dead is raised.
Jesus is giving life to the living.
Now and ever let him be praised!
Here where they laid him, death has not stay'd him.
The tomb once somber holds him no longer.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now is the story of Easter glory
Sung with glad voices, the world rejoices.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindermann, alt. 1598
translated: C. Winkworth, 1858, and C. Kallman, 1992
Music: Giovanni Gastoldi, 1594

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Shocking, Laughable, and Transformative”

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, 243

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

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

“Toccata” from *Symphony V*
Charles-Marie Widor

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Derek Foster. A 23-year member, Derek is a co-teacher for the Grades 3–5 Sunday School class and a member of The Journey class. Derek and his wife Jen, have three children: Jay, Luke, and Meg.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Burke and Pauline Koonce, Calvin and Mary Grady Koonce, and Marvin and Ann Koonce by Vic and Mary Grady Bell and Battle and Kathryn Koonce.

A decorative border at the top of the page features a repeating pattern of light-colored, stylized flowers and leaves, possibly lilies or similar spring blooms, arranged in a slightly curved, vine-like fashion.

Easter Gifts

IN HONOR OF:

Bonnie Baker, by Linda Sears

Annette Barnes, by Mike and Paula Barnes

Gladys Beane, by Beth Cockman-Wood

Carol Blanchard and Sabrina Tyndall, by Bobby and Nancy Phillips

Nick, Lauren, Caroline, and Savannah Bradley, by Shirley and John Hobson

Caroline and Savannah Bradley, by their parents

Carolyn Crutchfield, by the Hager family

The FBC homebound members, by Lynn and Bill Loomis

Greg Flowers, by Marchelle Flowers

Joan Hobson, by Shirley and John Hobson

Mimi and G-Daddy, by Caroline and Savannah

Lou and Don Kline, by Frances Shell

All of their children and grandchildren, by Lynn and Bill Loomis

Burgess Marshbanks, by Lynn and Alice Marshbanks

Irene Morgan, by Lynn and Bill Loomis

Sonia Moore, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers

Their teachers, by the John Hiott Fellowship class

IN MEMORY OF:

Christy Alston, by Linda Roberts

Maurice Baker, by Linda Sears

Doris Baldwin, by Max Baldwin and family

George Barnes, by Annette Barnes

George Barnes, by Mike and Paula Barnes

Lacy Beane, by Beth Cockman-Wood

Jerry Blanchard, Sr. (Granddaddy), by the Blanchards

Blayne Brown, by Jess and Chase Helms

Jodi Canady, by Shirley and John Hobson

Lenica Cela, by the Cela family

Jim Clary and their parents, by Margaret Clary

Corbin Cooper and Nelson Cooper, by Joan Cooper

Glenn Davis (Daddy), by Lindsey and Brantley Blanchard, Jr.

Mike Dodd, by Jess and Chase Helms

Mike Dodd, by Bobby and Nancy Phillips

Frances Evans, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers

Bob and Nancy Jo Fleming, by Lauren Bradley

HF, Ginny, and Forest Flowers, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers

Polly Garrard, better known as "Good," by Lauren Bradley

Pauline Wilkins Garrard, Sam Garrard, and John Wilkins, by Shirley and John Hobson

Rev. Joy Hager and Dr. Graham Crutchfield, by the Hager family

Anna Helms, by Jess and Chase Helms

Edward Hobson, by Shirley and John Hobson

Andrew Austin Howell, by Warren and Maureen Howell

Her parents, Ernie and Mary Frances Johnson, by Emily Johnson

Anesti Kovaci, Vangjeli Kovaci, and Sotir Kovaci, by the Cela family

Jennifer Lane, by Lynn and Bill Loomis

Scott Lingafelt, by Jess and Chase Helms
Mary Jane Marshbanks, by Lynn and Alice Marshbanks
Kathy Mincey, by Dan Roberts
Fannie Memory Mitchell, by Anne and Matt Bullard
Fannie Memory Mitchell, by Lynn and Bill Loomis
Dick Moore, by Greg and Marchelle Flowers
Joe Overman (Papa), by the Blanchards
Durwood Pegram, by Jess and Chase Helms
Gaston and Agnes Perry, by Walter Perry
Her uncle, Uriel O. Powell, by Mary Frances Ellington
Howard Shell, by Frances Shell
Elmore Snead, by Brenda Snead
Alice and George Tunstall, by Anne Tunstall
Their teachers, by the John Hiott Fellowship class
Marianne Webb, by Joe Webb
Evelyn and Wilton Wheeley, by Lynn and Bill Loomis
Andy Wilson, by Jess and Chase Helms
Her sister, Becky Wines, by Emily Johnson
Harold Yelverton, by Jess and Chase Helms



Sympathy to Pat Simpson on the March 28 death of his wife June Cheek.

You are invited to take a walk down our block of Edenton Street to experience the *Stations of the Resurrection* by artist Scott Erikson. This art show will be showcased on the side of our building through tomorrow. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 3; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm.

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). On April 3, we have pizza.

Please keep the 15 people going on the high school retreat to Christmount in Black Mountain in your prayers. They leave Friday, April 5, and return Sunday, April 7.

Mark your calendar for the following 2024 dates for church conference: April 24, May 22, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider your support of these missionaries. So far, we have received \$10,497.

Diaper changing stations are located in the men's and women's bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

Due to the high use of the WiFi at the church, we have established a guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.



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

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



Calendar Highlights • March 31–April 7

Sunday, March 31 *Easter*

- 6:30 Easter Sunrise Service (Capitol Grounds — music begins at 6:20)
- 9:30 JBC worship and Easter reception (301/302)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)

Monday, April 1

- Clothing ministry closed
- 10:30 Clothing ministry volunteer gathering (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven (302)

Tuesday, April 2

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 6:00 Properties Committee meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 3

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)

Thursday, April 4

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Friday, April 5–Sunday, April 7

High school retreat (Christmount, Black Mountain)

Sunday, April 7

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

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