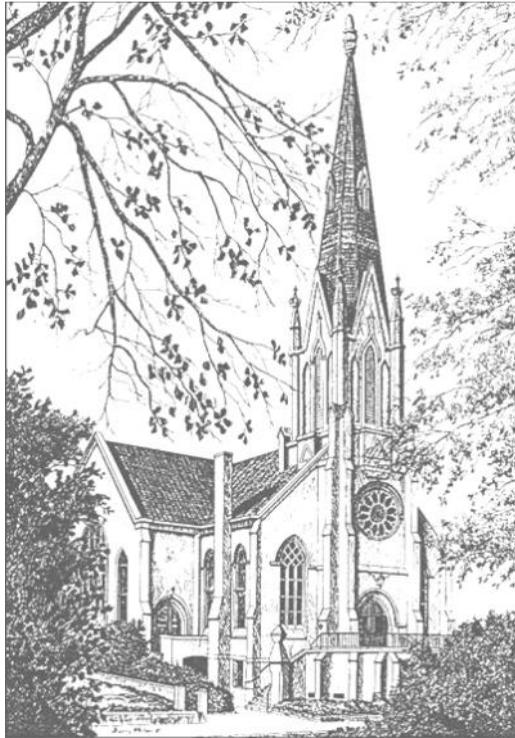


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

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June 22, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, a season in which we explore possibilities for spiritual growth for individual disciples and our community of faith. We wear our green community stoles and use the matching altar cloth, made from materials donated by church members and assembled by church members, symbols of our diverse yet united community. We sing hymns of praise and read texts that call for our faithfulness. The sermon explores the reading from 1 Kings 19 wherein the prophet Elijah is ready to give up his calling but finds the strength he needs to continue. We identify with his struggle and seek help from the One who strengthens him.

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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 Duet

"Be Thou My Vision"  
Dan Forrest, arr.

Sue Crocker and  
Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalms 42, 43

LEADER: As a deer longs for flowing streams,

**PEOPLE: so my soul longs for you, O God.**

LEADER: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

**PEOPLE: When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

LEADER: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him.

**PEOPLE: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me.**

LEADER: Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**PEOPLE: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him.**

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 60

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Sanctuary Choir

John Carter, arr.

Bob Kimball, solo

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, I want to cross over into campground.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1864  
and African-American Spiritual

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer, 591 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”  
(*Stanzas 1 & 5 only*)

REST

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.**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on shore, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes’ asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**LEADER:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

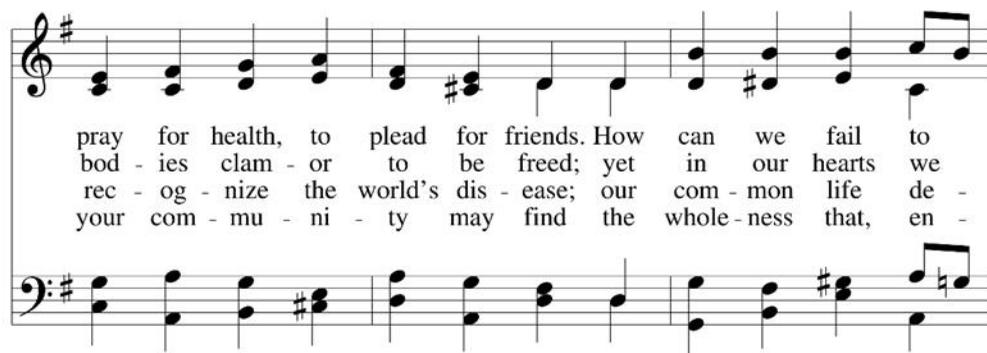
**PEOPLE:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

CANONBURY



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to  
2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our  
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we  
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in



pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to  
bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we  
rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -  
your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1969  
Music: Robert Schumann, 1839

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman  
"Something To Keep Us in the Fight"

## 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, 669

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

## 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

“Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song ”

Maureen Howell

John Leavitt

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Tom Childrey. Tom is a 32-year member of First Baptist who serves on the Finance Committee and is a member of the Formations Sunday School Class. Tom and his wife Maria have three daughters: Katie, Ann, and Caroline.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Dick and in honor of Sonia Moore by their children in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Our worship assistants today are Brooks and Brayden Joyce.

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.

 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 • June 22–29

### **Sunday, June 22**

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

### **Monday, June 23–Friday, June 27**

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School

### **Monday, June 23**

Clothing ministry closed

### **Tuesday, June 24**

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

### **Thursday, June 25**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 29**

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

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