

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Trinity Sunday in the Christian year, the day we celebrate the mystery of one God revealed in three persons. It is a sacred reality better experienced than explained, mindboggling to insiders and outsiders to our faith, yet transformative for our journey. We experience the Triune God today in worship, we offer praise and devotion to the One who is revealed to us in different ways, and we respond with a yearning to be more attentive to God's presence and redemptive work in all aspects of life.

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

"This Is My Father's World"
Catherine McMichael, arr.

Elaine Holley, violin
John Holley, viola

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: In the beginning, when God drew a circle on
the face of the deep,

PEOPLE: **Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting
in the human race.**

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, with God,
and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.**

LEADER: In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

ALL: Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 2

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Anthem

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott, arr.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me know Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions, lovingly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Words: Thomas Lynch, 1855

Tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE, French chant, 1697

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

John 16:12-15

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1 Come, teach us, Spir - it of our God,
 2 Ex - cite our minds to fol - low You,
 3 En - gage our wits to dance with You,
 4 In - spire our spark to light from You,
 5 De - light our hearts to wor - ship You,



the lan - guage of Your way,
 to trace new truths in store,
 to leap from log - ic's base,
 to catch cre - a - tion's flair,
 to learn com - pas - sion's code,



the les - sons that we need to live,
 new flight paths for our spir - it space,
 to cap - ture in - sight on the wing,
 new art - ist - ry to cel - e - brate,
 to live in con - text of Your love,



the faith for ev - 'ry day.
 new mar - vels to ex - plore.
 to sense Your cos - mic grace.
 new har - mo - nies to dare.
 Great teach - er who is God!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1990
 Tune: *Kentucky Harmony*, Part Second, 1813

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, 700 “We Are God’s People” SYMPHONY

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Elaine Holley, violin
Catherine McMichael John Holley, viola

*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 “Holy, Holy, Holy” Maureen Howell
Fred Bock

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is John Liverman. A two-time FBC member (1989–1996 and 2022–current), John is a teacher for the Connections Sunday School class. He is also a “Big Buddy” and serves in Extended Session. He and his wife, Lou Anne, have an adult son, Henry, and an adult daughter, Ellen.

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

The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Chris and Dana Chapman by Matt and Anne Bullard as Dr. Chapman enters his 17th year as pastor of FBC.

Please keep the 15 people going on the youth mission week trip to Asheville in your prayers. They leave today and return on Friday, June 20.

The sanctuary choir loft renovation has resumed. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for regular updates.

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.

Calendar Highlights • June 15–22

Sunday, June 15–Friday, June 20

Youth mission week (Asheville/Raleigh)

Sunday, June 15

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)

Monday, June 16

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

Tuesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 19

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 12:00 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Meadow Restaurant, Benson;
meet at church at 11am to carpool)

Sunday, June 22

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)



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