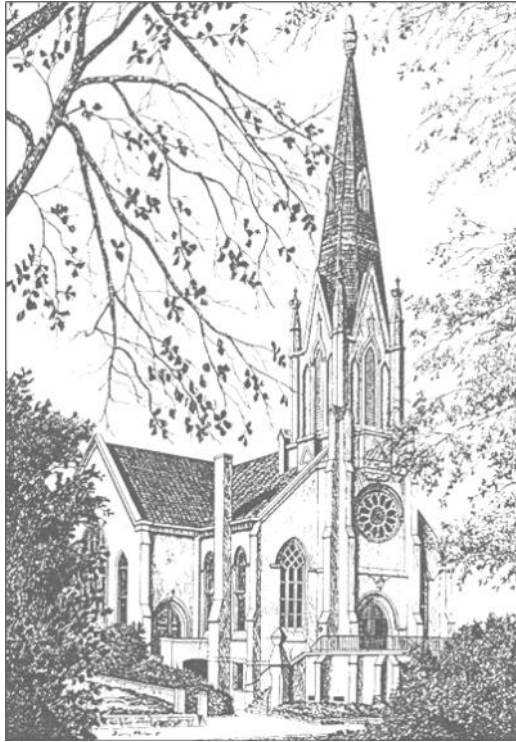


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost, a season in which we explore different dimensions of spiritual growth. Thus, we wear green stoles, and because growth is not just an individual calling but a shared challenge, we wear our community stoles. They were assembled by church members, using materials contributed by church members. They present a sign of the way our shared life creates a majestic artwork that depends on each of us contributing something. The sermon today explores the link between our community and the ancient covenant community described in 1 Samuel 8. Despite the distance in time and culture, we have much in common with our forebears. We celebrate the continuity of God's family with the sharing of communion.

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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

"I Come with Joy"  
David M. Cherwien

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 138

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

PEOPLE: **On the day I called, you answered me.**

LEADER: God's steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 5

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

1 Samuel 8:4–11, 16–20

Linda Roberts

<sup>4</sup>All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, <sup>7</sup>and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

<sup>10</sup>So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; <sup>16</sup>He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, <sup>20</sup>so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Response

O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

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 Anthem

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Sanctuary Choir

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit. Many songs, one voice.  
Many reasons, one promise. Many questions, one choice.  
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.  
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.  
O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways,  
we are walking to your throne.  
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand  
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.  
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul  
into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord. Make us whole.

Words: Allen Pote, 1986

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion

“Your Voice Can Sing”

FOREST GREEN

**Your voice can sing a heartfelt hymn and chant a psalm alone.  
Your voice can sigh a deep lament or shape a wordless groan.  
One voice may bear a melody, but gather two or three,  
and Christ is in the midst of us to teach us harmony.**

**Your hands can grow and gather wheat or tend a fruitful vine.  
Your hands can shape a loaf of bread and pour a cup of wine.  
One person’s hands may make a meal, but offer guests a place,  
and Christ is in the midst of us to circle us with grace.**

**Your eyes can read the scripture’s words and see the story’s scope.  
Your eyes can scan the Bible’s breadth to finds its words of hope.  
One person’s eyes may see in part, but join to read with friends,  
and Christ is in the midst of us; the living Word God sends.**

**With God, our varied parts become one body, joined in praise.  
With God, we seek the paths of peace and walk in holy ways.  
And as we find new harmony, we join the growing throng,  
for Christ is in the midst of us and fills the world with song.**

Words: Adam M.L. Tice, 1979  
Music: English Traditional

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“(Surprising) Insight and Encouragement”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 768

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

## 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”  
Jacob B. Weber

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Linda Roberts. A twenty-five year member of First Baptist, Linda has served on committees, mission trips, and other volunteer positions in the church during this time. Linda is married to Dan Roberts and is the mother of three children, Todd, David, and Christy (1970-2016). She has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The sanctuary flowers are gratefully given in loving memory of O. H. and Madge Dillard by their family.

We have an opening for flowers or a banner on Sunday, June 30. If you or your Sunday School class is interested, please contact Myra Brickell (919-812-6680 or [myrabrickell@gmail.com](mailto:myrabrickell@gmail.com)).

Our June Mission Project will support Welcome House as they provide a safe place and welcome to refugees arriving in our community. Please bring your donations any time during June, and place them 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. Also, Welcome House will celebrate World Refugee Day on June 8 at Moore Square Park from 4-7pm. Come celebrate and meet new friends!

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](http://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 9–16

### Sunday, June 9

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

### Monday, June 10

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

### Tuesday, June 11

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

### Wednesday, June 12

- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### Thursday, June 13

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:00 Thirty-Niners' road trip (Duplin Winery, Rosehill)

### Sunday, June 16

- 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.*