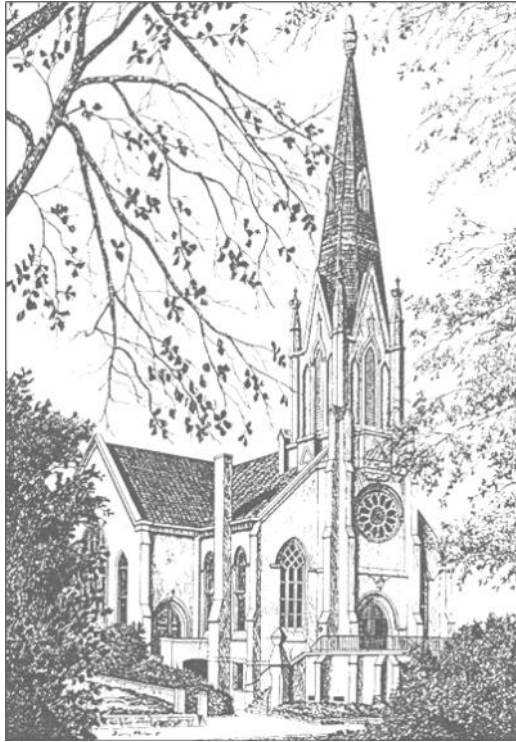


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, we continue reading the Bread of Life discourse from John 6 and include music and liturgy that reflect God's nurture and care. We also continue with the narrative of 2 Samuel about King David's transgressions, today reading about the prophet Nathan's confrontation of the King. The sermon offers a first-person exploration of this encounter, identifying enduring challenges not just for leaders but for all of us. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, according to the Apostle Paul (Romans 3:23). Everyone makes mistakes. Our willingness to take responsibility for our mistakes and learn from them is what matters. The good news is we do so in the context of grace.

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

"Bind Us Together"

Bill Wolaver

Anna Anderson

Beth McCollum, violin

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: In vain, O God, we have sought satisfaction in the things of space and time.

PEOPLE: Now we come to seek fulfillment in your acts of mercy and grace.

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

PEOPLE: We come to you, Lord; give us to eat. We believe in you, Lord, give us to drink.

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 60

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

Robert Ponton

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, ¹and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."

¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Sanctuary Choir

Austin Lovelace, arr.

LaCount Anderson, director

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me with his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Music: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759 and Robert Robinson, 1758

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 Gospel

John 6:24–35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

“Seeking the Courage To Speak the Truth”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response (responsive)

from Psalm 51

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

PEOPLE: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

LEADER: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

PEOPLE: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

LEADER: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

PEOPLE: **and put a new and right spirit within me.**

LEADER: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

PEOPLE: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

LEADER: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

PEOPLE: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

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, 451

ARISE

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

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

“In Celebration: The Solid Rock”
Gayden Sikes

Anna Anderson

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Robert Ponton. A lifetime member of First Baptist, Robert serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a teacher for The Journey Sunday School class. He and his wife Jan have two grown and married children, Amy and Rob, and five grandchildren.

The flowers are placed by Rhonda Lowe in honor of facilities and food services staff members Maurice Colbert, Troy Dye, Alex Harris, Darius Hinton, Rodney Mobley, and Ike Uzoma. Thank you for your service to our congregation and community.

We welcome the musical leadership of Anna and LaCount Anderson today. The Andersons are members of the choir and parents of our Minister to Community, Leah Reed. They have been members of First Baptist since 2022.

An offering for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

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

Please keep the nine people going on the senior class trip to Kure Beach in your prayers. They will be gone from Thursday, August 8, until Sunday, August 11.

On Sunday, August 11, from 5:30–8pm in the fellowship hall, we'll have a potluck dinner followed by a screening of the Baptist Women in Ministry's newly released documentary *Midwives of a Movement*, and a Q&A with BWIM's Executive Director, Dr. Meredith Stone. Meat will be provided; please sign up for side dishes and desserts ([FBC: Midwives of a Movement Potluck \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)).

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.

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

Calendar Highlights • August 4–11

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

Clothing ministry closed

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 10:00 High school Bible study (Blue Room)

Thursday, August 8–Sunday, August 11

Senior class trip

Thursday, August 8

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:00 Thirty-Niners luncheon (Meadow Village Restaurant, Benson)

Sunday, August 11

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 5:30 BWIM documentary screening & potluck supper (fellowship hall)
- 8:00 Senior Night (Blue Room)

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