

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and the day we emphasize Global Missions, welcoming to the pulpit Michelle and Matt Norman, CBF Field Personnel serving in Barcelona, Spain. These two emphases work well together since our shared work through CBF offers a witness to the possibility of resurrection in a world that already knows too much crucifixion. We hear the Normans with gratitude for their service and our shared work, we lift up prayers for the world, and we sing praises to the God who welcomes in love all people.

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### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Christopher Chapman

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

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"  
G.F. Handel

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: It is the Lord in the dawning, the renewal, the arrival, the new day.

**PEOPLE: Creating God, we praise you.**

LEADER: It is the Lord in the stable, in the humble, in the stranger, in the poor.

**PEOPLE: Redeeming God, we praise you.**

LEADER: It is the Lord in our sorrows, in our sickness, in our health.

**PEOPLE: Renewing God, we praise you.**

LEADER: It is the Lord, risen, and returned, alive forevermore.

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord.**

The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”

Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard: Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord has redeemed his people. Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name.  
Make his praise to be glorious.

Words: based on Isaiah 48:20

The Psalter

Psalms 150

Myra Brickell

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!
- <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer (responsive)

LEADER: Risen and redemptive one, we watch for you.

PEOPLE: **Holy and healing one, we wait for you.**

LEADER: Open our eyes that we may see.

PEOPLE: **Open our ears that we may hear.**

LEADER: You are ever coming to set us free.

PEOPLE: **Wherever we are, you are ever near.**

## 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, 499

"Lord, I Was Blind"

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### The Gospel

Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

### The Solo

"My Lips Will Praise You"

Tonya Carter

Twila Paris

### The Sermon

"Carrying Hope"

Michelle and Matt Norman

## 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

HYFRYDOL

“We Are Called To Be God’s People”

**We are called to be God's people,  
Showing by our lives His grace;  
One in heart and one in spirit,  
Sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us  
And remade us as His own.  
Let us share our life together,  
As we shall around His throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants,  
Working in His world today.  
Taking His own task upon us,  
All His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise then to His summons,  
Dedicate to Him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants,  
Quick to answer now His call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets,  
Speaking for the truth and right;  
Standing firm for godly justice,  
Bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
Our high calling to fulfill;  
That we all may know the blessing  
Of the doing of God's will.**

Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt.  
Music: Rowland H. Prichard., 1931, alt

## 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

“Postlude on HYFRYDOL”

Maureen Howell

Kurt Kaiser

\*The congregation may stand.

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Today, we welcome CBF field personnel Michelle and Matt Norman, who are serving in Barcelona, Spain. They're here to tell us about the ministry they are providing there for our Global Missions emphasis. Please give prayerfully to this offering of which 100% goes directly to the salaries of CBF field personnel.

The Deacon on Call is Myra Brickell. A 38-year member, Myra serves on the Worship Committee, Finance Committee, and as a Director for the Preschool Division of Sunday School. She is a member of the Pathfinders Class and the Sanctuary Choir. She is also treasurer for the Thirty-Niners and an office volunteer. Myra and her husband Sterling have one daughter, Jessica Helms, and two grandsons, Asher and Ryder.

Today's pulpit parament is given in loving memory of Dr. Kay M. Huggins by his family Barbara, Kathleen and Mark, Jennifer, Wesley, and Reid. A donation is made to the Day Mission Fund.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer today are Charley and Logan Teague.

Dr. Chapman will be out of the office from Monday, April 28, through Sunday, May 4. Lynn Lingafelt will preach on May 4. Contact the church office or one of the ministers if you need assistance in his absence.

The choir loft renovation will commence tomorrow and is projected to last 4 to 6 weeks. Work will include a complete demolition and rebuilding of the present choir risers in the loft. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details on this exciting project!

Please keep the 15 people returning today from the high school retreat to Christmount in Black Mountain in your prayers.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 30; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This week's presentation is from the Director of Outreach at the Kadampa Center, a Buddhist temple here in Raleigh. We will learn the basic tenants of the Buddhist practice and personal experiences of living in the Buddhist faith.

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 for April 30 is: orange chicken with fried rice and broccoli; non-meat option: mock orange chicken; kids: egg rolls.

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found in the kitchen, at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. Band-aids can be found in the preschool and the children's suites. The church has two defibrillators (AED): one between the elevator and the church offices on the second floor and one on the main floor behind the sanctuary on the Edenton Street side, near the elevator.

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 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.



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Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.





## **Calendar Highlights • April 27–May 4**

### **Sunday, April 27**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/Global Mission Emphasis (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

### **Monday, April 28**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### **Tuesday, April 29**

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 6:45 Softball game (Millbrook Exchange Park)

### **Wednesday, April 30**

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (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, May 1**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 11:45 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)
- 7:45 Softball game (Millbrook Exchange Park)

### **Sunday, May 4**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion/Lynn Lingafelt preaching  
(sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (Lake Crabtree)
- 12:00 Everette Miller Friendship class social (301/302)
- 5:00 Youth choir rehearsal (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

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