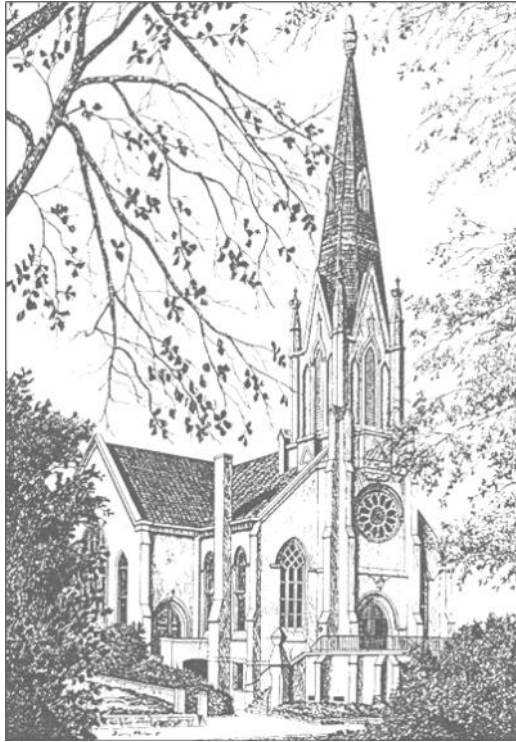


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, a season where we reflect on the Spirit of God empowering and emboldening the Church to be the Body of Christ in the world. The Gospel lesson from Mark 6 underlines the importance of rest in a culture of busyness and hustle. It conveys the idea that each of us, being made in the image of God, longs for and merits peace for our body, mind, and soul. We're reminded that despite life's constant demands, no one should carry the world's weight alone. These words spark a shared belief in creating personal and communal rhythms of rest where we take care of one another and break down oppressive systems that discourage balance. We're reminded to trust that the work of Christ goes on with or without us.

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

"Chorale Prelude on DOWN AMPNEY"
Herbert Sumsion

Eddie Abernathy

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Let us worship God.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us gather as one people,

LEADER: reconciled and united into one family tree.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us retell the stories of our faith,

LEADER: the rich history of God's faithful promises and covenants.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us bring our joys and sorrows, our dreams and disappointments

LEADER: to the compassionate Shepherd, who is our companion and guide.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us offer our praise and gratitude

LEADER: to the One who invites us to the healing rhythm of sabbath rest.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us open our hearts and minds

LEADER: to receive the gifts the Spirit desires to give us this day.

PEOPLE: Come! Let us worship God.

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 66

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Libby Barnes

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ^{14a}I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Sanctuary Choir

Howard Helvey, arr.

Sue Crocker, director

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?
Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.
Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

Music: Traditional Finnish Melody

Text: Anna Laetitia Waring, 1850

The Gospel

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 635	“He Leadeth Me”	HE LEADETH ME
The Sermon	“Rest as Resistance”	Leah Reed

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, 530	“Be Still My Soul”	FINLANDIA
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*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory	“Prelude on SLANE” Dale Wood	Eddie Abernathy
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*The Doxology		OLD HUNDREDTH
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**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

Eddie Abernathy

“Chorale Prelude on EIN’ FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT”

Helmut Walcha

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Libby Barnes. A 41-year member of First Baptist, Libby serves on the Music Ministry Council, Worship Committee, and *Fellowship Fund* board and is a member of the Prayer Shawl group. She and her husband Walt are the parents of two grown children, Chip and Liz, and have one granddaughter, Hallie.

The banner in the sanctuary today is sponsored by Shirley and John Hobson; Lauren, Nick, Caroline and Savannah Bradley; Randy Canady; and Donna and Keith Hardin in memory of Joanne Wilkins Canady, Polly Wilkins Garrard, Sam Garrard and John Wilkins.

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

We welcome our musical leaders today. Eddie Abernathy, our guest organist, accompanied our worship services in the fall of 2019 and into the spring of 2020. Sue Crocker, choral director, is a member of the choir who has been a member of First Baptist since 1976.

Sympathy to the family of Don Cheek, who died July 19.

Dr. Chapman will be on vacation through Tuesday, July 23. Please contact the church office or one of the other ministers if you need assistance.

Be sure to pick up the new issue of *First Foundations* magazine! Magazines can be found in the Lewis Lobby by the elevators as well as at all entrances to the sanctuary. You may also access this issue on the church website, along with previous issues of our magazines. If you would like to receive a copy of *First Foundations* in the mail, please email Deborah (dmast@fbcraleigh.org).

For our July mission project, we are collecting child- and youth-sized underwear for the children of the women in this program. If you would rather give money, we're collecting donations to purchase sports bras for the daughters of participants. Please place all new, packaged underwear in the Lewis Lobby drawers. Cash or checks may be sent directly to church designating "July mission project" in the memo line.

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.

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.

Calendar Highlights • July 21–28

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

Tuesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 25

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, July 28

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 5:00 Vacation Bible School (building-wide)

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