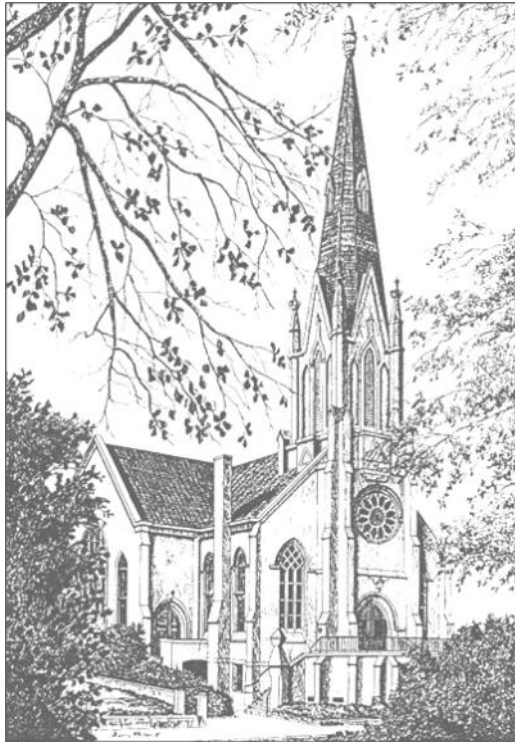


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the day we begin our stewardship emphasis to help support the church's ministry in 2025, and the Sunday closest to Veterans Day. Each of these emphases finds expression in our worship. Scott Burton begins our reflection on stewardship. An insert in the worship order lists the military service veterans in our church and those who are serving now, and we pray for all who have sacrificed much for our freedoms. The sermon explores a dynamic found in two of the lectionary readings for today which seem to reduce two women to one part of their identities. We consider ways we tend to label and box in people, as well as ways to move beyond this practice.

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

"Fantasy on *All Creatures of Our God and King*" Evening Bells
Sandra Eithun, arr. Anna Anderson, dir.

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 146

LEADER: Praise to you, O God! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

PEOPLE: **I will praise you with all my being.**

LEADER: I will sing in joy and thanksgiving.

PEOPLE: **For blessed are those whose trust is in you.**

LEADER: Yes, blessed whose strength is in the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Whose hope is in God, who sets us free.**

LEADER: Praise to you, O God! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

PEOPLE: **I will praise you with all my being.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

The Word About Stewardship

Scott Burton

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

1 Kings 17:8–16

Valerie Cumbea

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

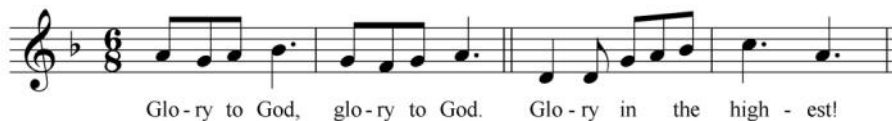
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Response



The Anthem

“Ain’-a That Good News!”

Sanctuary Choir

Traditional Spiritual

I’ve got a crown up in the Kingdom,
Ain’a that good news.

I’ve got a harp up in the Kingdom,
Ain’a that good news.

*I’m gonna to lay down this world,
Gonna to shoulder up my cross:
Gonna to take it home to my Jesus,
Ain’a that good news.*

I’ve got a robe up in the Kingdom,
Ain’a that good news.

I’ve got a Savior in the Kingdom,
Ain’a that good news.

Words: Traditional Spiritual

Music: William L. Dawson, arr. 1937

The Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

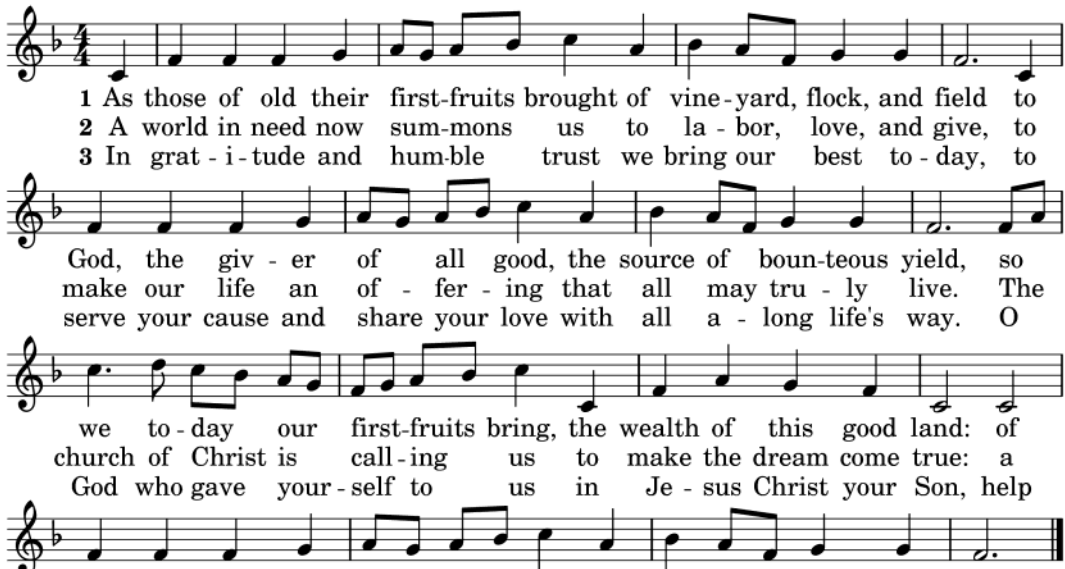
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

FOREST GREEN

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”



1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field to
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give, to
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day, to
God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield, so
make our life an of - fer - ing that all may tru - ly live. The
serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way. O
we to - day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of
church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
God who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son, help
farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Words: Frank von Christierson, 1960, alt.
Music: FOREST GREEN, Traditional English Melody

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Moving Beyond Labels”

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, 568

HENDON

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

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

“Festal Voluntary on ELLACOMBE”

Maureen Howell

Franklin D. Ashdown

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Valerie Cumbea. Valerie is a 12-year member of First Baptist and a first-term deacon. She is the chair of the Community Ministries committee and a member of the Grains of Sand Sunday School class. Valerie lives in Apex.

Our acolytes today are Colt and Remi Phillips.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Jim Clary by Margaret, Greg and Julie, Mark and Amy and their grandchildren.

Sympathy to Nancy and Katy Powers on the November 1 death of their husband and father, Frank Powers.



HONORING VETERANS AND
THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
— VETERANS DAY, 2024 —

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day we remember and honor Veterans for their military service. Their courage and sacrifice over the years has been responsible for guaranteeing the freedom of our great country. On this day, we also wish to recognize those members from families of First Baptist Church who are currently serving in the military forces of the United States. We are grateful for their service and the sacrifices being made by each of them and their families.

VETERANS

LaCount Anderson
US Navy, 1971–1976

Carl Bailey
US Army, 1969–1971

Charles Barham
US Navy, 1955–1958

Chip Barnes
US Navy, 1991–2015

John Bennett
US Navy, 1978–1999

Scott Burton
US Army, 1997–2004

Albert Calloway
US Army, 1950–1952

Connie Cole
US Army, 1980–1994

Michael Cooke
US Army, 1968–1971

Frederick Russell Cox
US Army, 1953–1955

Jud DeBra
US Army, 1965–1968

Dennis Ellis
US Marine Corps, 1978–1983

Hal L. English
US Army, 1954–1956

Marshall Evans
US Army 1951–1953

Dennis Francis
US Navy, 1984–1992

Jim Good
US Army, 1957–1963

Chet Goolsby
US Air Force, 1969–1973

Rance Henderson
US Navy, 1951–1956

Julian W. Hughes, Jr.

US Army, 1954–1956

Art Jackson

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1969–1971

Bill Jacobs

US Navy, 1955–1959; 1960–1964

Max O. Johnson

Army National Guard of NC, 1962–1968

Bob Kimball

US Air Force, 1971–1977

Don Kline

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1953–1955

Bill Loomis

Army National Guard, 1970–1976

Bob Matthews

US Navy, Medical Officer 1982-2019

Al Moore

US Navy, 1959–1963

Charles Parker

US Navy, 1954–1962

Brandon Peach

US Army, 2005–2008

Mike Peach

US Army, 1973–1976

Linville Roach

US Navy JAG, 1955–1959

Daniel O. Roberts

USNR, 1953–1961

Francis Rockey

US Navy, 1955–1966

Johnny Shaver

US Army, 1954–1956

John Smith

US Army, 1969, 1972

Jerry Washington

US Army, 1970–1972

Charles D. White

US Army, 1951–1953

November 10, 2024

ACTIVE DUTY

PFC Brooks Parker

Army National Guard

146 Croyden Drive

Kernersville, NC 27284

Grandparents: Charles and Grace Parker

Captain Julia R. Stewart

United States Marine Corps

Grandmother: Rae Moorhead

Aunt: Cindy DeFoor

For the November mission project, we are collecting children's winter clothing for the clothing ministry. Currently, we have the following needs: boys' winter clothing size 2T –youth XL; teen boys' winter clothing, adult size S–L (hoodies, casual running/sweatpants); and boys' and girls' winter coats, all sizes. You may place your donations in the bin located just inside the parking lot doors any time the building is open.

A Holiday Service of Hope, offering hope and assurance to those who have lost loved ones, will be held here at First Baptist in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 21, at 7pm.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 6pm, followed by a reception. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes, on our website, or in the *Rose Window Weekly* — must be received with payment by Friday, December 6.

If you can make two or three dozen cookies for the Hanging of the Greens reception, please email Sheila Jordan (jibwsaj@yahoo.com). The cookies need to be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 8.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 13; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This month, we will explore the intersection of faith and culture. How do expressions of Christian belief and heritage like the "He Gets Us" ad campaign, prayer apps on smartphones, and faith-based programs like "The Chosen" attempt to influence the secular culture? Do cultural expressions of Christian ideas make it easier to talk about faith issues or harder? What are the opportunities and challenges of communicating faith for mass audiences? This week, we will discuss the TV series "The Chosen."

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 November 13 is: taco soup w/quesadilla; kids: taquitos.

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

Calendar Highlights • November 10–17

Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 Toy Joy prep (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
ITC Board meeting (110)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, November 11

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

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

- 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 (sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Southern Supreme Fruitcake)

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00 Toy Joy

Sunday, November 17

- 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 (Blue Room)



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