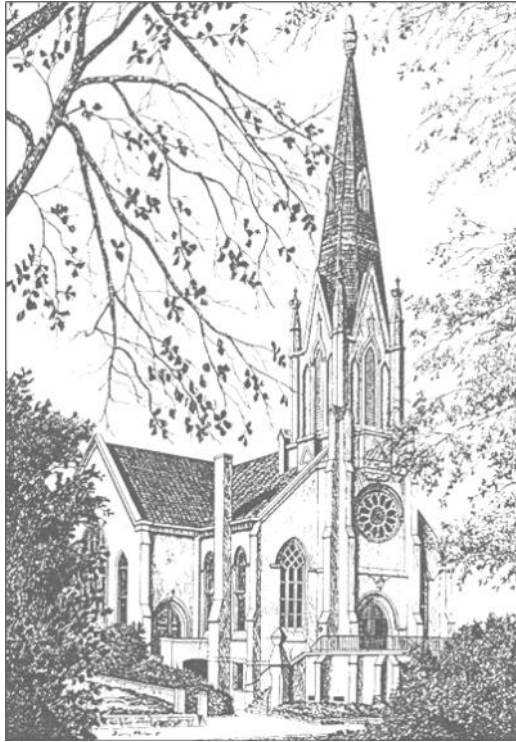


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: As always, the opening elements of worship today call us to an awareness of God's presence. We are then invited to respond with songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving. We listen for God's voice speaking to us in different ways, but especially through the reading of scripture. The sermon explores a question posed by two of our texts — one from Numbers and the other from Mark — how should we respond to unauthorized ministry? Help is always appreciated, but are there risks involved? We respond to our hearing and understanding of God's word not simply with acts of worship but in the way we live each day.

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

"Meditation on REPTON"
Robert A. Hobby

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Upon this gathering of your people,

PEOPLE: **pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

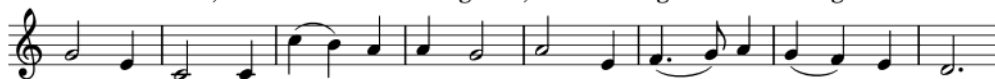
LEADER: Be near to us and speak to us,

PEOPLE: **and we will proclaim your praise.**

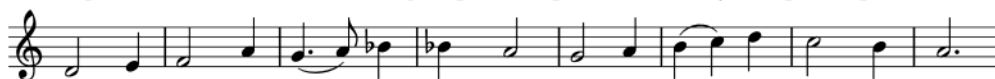
The Invocation



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;
 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt



may we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 here as bread and wine are tak-en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser-vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor-ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive:



wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv-ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1978; rev. 1988
 Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

Ann Rollins

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

“Come By Here”
Traditional Spiritual

KUM BA YAH
Sanctuary Choir

CHOIR: Come by here, my Lord, come by here . . .
O Lord, come by here.

ALL: **Someone's praying, Lord, come by here . . .**
O Lord, come by here.

Music: Uzee Brown, Jr., arr.

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.

Jonathan D. Campbell

**Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before my eyes,
Had I the pinions of a dove I'd to the rivers fly;
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind,
I'd cross bold Jordan's stormy spray and leave the world behind.**

**A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er;
I hope to join the heav'nly host on Canaan's happy shore.
My rapturous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea:
The glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.**

**Ten thousand thousand join in one to praise the eternal Three
prostrate before the blazing throne in deep humility.
They rise and tune their harps of gold, and sweep the immortal lyre:
and ages that can ne'er be told shall raise your praises high'r.**

Words: John A. Granade, 1763, alt.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38–50

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“The Challenge and Blessing of Unauthorized Ministry”

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, 395

REPTON

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

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

“Jig Fugue”

Maureen Howell

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Ann Rollins. A 40-year member, Ann is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and past chair of the Diaconate. She and her husband Tom have three married children—Charlotte, Michelle, and Matthew—and six grandchildren—Harris, Ford, Laney, Win, Avery, and Tommy.

The sanctuary flowers are provided today in honor of Zach, Alison, Jack and Brooks by grandparents Bebe, Poppie, Mimi, and PopPop.

The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 27. You can support the Walk and the FBC teams by walking or donating. Read more details in *Rose Window Weekly*.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6, 3-7pm at Optimist Farm Park (2908 Optimist Farm Road, Apex, 27539) for our annual Fall Festival! Register at [FBC: Fall Festival \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com), and pay online or at the kiosk. The cost will be \$10 per person (4+), maximum of \$40 per family. More details in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

On Sunday, October 6, our Japanese congregation will be hosting a lunch at 12pm in the fellowship hall. Join in a delicious lunch for \$10 directly following worship, as we fellowship together for this fundraiser in support of their ministries.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 2; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. We will offer two tracks that participants may choose from: track 1, *Speaking about Faith in a Pluralistic Age*, in which participants will use a podcast interview as a catalyst for discussing how to have authentic conversations about faith in a context of diverse points of view, and track 2, *A Prayer Walk Experience in Downtown Raleigh*, where small groups will participate in a contemplative walk in the downtown neighborhood with an opportunity for sharing observations and reflections on the experience (the sanctuary will serve as a backup space in case of rain).

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu on October 2 is: roast beef with potatoes and carrots; non-meat option: veggie meat patties in gravy; kids: macaroni.

Our September mission project is to support our Toy Joy ministry in one of several ways. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for links to Amazon, Walmart, and Target wish lists. If you prefer for our Toy Joy team to do the shopping, you may also donate funds directly to the church, specifying TOY JOY in the memo line. We will use those funds to purchase items as needed to serve families we 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.

Calendar Highlights • September 29–October 6

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC/JBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
- 12:00 Rise Against Hunger meal-packing (fellowship hall)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

Monday, September 30

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 5:00 Church council meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 2


- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children’s music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children’s missions (preschool and children’s suites)
- Youth Bible study (Blue Room)
- Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, October 3

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Sunday, October 6

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship (227)
- 11:45 JBC benefit lunch (fellowship hall)
- 3:00 Fall Festival (Optimist Farm)

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