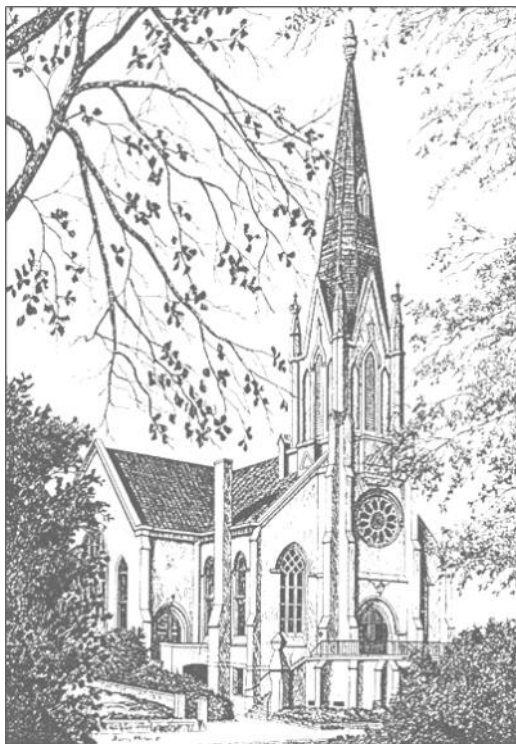


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

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July 7, 2024

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. It is also part of the week when we celebrate national independence. Both realities shape this service in multiple ways. The day of the Christian Year gives us our texts, though we repeat the Gospel lesson from last week, since the sermon is based on it. The texts, in turn, inform music and liturgy choices. Independence Day invites us not simply to celebrate our heritage but to remember those who helped make it possible. The Litany in Celebration of Religious Liberty documents some of the Baptist voices who were frontline advocates for religious liberty. But in addition to the details of this service, the fact that we are free to worship according to the dictates of our conscience is the result of sacrifices made by a wide range of people who shared a vision of a better way. We are indebted to them and grateful for the God who inspired them.

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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

"Gigue"  
Francesco Veracini

Elaine and John Holley  
violin, viola

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

PEOPLE: **His grace is sufficient for us. Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

LEADER: Let us worship God.

\*The Hymn of Praise, 634

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*The Invocation

Christopher Chapman

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Sheila Jordan

<sup>1</sup>Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. <sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Litany in Celebration of Religious Liberty (responsive)

LEADER I: Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to this or that form of religion. (John Smyth, 1612)

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

LEADER II: No king nor bishop can or is able to command faith. That is the gift of God. To constrain princes and peoples to receive the one true religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of Christ. (Leonard Busher, 1614)

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

LEADER I: Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause. (General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785)

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

LEADER II: Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to (their) own conscience. (John Leland, 1791)

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

LEADER I: Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind. (George W. Truett, 1920).

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

LEADER II: Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion. (The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939).

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

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 5:21–43

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”



## 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, 638

PRECIOUS LORD

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

## 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

“March”

Maureen Howell

Flor Peeters

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Sheila Jordan. A 40-year member of First Baptist, Sheila is the president of the Everett Miller-Friendship Sunday School class, serves as the chair and council rep of the Social Committee, and volunteers in the church office. She and her husband Jerry live in Raleigh.

Today's banner is sponsored by Beth and Ben Yerxa in recognition of Anna Yerxa and Daniel Yerxa for their achievement as *summa cum laude* graduates in cell and molecular biology from Northeastern University.

Please hold in prayer the 22 people going on the youth beach trip to the Trinity Center tomorrow through Friday as well as the six people going to Passport Kids at Pfeiffer University tomorrow through Thursday.

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 today, July 7! Contact Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org)) with any questions.

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.

## Calendar Highlights • July 7-14

### Sunday, July 7

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

### Monday, July 8–Friday, July 12

Youth beach week (Trinity Center, Salterpath, NC)

### Monday, July 8–Thursday, July 11

Passport Kids (Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC)

### Monday, July 8

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 5:00 Adult Ministries Council meeting (Zoom)

### Tuesday, July 9

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

### Wednesday, July 10

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

### Thursday, July 11

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### Sunday, July 14

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

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