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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the day we present Bibles to first graders and recognize not only the significance of children's ministry but also the many ways children enrich the life of our church. So, children will lead in worship, reading the lectionary texts in the translation used in the children's Bibles; the grade school choir will sing; we will share in a prayer for our children's ministry; and one of our children will lead the offertory presentation. The sermon explores the reading from Mark which reminds us that Christian education is not just something we do in childhood; it is a life-long process of learning. As James and John, and the other ten disciples, still have a lot to learn, even after following Jesus all this time, we too have much to learn.

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

"Cantabile on THE ASH GROVE"
Christine Schulz

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

Hayes Strickland

LEADER: We see the dogs and bunnies and think of all the animals you made,
and we're reminded of how wonderfully creative you are;

PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

LEADER: We hear the birds chirping in the trees, and we're reminded that you are
all around us;

PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

LEADER: We feel love and joy, and we're reminded that you are where love and joy
begin;

PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

LEADER: We experience your goodness through the feeling of belonging, and
we're reminded that we matter to you and this church family;

PEOPLE: We praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 53

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

The Presentation of Bibles

Martha Collins, Ava Harker, Colt Phillips, Charlotte Sasser

The Prayer of Blessing (unison)

Christopher Chapman

Loving God, we give thanks for the stories of faith we find in the Bible and for all who help us to understand these stories. We give thanks for the gift of children and the excitement they bring to every opportunity to learn. Bless these children as they seek to grow in faith. Guide our efforts as a church that we may prove faithful to our calling to tell the stories of our faith to our children and grandchildren. Grant us the grace to realize that we have as much to learn from children as we have to teach them. For we offer our prayer in the name of Jesus who welcomes children into his arms in love and says that to such as these belongs the kingdom of God, amen.

The Anthem

"Blessed Be the Lord"

Grade School Choir

Timothy Shaw

Izzy Humphreys, flute

Blessed be the Lord, praise God's name evermore. Alleluia.

Who alone does wondrous things; blessed be the Lord.

May God's glory fill the earth, alleluia.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Meg Foster

¹I praise you, LORD God, with all my heart.

You are glorious and majestic, dressed in royal robes

²and surrounded by light.

You spread out the sky like a tent,

³and you built your home over the mighty ocean.

The clouds are your chariot with the wind as its wings.

⁴The winds are your messengers,
and flames of fire are your servants.

⁵You built foundations for the earth,
and it never will be shaken.

⁶You covered the earth
with the ocean that rose above the mountains.

⁷Then your voice thundered!
And the water flowed

⁸down the mountains and through the valleys
to the place you prepared.

⁹Now you have set boundaries,
so that the water will never flood the earth again.

²⁴Our LORD, by your wisdom you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.

³⁵I praise you, LORD! I praise you! *(CEV)*

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 10:35–45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, will you do us a favor?”

³⁶ Jesus asked them what they wanted, ³⁷ and they answered, “When you come into your glory, please let one of us sit at your right side and the other at your left.”

³⁸ Jesus told them, “You don't really know what you're asking! Are you able to drink from the cup that I must soon drink from or be baptized as I must be baptized?”

³⁹ “Yes, we are!” James and John answered.

Then Jesus replied, “You certainly will drink from the cup from which I must drink. And you will be baptized just as I must! ⁴⁰ But it isn't for me to say who will sit at my right side and at my left. This is for God to decide.”

⁴¹ When the ten other disciples heard this, they were angry with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called the disciples together and said:

“You know that those foreigners who call themselves kings like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over the people they rule. ⁴³ But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others. ⁴⁴ And if you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave. ⁴⁵ The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people.” (CEV)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

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, 436

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Claiming Our Zebedee DNA”

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, 657

GERMANY

“All Things Are Yours”

*The Offertory Prayer

Bobby Phillips

The Offertory Anthem

“A Repeating Alleluia”
Calvin Hampton

Sanctuary Choir

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

“Gigue on THE ASH GROVE”
Christine Schulz

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Bobby Phillips. A 33-year member and first-term deacon, Bobby is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and the Thirty-Niners senior group. He is on the Community Ministries Committee and is a greeter and volunteers in the clothing ministry. He is married to Nancy Moore Phillips and has two sons and five grandchildren.

Our Call to Worship this morning is a psalm of praise for creation, written and illustrated by our first graders in their Worship Preparation class.

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

Sympathy to the family of Marie Lewis, who died October 16.

Today's flowers are sponsored by Lynn and Bill Loomis in memory of daughter, Jennifer Lynn Lane. "Many thanks to our church family's continued love and support since Jennifer's October 9, 2023, passing. We can never express what your love and support have meant to us. Thank you!"

Church conference: Wednesday, October 23; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and meeting at 6:15pm. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for Zoom link and documents.

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 23 is: smothered chicken with cabbage, pinto beans, and sweet potatoes; non-meat option: mock chicken.

Dr. Jemar Tisby, author of *The Color of Compromise*, will be coming to the church to promote his latest book, *The Spirit of Justice*, on Friday, November 8, 7-8:30pm in our sanctuary. This is a FREE event open to all, and we'll have Dr. Tisby's latest book for sale at a discounted rate. Childcare will be available for Pre-K and under – please email Lynn Lingafelt by Friday, November 1.

Deacon election continues through Sunday, October 27. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, in the ballot box in the church office, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

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



The City of Oaks Marathon is on Sunday, November 3. Your downtown pathway to FBC that morning may be blocked prior to 8:30am. After 8:30am, the racers will be out of the downtown area. Please make your plans accordingly.


Toy Joy will be held Saturday, November 16. For ways to donate and sign up to volunteer, please see the *Rose Window Weekly*.

We are grieving alongside our neighbors in Western NC in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Helene and we know many of you are looking for ways to help. If you would like to contribute financially to disaster relief efforts, you may do that online, at the kiosk, or by check (indicate “Disaster Relief” in the memo line of your check).

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 • October 20–27

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (301)

Wednesday, October 23

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Church conference (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 24

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

Saturday, October 26

- 11:00 Funeral for Marie Lewis (sanctuary)

Sunday, October 27

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Youth lunch (301)
- 12:45 Youth choir (choir room)
- 2:00 CROP Walk registration (fellowship hall)
- 3:00 CROP Walk step-off (FBC parking lot)

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