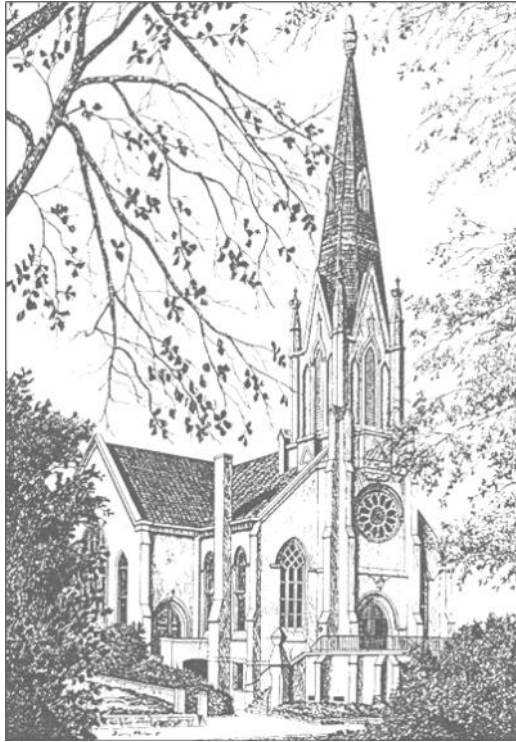


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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August 18, 2024

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we return to the historical narratives in the Hebrew canon, picking up the story with the beginning of Solomon's reign as king. This story provides insight into the qualities of a good leader, though the writer or editor of the passage and book has a mixed view of Solomon. Solomon's interaction with God also provokes us to consider what we might do if we were given one wish to be granted, and what our choice might say about our beliefs and values. We sing praises to the God who offers us choices and grants us more blessings than we can count. We pray for a world that needs God's blessings and for our capacity to make wise choices. We respond to God's endless mercy with the offering of financial gifts and the dedication of our lives.

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

"Fugue in C Major"
G.F. Handel

Maureen Howell

The Introit

“Hallelujah, Amen”

Sanctuary Choir

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,
with cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.

from “Judas Maccabaeus,” 1746

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Hallelujah! Praise God for the gift of this new day.

PEOPLE: **Let us sing to the God of grace.**

LEADER: Open grateful hearts to the wisdom of Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Give thanks to the God of glory.**

LEADER: Enter the sanctuary of the Lord's presence.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God now and evermore. Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise, 669 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Song of Preparation

Refrain

Lord, you have the words; Lord, you have the words;

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words and Music: Hal H. Hopson, 2008

¹⁰Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.

¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

³Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 111 (responsive, with congregation reading bolded text)

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ **Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ **The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

⁸ **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

The Morning Prayer

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 Hymn of Devotion, 399

TALLIS CANON

“O God, Who Gives to Humankind”

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Insight into Leadership and Personal Choices”

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, 532 “Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“King of Glory, King of Peace”

K. Lee Scott

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

Words: George Herbert, 1633

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, adapt

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

"Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA"
J. Bert Carlson

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Hollis Yelverton. A life-long member, Hollis serves on the Music Ministry Council and as an assistant for the Grade School Choir. She is a member of the Evening Bells and is a teacher for the Grains of Sand Sunday School Class. Hollis and her husband, Wyatt, have two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

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

The altar flowers have been placed in honor of the ministerial staff and a donation has been made to the Day Mission Fund by Greg and Marchelle Flowers.

Sympathy to Annie Maloney on the August 14 death of her mother, Peggy McLean.

For our August mission project, we will collect monetary donations that will go to the Kofinou Refugee Camp in Cyprus for school supplies. With each \$20 given, a child at Kofinou Camp will receive a backpack and a school uniform shirt. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.


Our VBS ceramics elective designed and painted plates, cups, and bowls to be presented to new Habitat families who will be moving into their homes this September. Their work is displayed this morning on a table in the Lewis Lobby — come check out their handiwork! If you look in and beside the display cabinets, you'll also see the birdhouses, a sample of the dishcloths, and a few of the baffles that have been made for Habitat!

Our new church directories are available for pick-up in the Lewis Lobby (or in the church office during the week). To cover the cost of printing, a suggested donation of \$10 per directory would be greatly appreciated. You may also access the directory on our website and via ACCESS ACS, our church database software. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for directions on how 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.

To access the church WiFi, please use our guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.

 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.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



Calendar Highlights • August 18–25

Sunday, August 18

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 Toy Joy meeting (301)
- 5:00 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, August 19

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 5:00 Adult Ministries Council meeting (Zoom)
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 20

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 7:00 Social Committee meeting (conference room)

Wednesday, August 21

- 10:00 High school Bible study (Blue Room)
- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, August 22

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 4:00 Childrens' Ministry pool party (Lake Park Swim Club)

Saturday, August 24

- 9:00 Visitation for Don Cheek's memorial service (fellowship hall)
- 11:00 Memorial service for Don Cheek (sanctuary)
- 12:00 GA/RA Quirkle & Taco party (Nancy Phillips' home)

Sunday, August 25

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 12:45 Handbell rehearsal (301/302)
- 5:00 Youth Kick-off (fellowship hall/Blue Room)

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