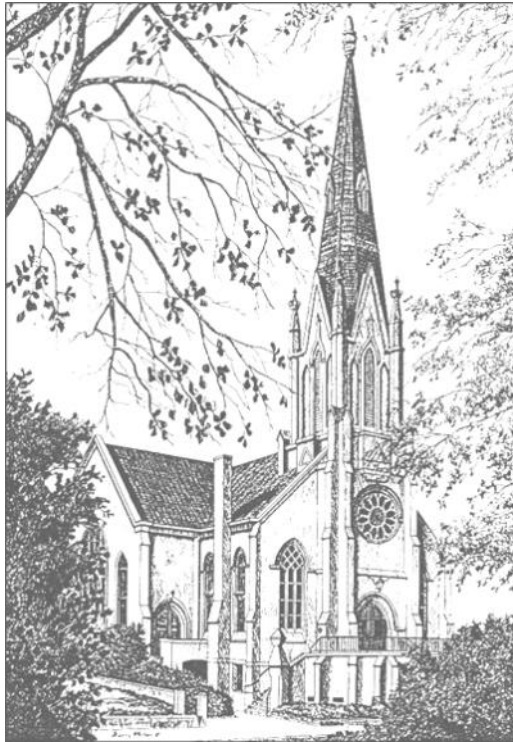


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. As we draw near the end of the Christian year, we inevitably encounter apocalyptic texts, as we do at the very beginning of the Christian year with the first Sunday of Advent. We begin and end with images of God's dramatic intervention in human affairs, but this is not simply unsettling, it is ultimately Good News, the News that God's reign of justice and love cannot ultimately be thwarted. And so, rather than giving in to resignation and complacency, we are moved to acts of service and love, trusting that our efforts are not in vain. We ponder these sacred truths today, we sing praises to the God who embodies them, and we pray for God's realm to come in, through, and beyond us.

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

"Blessing"
Maureen Howell

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The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 16

LEADER: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

PEOPLE: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

LEADER: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

PEOPLE: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

LEADER: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

PEOPLE: **You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 362

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

The Anthem

“Santo, Santo, Santo”
Argentine Hymn

Grade-School Choir
and Youth Choir
Cady Mercer, flute

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: Holy is the Lord

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!
¡Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!

Lord God, almighty, who was and is and is to come.
O holy, holy is the Lord, our God, holy is God’s name.

Words: Trad. English and Spanish
Music: Mary Kay Parrish, arr. 2003

The Word About Stewardship

Holly Ivel

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Daniel 12:1-3

Chuck Nichols

¹At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
 San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

Words and Music: Trad. Argentine

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.**

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

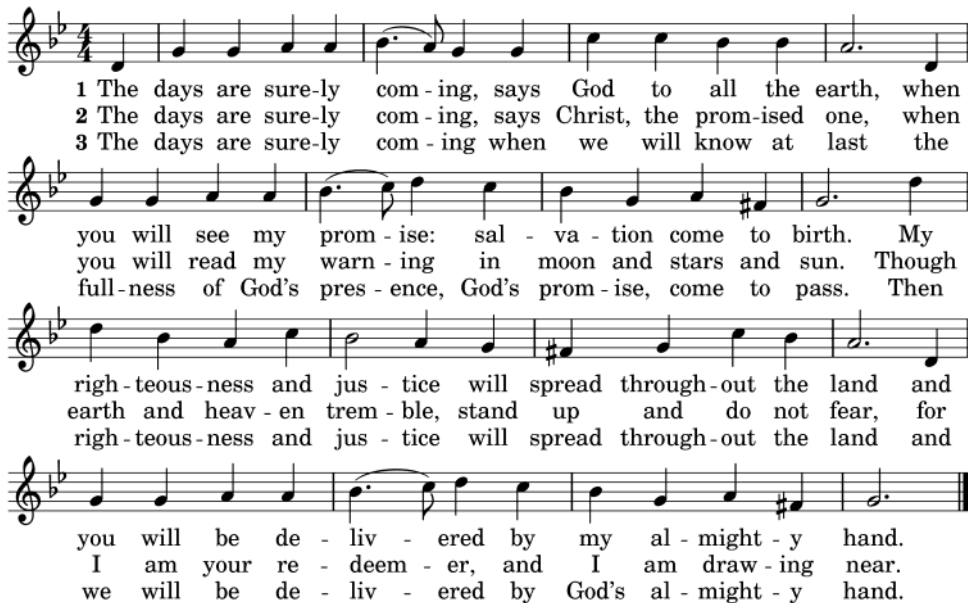
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

LLANGLOFFAN



1 The days are sure-ly com-ing, says God to all the earth, when
 2 The days are sure-ly com-ing, says Christ, the prom-ised one, when
 3 The days are sure-ly com-ing when we will know at last the
 you will see my prom-ise: sal-va-tion come to birth. My
 you will read my warn-ing in moon and stars and sun. Though
 full-ness of God's pres-ence, God's prom-ise, come to pass. Then
 righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land and
 earth and heav-en trem-ble, stand up and do not fear, for
 righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land and
 you will be de-liv-ered by my al-might-y hand.
 I am your re-deem-er, and I am draw-ing near.
 we will be de-liv-ered by God's al-might-y hand.

Words: David Gambrell, 2009

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Traditional Welsh Melody

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Good News from Texts of Doom and Gloom”

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, 381

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

“Soon and Very Soon”

Youth Choir

Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.
No more dying there! We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

Words: Andraé Crouch, 1976
Music: Jack Schrader, arr. 1997

*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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Maureen Howell

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*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Chuck Nichols. A 42-year member of First Baptist, Chuck is a teacher for the Pathfinder's Sunday School class. Chuck and his wife Susan, have two adult children, Charlie and Patrick.

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

This morning's banner on the pulpit is sponsored by Jerry Washington and Sheila Jordan in memory of their parents, Calvin and Ruby Washington and Norman and Beverly Jordan, and in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, Olivia and Delia Haas. A donation has been made to the Day Mission Fund.

Sympathy to Bonnie Baker on the death of her sister, Mitchell Lawrence, on November 10; to the family of Betty Griffin, who died November 2; and to Mary Jane Lewis on the death her father, Stanley Hankins, on November 9.

Hospitality + Community, our 2025 stewardship emphasis, is underway. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously and with gratitude to God through First Baptist Church. If you don't receive a stewardship packet in the mail, please contact the church office.

This year, we're making a slight shift in our plans for the Raleigh Christmas parade on Saturday, November 23. Instead of hot chocolate, we'll be giving out free biscuits from *And Also with 'Cue* and bottled water to parade-goers. Volunteers will be needed to help wrap the biscuits individually beginning at 7:30am in the fellowship hall. Once they're wrapped, we'll stand in our usual spot on Hillsborough Street to hand them out! See the article in *Rose Window Weekly* to join the biscuit crew.

It's time again to place your pre-orders for your Thanksgiving feast from *And Also with 'Cue*! Go to www.and-also-with-cue.square.site to place your order.

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 and Remembrance, 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 (jbwsaj@yahoo.com). The cookies need to be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 8.

Church conference: Wednesday, November 20; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and meeting at 6:15pm. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for documents and Zoom link.

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 20 is: meatloaf with mashed potatoes and green beans; non-meat option: roasted and seasoned portabella mushrooms with sweet potatoes topped w/cranberries and chunked avocado.

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 • November 17–23

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)

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

- 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 20

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

Thursday, November 21

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)
- 7:00 Holiday Service of Hope and Remembrance (sanctuary)

Saturday, November 23

- 7:30 Biscuit-wrapping (fellowship hall)
- 9:00 Raleigh Christmas parade/biscuit give-away

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 Buddy Breakfast (301)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Landscaping Committee meeting (conference room)
- 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.