

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Pentecost, the day the Spirit is poured out in full and the church is born. It is a day of mystery and purpose, as the Spirit is ever more than we can comprehend yet also always offering guidance and strength. We reflect on mystery and purpose today, we sing praises to God who is with us in Spirit, and we experience the purposeful mystery by hearing part of the reading from Acts in multiple languages.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

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

"This Little Light of Mine"
Hart Morris, arr.

Evening Bells
Anna Anderson, dir.

The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 104

LEADER: O Lord, send forth your spirit, create and renew us.

PEOPLE: Come as the wind and move us;

LEADER: Come as the fire and refine us;

PEOPLE: Come as the dew and refresh us;

LEADER: Come as Christ and redeem us;

PEOPLE: Come as God and transform us.

LEADER: O Lord, send forth your spirit, create and renew us.

PEOPLE: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

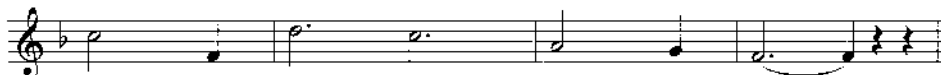
LAUDS



1. There's a Spir - it in the air,	Tell - ing Chris - tians
2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue;	Tell the world what
3. When be - liev - ers break the bread,	When a hun - gry
4. Still his Spir - it leads the fight,	See - ing wrong and
5. When a stran - ger's not a - lone,	Where the home - less



ev - 'ry - where,	“Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
God has done:	God in Christ has come to stay,
child is fed:	Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
set - ting right:	God in Christ has come to stay,
find a home,	Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,



Liv - ing, work - ing	in our world.”
We can see his pow'r	to - day.
Liv - ing, work - ing	in our world.
We can see his pow'r	to - day.
Liv - ing, work - ing	in our world.

6. May his Spirit fill our praise,
 Guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay,
 We can see his pow'r today.

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
 Calling people ev'rywhere;
 Praise the love that Christ revealed;
 Living, working in our world.

Words: Brian Wren
 Music: John W. Wilson

The Anthem

“Feel Good”

Youth Choir

Barbara Baker, arr.

Will Mercer, bass

Feelin' good, feelin' good.
 I've got love in my heart and my soul and I feel good.
 There's joy down in my soul I can't explain,
 Oh, I got to tell everybody I feel good.
 Why don't you try love just for yourself?
 If you do, you won't need nothing else.
 Gives you power like he said it would.
 Oh, I got to tell everybody I feel good.

Words and Music: Craig Tyson and Leonard Scott

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 2:1–21

Robbie Puckett

Azamat Allaiarov (Bashkir), Artenida Cela (Albanian),
Rose Dammann (German), Dennis Ellis (Spanish),
Barry Jones (Hebrew), Divine Kumah (Twi), Erika Kumah (Japanese),
Ebele Saint Louis (Igbo), and Mary Tetro (Italian)

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Reflection

“If You Believe and I Believe”

Zimbabwean traditional

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve And we to-geth-er pray. The Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo-ple free. And set God's peo-ple free. And set God's peo - ple free: The Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free."

Words: Zimbabwean trad. Music: Zimbabwean adaptation of traditional English folk melody, John L. Bell, arr.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:22–27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

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

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Maureen Howell

Marianne Kim, arr.

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Robbie Puckett. A 41-year member, Robbie serves as the leader of WMU Group Seven and is a member and the co-president of the John Hiott Fellowship Sunday School class. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Our offering helpers are Raelyn and Will Sidner, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

Today's flowers are given to celebrate Pentecost by Bob and Mary Powell Rhodes.

The bulletin cover art is by LaCount Anderson.

On May 20–22, FBC will host the May joint meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, the Baptist History & Heritage Society, and the Association of Ministry Guidance Professionals.

Class of 2024, congratulations! If you are graduating from college, email Jennie Herrick (jherrick@fbcraleigh.org) with the following information for our church's publications: graduate's name, college, degree, and your relationship to the graduate, and any family connections within our church. Please note that the link to Jennie's email address in the *Rose Window Weekly* was incorrect, so if you had tried to send information that way, it may not have reached her and you will need to resend it.

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming release of the 2024 FBC pictorial directory! Sign-up sheets for photo sessions will be in the Lewis Lobby after worship on Sundays and on Wednesday nights, or you may call or text Diane Ellis to make an appointment: 919-610-6606, or sign up via this Google link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4CA8AE28ABFDC61-49292971-directory>. Pictures will be taken in room 224 and the last day for sittings is May 22. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

Church conference: Wednesday, May 22; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and meeting at 6:15pm, in person and via Zoom (link and documents may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*).

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 on May 22 is: sweet and sour meatballs with rice and broccoli; non-meat option: veggie meatballs; kids: buttered noodles.

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, VANCO Faith, and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

Calendar Highlights • May 19–26

Sunday, May 19 *Pentecost*

- 8:30 Directory photo session (224)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 2:00 Music Made in Heaven concert and reception (fellowship hall)
- 5:30 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

Monday, May 20

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven (302)

Tuesday, May 21

- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 5:00 Church council (Zoom)
Directory photo session (224)

Wednesday, May 22

- 12:00 Directory photo session (224)
- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 6:15 Church conference (fellowship hall)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/S)

Thursday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 26

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

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