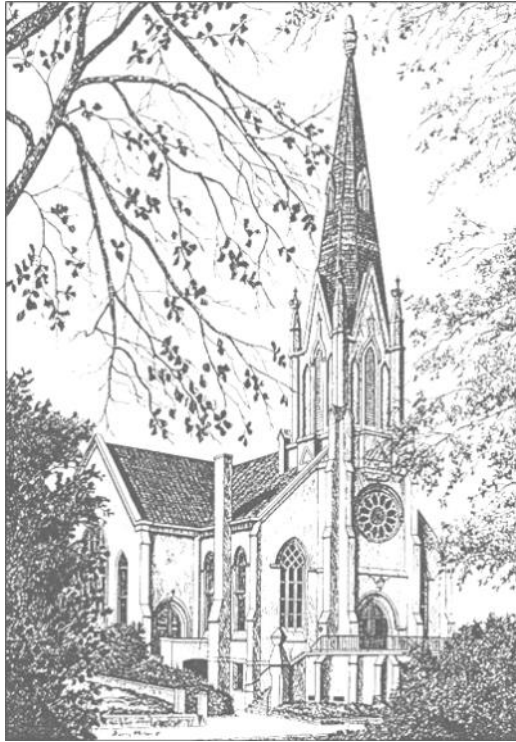


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, part of a season in which we consider different ways to grow in Christ. We continue with readings from 1 Samuel, 2 Corinthians, and Mark, each of which offers insight into how growth takes place in God's realm. Israel finds a new leader in David; Paul writes to the church in Corinth about what encourages him in the face of hardship, the love of Christ; and Jesus tells parables, comparing God's realm to a farmer's work and a mustard seed. We sing songs of praise to the God who shapes such a realm, and we pray for a world that needs the qualities of this realm (love, justice, peace, and joy). The sermon explores the encouragement Paul says he finds in Christ, and we conclude with the dedication of our gifts and lives, indeed, all that we have and are, the natural response to the love we have known.

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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

"Andante cantabile"  
Robert J. Powell

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 20

LEADER: Some look to technology or power to bring them salvation,

**PEOPLE: but we look to God.**

LEADER: Some look to quantity or efficiency as signs of success,

**PEOPLE: but we look to God.**

LEADER: For you, O God, have made us whole.

**PEOPLE: At the works of your hands we sing for joy!**

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 21

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD

The Anthem

“Cry Out and Shout!”

Sanctuary Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

Cry out and shout for joy, all people of the earth;  
Sing to the Lord for He has prospered, cry out and shout for joy!  
Behold, God is my salvation, I'll not be afraid, no, I'll trust in his word.  
He shall my hope and my strength be forever, shall be salvation.  
Shout to God, all people sing, for our Lord has done wondrous things;  
Men and women, old and young, over all the earth, Let his name be praised!  
From the wells of salvation, water shall we draw; Alleluia.  
Therefore, with joy, praise the name of the Lord our God.

Adapted from Isaiah 12

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Tyson Graves

<sup>34</sup>Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>6</sup>We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Words: Taizé Community  
 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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

Mark 4:26–34

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 712

HANOVER

“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“The Love of Christ Urges Us On”

### 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, 612

FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation”

\*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Aria”  
John S. Dixon

Maureen Howell

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

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

“Fantasy-Toccatà on FOUNDATION”  
Alice Jordan

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Tyson Graves. A 34-year member, Tyson is a member of The Journey Sunday School class. He and his wife Ginger have one son, Zachary, and a grandson, Owen.

The sanctuary flowers are in memory of William “Bill” M. Lewis, a wonderful husband and father. This donation is given by his wife, Marie, and family.

Our offering helper is Camden Sasser, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

Please keep the 12 youth and chaperones going to New York City and the 10 youth and chaperones going to Charlotte for Youth Missions Week in your prayers. They will be gone through Friday, June 21.

If you will be attending the CBF General Assembly this week, our congregation will be sponsoring a table at the Baptist Women in Ministry luncheon on Friday, June 21, from 11:30am–1pm at the Koury Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Angela Denker (author of *Red State Christians: A Journey into White Christian Nationalism and the Wreckage It Leaves*), who will share her invaluable insights into the intersection of Christian nationalism and gender dynamics. She will specifically focus on the recent efforts made by the Southern Baptist Convention to disfellowship churches with female pastors, and how this reflects the broader influence of Christian nationalism on gender within our Baptist community. There are limited seats available, so email Leah Reed ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)) with your interest.

Help out the FBC youth by donating a breakfast snack this summer! Grab a box of granola bars, pastries, Pop-Tarts, or something similar and leave it in the Lewis Lobby or near the elevator on the second and third floors.

Intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be in the evenings the week of July 28-August 1 and we hope everyone will join us, babies through adults! See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and a link to a fillable registration form. The deadline is July 7, but register now before your favorite electives fill up! Contact Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org)) with any questions.

We are looking for an assistant for our youngest choir for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please email Lynn Loomis ([lynn.loomis@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.loomis@gmail.com)) or Warren Howell ([whowell@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:whowell@fbcraleigh.org)).

Our June Mission Project will support Welcome House as they provide a safe place and welcome to refugees arriving in our community. Place your donations in the marked drawer in the Lewis lobby. The following items are needed: paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap (individual bottles), toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine pads, shampoo, conditioner, and laundry detergent.

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.


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 16–23**

### **Sunday, June 16 – Friday, June 21**

Youth Missions Week (New York City and Charlotte)

### **Sunday, June 16**

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

### **Monday, June 17**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

### **Tuesday, June 18**

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

### **Thursday, June 20**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 23**

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

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