

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, part of a season in which we celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection and reflect on its implications for us. We consider a different interpretation of the traditional reading from John in which Thomas moves from doubt to faith. Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds. How might we touch the wounds of Christ today? As we reflect on this question, we are grateful for the leadership of Music Made in Heaven, a handbell ensemble whose purpose is to address deep woundedness and respond with beauty and joy. We conclude worship with the celebration of communion, a meal where we are all invited to bring our wounds and seek healing.

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### 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

"Prelude on Herzliebster Jesu"

Music Made in Heaven

Fred Gramann, arr.

Barbara Marley, dir.

## The Call to Worship

LEADER: How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

**PEOPLE: Alleluia! Christ is among us.**

LEADER: The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

**PEOPLE: Alleluia! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.**

## The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 254

ODE TO JOY

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Lynn Marshbanks

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading

1 John 1:1–2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



Celtic Alleluia

Finton O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, 1985

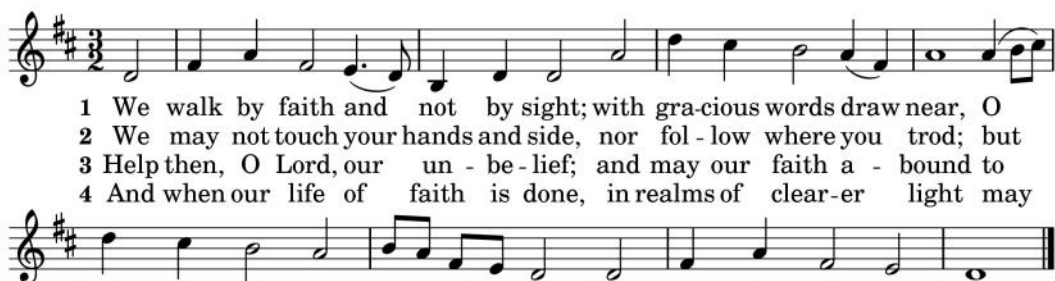
The Lord's Prayer

**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

DUNLAP'S CREEK

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gra-cious words draw near, O  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor fol-low where you trod; but  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound to  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light may



Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
in your prom-ise we re-joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.  
we be-hold you as you are, with full and end-less sight.

Words: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.,  
Music: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814;  
harm. Richard Purvis, 1986

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken      “Called Home to Heaven”

Fred Gramann, arr.

The Cup Is Shared      “Reflections of Peace”

Jason Krug, arr.

### 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, 777

“The Lord Is Here!”

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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

“Concerto No. 6 in d minor”

Kelly Grooms

Johann Gottfried Walther

\*The congregation may stand.

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## *A Unique Community Handbell Ensemble*

Music is one of the most universal means of expression and an ongoing link to the memory of loved ones. In honor and remembrance of their children who passed away, a group of parents created a handbell choir in 2004 as a continuing expression of their love for God and their joy in the gift of these children.

Our handbells are individually donated and carry a child's name and unique inscription created by the parents in each handle. Some of the current ringers are parents or relatives of these children.

The music played by the bells representing our children is unlike any other — it is a beautiful contribution the children are continuing to make to the world each time we ring. From this symbolism comes the name of the ensemble:

### *Music Made in Heaven Ringers:*

Ann Lowe Vodicka   Tammy Hammer   Sabrina Tyndall

Joanne Glassford   Dee Munro   Phil Herold

Betty Godwin   Amber Hitchcock   Sterling Smith

Cyndi Peterik   Karen Schreiner   Jean Cobb

Patricia Smith   Elizabeth Barnes

Barbara Marley, Director



## *Our Children*

Haywood Griffin Alexander, Jr.	Suzie Jones	Shae Marie Tomlin
George Morris Ashcraft	David Michael Kosturko	Donna Lynn Crocker Toms
Brenda B. Bailey	Matthew William Lee	Mark Adam Tucker
Joy Wagner Bailey	Natalie Jean Lippard	Sarah Abigail Tyndall
Baby Barham	Jaime McSpadden	Kathryn Elaine Waters
Janet Logan Barnes	Nicolas McSpadden	Amy Kirsten Whiteman
Steven Harris Bergman	Eric Thomas Metcalf	Malia Scott Winberry
Janet Faith Briggs	Nicholas Joseph Miracola	Ben Woodruff
Tammy Briggs	Carol Cope Myers	The Sandy Hook Community
Blayne Brown	Dana Nelson	
Bryan Brown	Sean Hugh O'Donnell	
Bethany Rush Cartledge	Alexandra Caroline Paccone	
Robin B. Conrad	Derek Wallace Pearson	
Jimmy Dickinson	Jill Perlette	
Jackson Todd Dixon	Baby Piepho	
Sarah Carlyle Herbert Dorroh	Carol Jean Pigott	
Jasmine Dominique Douglas	Martha Robertson Powell	
Robert Cording Dower	Amanda Quick	
Annie Shea Eaton	Baby John Parker Shell	
Macy Wray Erickson	Mark Edward Simpson	
D. Gordon Freeman, Jr.	Lacy Sheppard Skirvin	
Nick Galanos	Preston Ray Skirvin	
Julie Ann Glassford	Amanda Paige Smith	
Thomas Richard Glassford	Charles Harrison Smith, III	
Corey Chapman Haddon	Eric Scott Smith	
Lisa Permar Ham	Joseph Drew Smith	
Tara Bliss Hatley	Paul Michael Spampinato	
Meredith Lee Herold	Larry E. Stafford	
Robert Tomlinson Hill	Andrew Achilles Stratas	
Kristin Suzanne Jones	Lauren A. Thompson	

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The Deacon on Call is Lynn Marshbanks. A member of First Baptist for 35 years, Lynn is a member of the Sharing Thoughts class and the Evening Handbell Choir. Lynn and her husband, David Kelley, have three children, Anna, Jonathan, and Jane.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddrey by their children and wives, Charles and Rose Maddrey and Joseph and Libby Maddrey.

We welcome our guest organist today. Kelly Grooms of Grooms & Payne Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd., of Louisa, VA, has been servicing our organ for close to 20 years.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 10; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This week: J. Dana Trent, professor, award-winning spirituality author, minister, and graduate of Duke Divinity School who teaches world religions and critical thinking at Wake Technical Community College. She will speak about her most recent book, *Between Two Trailers: A Memoir* (foreword by Barbara Brown Taylor), which goes on sale April 16.

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 on April 10 is: shrimp and grits with vegetable medley; non-meat option: mock shrimp and grits; kids: pizza rolls.

Please keep the 15 people returning today from the high school retreat in Black Mountain in your prayers.

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 \$10,872.

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.

## **Calendar Highlights • April 7–14**

### **Sunday, April 7**

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

### **Monday, April 8**

- Clothing ministry open
- 5:30 Dream Team (110)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven (302)

### **Tuesday, April 9**

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

### **Wednesday, April 10**

- 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)  
Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/S)

### **Thursday, April 11**

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


### **Sunday, April 14**

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/baptism (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

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.

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



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