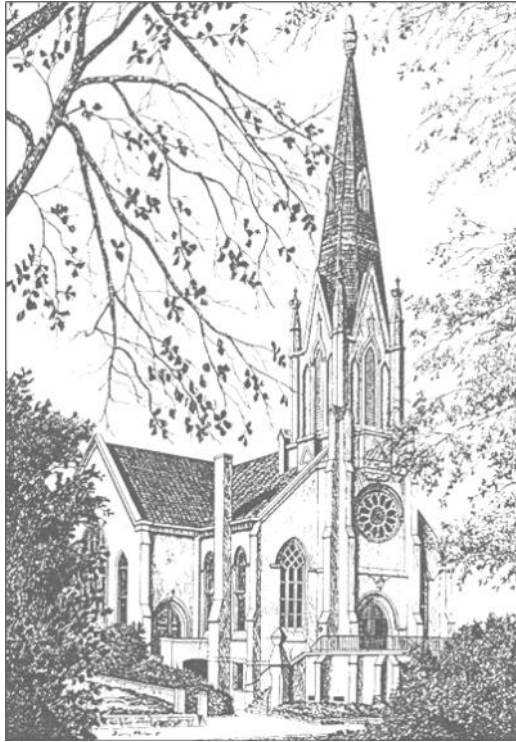


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is World Communion Sunday, a day set aside to celebrate Christian unity around the world. This celebration began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It was adopted by the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936 and then endorsed by the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) in 1940. We offer prayers for the church universal, lifting up special concerns for our sisters and brothers who live in contexts of poverty, persecution, and warfare. We sing praises to the God who walks with us in times of trouble, offering comfort, strength, and hope. We consider what kind of church we want to be; what kind of community God calls us to be — one of rules and judgment, or one of grace and acceptance. We proclaim our answer to this basic question with the celebration of communion, a table we share with people from all around the world, a meal where all are welcome.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Maureen Howell

Dino Kartsonakis

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

PEOPLE: **but in the last days God has spoken to us through the Son.**

LEADER: Jesus is the reflection of God’s glory, sustaining all things by his Word.

PEOPLE: **Therefore we will proclaim God’s name. In the midst of the congregation, let us praise God.**

The Introit

“O Clap Your Hands”

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin McChesney

O clap your hands ye people!  
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!  
For the Lord most high is merciful,  
God is a great king over all the earth!  
Sing your praises to God.

Words: from Psalm 47

\*The Hymn of Praise, 356

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*The Invocation

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Psalm 8

Stan Crocker

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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

Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 115

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

ST. ELIZABETH

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“What Kind of Community Do We Want To Be?”

The Anthem

“Crowded Table”

Youth Choir

Andrea Ramsey, arr.

Cady Mercer, solo

You can hold my hand when you need to let go.  
I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low.  
I can be a streetlight showing you the way home.

I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able,  
and bring us back together when the day is done.

If you want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seed,  
plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.  
If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap.

Words and Music: N. Hemby, L. McKenna, B. Carlile, 2019

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

### 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

“A Place at the Table”

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,
2. For wom - an and man,	a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old,	a place at the ta - ble,
4. For just and un - just,	a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born,	clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles,	de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard,	a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused,	with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear,	and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space,	a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace,	di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child	in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt,	a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out,	to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born,	a star	o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man,	a sys - tem	that's fair,
for young and for old,	the right	to be - long.
for just and un - just,	a new	way to live,
for ev - ery - one born,	the right	to be free.

*Refrain*

And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice, and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus-tice and joy!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998  
 Music: Brian Mann, 2006

## 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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
 John Carter

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Stan Crocker. A 58-year member, Stan sings in the Sanctuary Choir and is the Sunday School assistant director and a member and teacher of the Journey Sunday School class. He and his wife Sue have two grown children—Lee and Joseph.

We thank Beth McCollum, fiddle; Will Mercer, bass; and Becky Mercer, flute, for their musical gifts this morning.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Louise B. Brown, Bill and Pat Stahmer, and Phil Brown by Art, Melanie, Hannah, and Will Stahmer.

Sympathy to the family of Bobby Hinson, who died September 30, and to Fran Puryear on the September 30 death of her brother Stuart Grace.

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.

Deacon election begins today and concludes on 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.

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 financially contribute 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). We’re also collecting supplies until noon Thursday, October 10. Please place all donations on the stage in the fellowship hall. You may find a list of needed items in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Please keep the 13 people going on the middle school retreat to Camp Caraway on Friday in your prayers.



Next Sunday, October 13, 12–3pm, in the fellowship hall, we are collecting new or GENTLY USED toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and books. Please make sure that all used items are clean and in very good condition, with ALL of their pieces and parts included (otherwise we cannot use them).

Our Japanese congregation will be hosting a lunch at 12pm in the fellowship hall TODAY. Come for a delicious lunch for \$10 as we fellowship together for this fundraiser in support of their ministries.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 9; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. For this week's program, the youth will report and reflect on their mission experiences during the summer.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu on October 9 is: Mediterranean meatballs with lentils, rice, and roasted vegetables; non-meat: chickpea stew; kids: pita and hummus.


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*.



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 6–13

### Sunday, October 6

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 JBC benefit lunch (fellowship hall)
- 3:00 Fall Festival (Optimist Farm)

### Monday, October 7

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 2:00 Funeral for Bobby Hinson (sanctuary)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### Tuesday, October 8

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

### Wednesday, October 9

- 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 10

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

### Friday, October 11–Sunday, October 13

Middle school retreat (Camp Caraway)

### Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Toy Joy collection day (fellowship hall)
- 12:15 Adult choir lunch (301)
- 12:45 Adult choir Christmas music workshop (310)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (301/Blue Room)

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