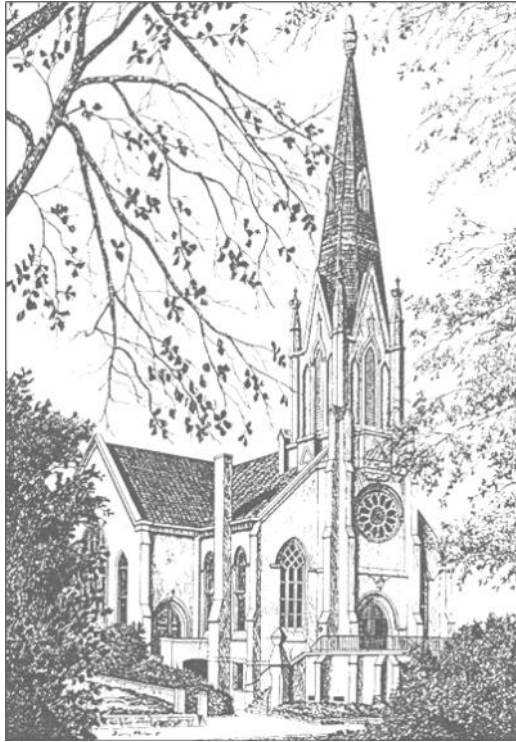


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 2, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Graduation Sunday! Each year, as our high school seniors step into graduation, we are blessed with an opportunity to be led in worship by them. This class of students is remarkably talented in a myriad of ways. Nearly every element of today's worship was shaped by them and shaped around a message within their hearts. Today's worship reminds us that God is always reaching out to us, through our lives, our scriptures, our communities, and even in the unexpected places. As you listen and participate in worship with this year's senior class, their hope is for you to sense God's presence reaching out to you, and to inspire you to reach out too.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Welcome and Announcements

Michael Hood

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

Maureen Howell

"Processional on *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"
Martin Shaw

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Call to Worship from Psalm 145:17-21 Michael Hood

LEADER: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

PEOPLE: **The lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

LEADER: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

PEOPLE: **The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

ALL: **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*The Hymn of Praise and Procession, 77 LOBE DEN HERREN
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Invocation David Barham

The Anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Youth Choir
Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd who restores my life,
Leads me in the paths of righteousness
For the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil, for you are with me,
Your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life and in the house of my God
I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

Psalm 23 paraphrase

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: ²Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: ³Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. ⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defense against the siege-ramps and before the sword: ⁵The Chaldeans are coming in to fight and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. ⁶I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. ⁷I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. ⁸I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. ⁹And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

David Barham

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Third Reflection

Riley Galvan

The Musical Reflection

“Be Thou My Vision”
John Purifoy, arr.

Will Mercer, bass guitar

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response

Nathan Sasser

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 Parting Litany

Michael Hood

LEADER: O Christ, you are within each of us. It is not just the interior of these walls; it is our own inner being you have renewed. We are your temple not made with human hands; we are your body.

GRADUATES: *If every wall should crumble, and every church decay, we are your habitation.*

LEADER: Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Ours are the eyes which you, in the mystery, look out with compassion on the world.

GRADUATES: *So we bless You for this place, for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, your presence among us.*

LEADER: Take them outside, O Christ, outside holiness, to where nations clash at the crossroads of the world.

GRADUATES: *So shall this building continue to be justified; and your people find cause to bless your name.*

CONGREGATION: **God guide your feet and minds today, may you travel safely and find companions on the way.**

GRADUATES: *God be in your hands and hearts today when you wave goodbye and prepare to welcome others.*

CONGREGATION: **God be in your lives as you travel on and at your homecoming.**

GRADUATES: *God be with you always, constant companion, guardian, friend and guide.*

ALL: *May God's blessing be ours on our pilgrim way, all the nights and days of our journey home.*

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.

Verses



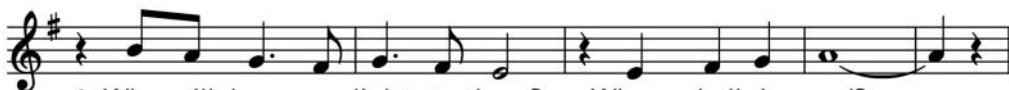
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Words and Music: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Blessing

“May the Peace of the Lord”

Youth Choir

Douglas Wagner

Rhonda Lowe, piano

May the peace of the Lord go always with you;
may the light of his love shine bright.
May the peace of the Lord glow warm within you,
and go with you, from this place.
And the peace of the Lord goes on and on,
Take the peace of the Lord and give it freely
to the young, the rich, and poor.
Take the peace of the Lord and give it freely
and it will come back to you.
And the peace of the Lord goes on and on.

The Benediction

Graduates

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

*The congregation may stand.

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THE GRADUATES



Savannah Grace Bacon
Cleveland HS



David Carlos Barham
Sanderson HS



Riley James Galvan
Broughton HS



Reid Walden Goodwin
Grace Christian School



Tyler Andrew Jones
Cary HS



William Caden Mercer
Clayton HS



Jack Michael Puryear
Enloe HS



Nathan Edward Sasser
Broughton HS

The Deacon on Call is LaCount Anderson. A first-term deacon, LaCount has been a member of First Baptist since January 2022 and serves as the chair of the Denominational Relations Committee. He is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and has designed artwork for several of our service bulletins. He and his wife Anna live in Rocky Mount and have a grown daughter, Leah Reed, and a grandson, Jennings.

The sanctuary flowers are given for today's worship service in honor of our 2024 high school graduates.

Our thanks go out to the 2023-24 Youth Choir leaders, Rhonda Lowe and Wyatt Yelverton.

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.

After church today, the ministers will leave for a staff retreat in Arapahoe and will be gone through tomorrow, June 3. Should you need to contact any of them, please call the church office.

The church has obtained several copies of Glenn Jonas' book, *Nurturing the Vision: First Baptist Church 1812-2012* and is offering it for sale for \$6. Make your check payable to FBC, noting on the memo line "FBC History," or purchase it on the kiosk or the church website.

CBF General Assembly is in Greensboro this year, June 19–21. This summer, we will *re:imagine* as we live out our faith through our unique Baptist identity, and together, we'll consider transformation through imagination. See more details and go to cbf.net/general-assembly to register.


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 the 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.

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



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

Calendar Highlights • June 2–9

Sunday, June 2 *Graduation Sunday*

- 8:00 Graduates' breakfast (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)

Sunday, June 2, and Monday, June 3

Ministerial retreat

Monday, June 3

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

Tuesday, June 4

- 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)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven board meeting (conference room)

Thursday, June 6

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, June 9

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)

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A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.