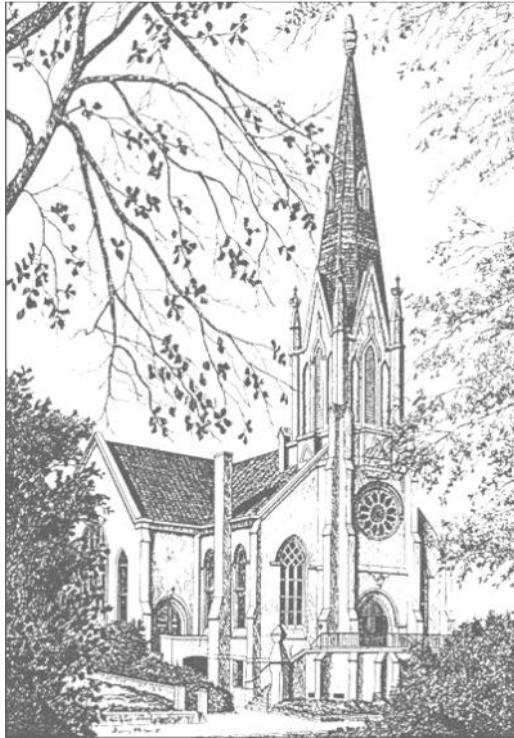


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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August 10, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

Eleven o'clock

**A**bout our Worship: On this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, the readings from Isaiah and Luke put us on the edge of our seats. The prophet seems to proclaim a harsh indictment on the quality of worship, but as it turns out, the message is even more demanding. It pushes us to ask whether our daily lives reflect the things we claim to believe here in worship. And then, Jesus tells us that whatever needs attention in our lives better get it soon, since our time of reckoning may come any day. Yet, while all this may sound overwhelming — not to mention utterly lacking in grace — the purpose of these truths is to call us to repentance where it is needed, and this is a gift, not a burden. It reminds us that God sees more good in us than we see, more kindness and compassion, more justice and love. We lift up songs of praise to this God, we offer prayers for ourselves and the world around us, and in communion we celebrate God's ongoing work of salvation which binds us together and enables us to grow.

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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

“Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 4 (Con spirito)”  
Muzio Clementi

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Sanctuary Choir

David Cherwien, arr.

Becky Mercer, flute

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

Music: *HOLY MANNA*, atr. William Moore, 1825

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 353

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Bobby Phillips

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls  
or of lambs or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more!

<sup>13</sup>Bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove your evil deeds  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil;

<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice;

rescue the oppressed;  
defend the orphan;  
plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:

If your sins are like scarlet,  
will they become like snow?

If they are red like crimson,  
will they become like wool?

<sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land,

<sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Christian Testament

Hebrews 11:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Call to Prayer



Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way!



Thy guid - ing grace af - ford; teach me thy way!



Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight;



lead me with heaven - ly light, teach me thy way!

## 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

Luke 12:32–40

<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 532

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Addressing the Disconnect between Faith Claims and Daily Life”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

### 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.*

“You Come Like the Lowliest People on Earth”



1. You come like the low - li - est peo - ple on  
2. You come as an a - lien, a stran - ger and  
3. A - wak - en our hearts to your call, strong and



earth, with hum - ble ap - pear - ance and  
guest, a wan - der - er seek - ing com -  
sure, that comes to us still in the



no signs of worth. You come as the  
pas - sion and rest. You come with the  
lives of the poor. God, guide us in



beg - gar we pass on the street who  
home - less, the way - ward and lost, and  
mak - ing the dif - fi - cult choice to



asks us for some - thing to drink and to eat.  
call us to join you, not think - ing of cost.  
fol - low the sound of your beck - on - ing voice.

Words: Adam M. L. Tice, 2011

Music: Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

## 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 FOUNDATION”

Maureen Howell

Ken Medema

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Bobby Phillips. A 33-year member and first-term deacon, Bobby is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and the Thirty-Niners senior group. He is on the Community Ministries Committee and is a greeter and volunteers in the clothing ministry. He is married to Nancy Moore Phillips and has two sons and five grandchildren.

Today's pulpit parament is sponsored by Beth and Ben Yerxa in honor of the small, but mighty, *Sharing Thoughts* Sunday School class. A donation is made to the Day Mission Fund.

The acolyte and Bible bearer today are Sebastian and Austin Burton.

Sympathy to Lin Carter and his family on the August 1 death of his mother, Shirley Carter.

The roses on the altar are in celebration of the July 31 births of Andrew Thomas and Bennett Kane, sons of Zena and Tom Rusher, brothers of Nash, and grandsons of Mary Nash and John Rusher.

Join us Sunday, August 24, from 5–7pm, for our End-of-Summer Block Party and Fall Kick-off! You can get supper from the *Also With 'Cue* food truck and we'll have a cornhole tournament, music from Eliza Myers and her band, inflatables & face painting for the kids, and complimentary *Howling Cow* ice cream to cool us off. Find a partner, give your team a fun name, and sign up for the cornhole tournament at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOA4AA4AC29A20-57638670-fbccornhole>.

Be sure to pick up the new issue of *First Foundations* magazine! Magazines can be found in the Lewis Lobby by the elevators as well as at all entrances to the sanctuary. You may also access this issue on the church website, along with previous issues of our magazines. If you would like to receive a copy of *First Foundations* in the mail, please email Deborah ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)).

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 • August 10–17

### Sunday, August 10

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

### Monday, August 11

Clothing ministry closed

### Tuesday, August 12

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)

### Wednesday, August 13

- 9:30 Youth Bible study (Bojangles)
- 7:00 Adult choir rehearsal (310)

### Thursday, August 14

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 4:00 5th grade pool party (Lakepark Swim Club)
- 11:30 Thirty-Niners luncheon (LaCucina Italiana, 6552 Glenwood Ave.)

### Friday, August 15

- 5:00 Durham Bulls game

### Sunday, August 17

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Toy Joy planning meeting (301)
- 6:00 Summer youth group (Blue Room)



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