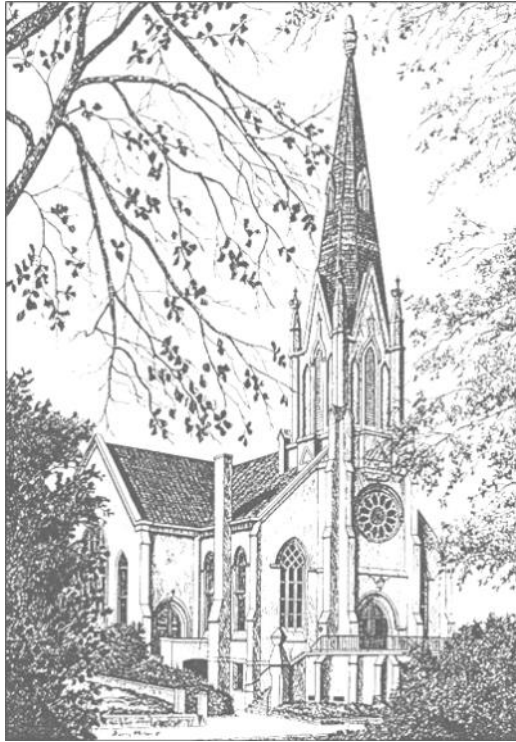


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, a season in which we reflect on our calling to grow as individuals and as a community of faith. Thus, we wear our green community stoles, assembled by church members using materials contributed by church members. The color green provides a symbol of growth, and these particular stoles offer a sign of who we are as a community, one where each of us shapes who we are together. The nature of Christian community is the focus of this service as we explore the reading from 2 Corinthians in which the Apostle Paul reflects upon his relationship with the Church in Corinth, lift up prayers for the beloved community, and sing praises to the God whose nature and calling is love.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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

"The New Commonwealth"  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship and Invocation

LEADER: We come together to worship God singing Alleluia!

PEOPLE: **We gather with hearts ready for the truth of God's word.**

LEADER: We gather with souls hungry for the joy of community.

PEOPLE: **We gather with minds searching for the peace of presence.**

LEADER: We lift our voices in prayer:

**ALL: Saving God, entering the flood and storm  
of chaos and confusion:  
speak peace to our fearful hearts  
that we might find our faith  
in the One whose word  
brings rest to all creation;  
through Jesus Christ,  
lord of wind and wave. Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise, 377

KREMSER

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Psalms 133

Nancye Gaj

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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 Anthem

"I Will Sing with the Spirit"  
John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia.  
And I will sing with the understanding, also.

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 14:15

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 358

MELITA

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Returning to the Themes of Relationships and Community"

## 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, 708

DENNIS

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

## 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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Maureen Howell

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\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Nancye Gaj. A 19-year member, Nancye is the church treasurer, a member of the Sanctuary choir, a member of the Hospitality Committee, a member of the Dream Team, and a teacher of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. Nancye has a grown son, Carter .

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Dick and in honor of Sonia Moore by their children in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Our acolytes today are Kinley Pegram and Remi Phillips.

Please keep the seven people who have gone to El Carrizo, Honduras, on a mission trip in your prayers.

We need more volunteers to work in the church office performing receptionist functions, answering the phone, and responding to people who buzz at the door. If you have an interest or questions about the role, please contact Jennie Herrick at [jherrick@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jherrick@fbcraleigh.org), call the office at 919-832-4485, or stop by the office. We deeply appreciate your consideration of this important role.

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.

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 23–30**

### **Sunday, June 23**

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

### **Monday, June 24**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, June 25**

- 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 27**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 30**

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

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