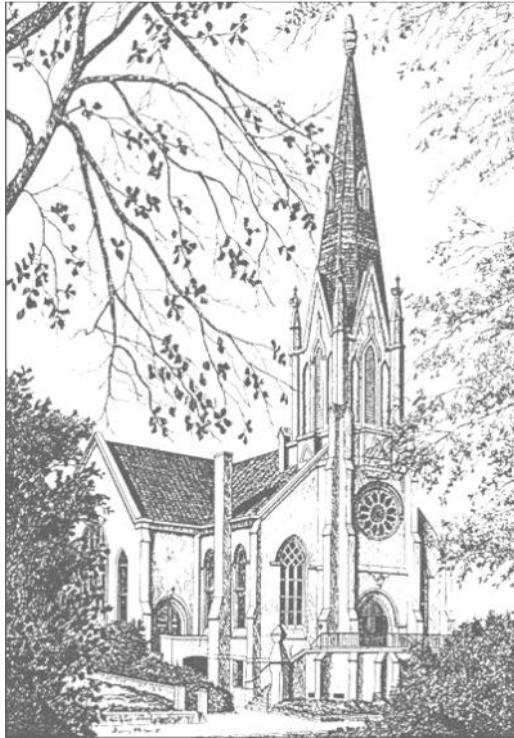


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, part of what we call Ordinary Time in the Christian year. We read about another prophet who is called to turn the world upside-down, we consider a passage from Hebrews which calls God a consuming fire, and we follow Jesus as he brings about dramatic change by healing a disabled woman on the Sabbath and thus challenging the legalistic perspectives of some. While all these texts point to God's persistent efforts to transform the world and our calling to join God, the sermon focuses on the reading from Luke and Jesus' acts of healing and confrontation. The worship music lifts up God's faithfulness in pursuing love and justice, compassion and healing, through all challenges. We pray for the healing of the world and we conclude worship with the dedication of Bobby Allen Phillips wherein we are reminded of our calling to nurture the children God entrusts to our care, not just to care for them but to lead them on the path of following Jesus.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

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

"Kum Ba Yah"  
Jan Sanborn

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 71

LEADER: God is our rock and our fortress,  
our refuge and strength.

PEOPLE: **God is our hope and our trust.  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.**

LEADER: Let us worship God.

\*The Hymn of Praise, 77 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

\*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Carolyn Dickens

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sanctuary Choir

Maureen Howell, arr.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

*O great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with then thousand beside!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
Tune: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1923

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 Prayer of Illumination

O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a period, the second with a comma, and the fourth with a double bar line.

Words and Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

## The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

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

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 A. Schumann, 1839, alt.

## 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

YE BANKS AND BRAES

#### “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of Bobby Allen Phillips.)

1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal or an - swer ev - 'ry  
2. The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from  
3. So some have come who need your help, and some have come to  
suf - f'rer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your love re - sponds when  
things long past, the fear of what the fu - ture holds are  
make a - mends as hands, which shaped and saved the world, are  
faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied on the  
pres - ent as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is love which  
pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it meet us  
cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and warn, to car - ry  
tends the hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the pri - vate  
here to mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to dis - en -  
all through death to life and cra - dle chil - dren still un - born.  
ag - o - nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.  
tan - gle peace from pain, and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Words: John L. Bell, 1989  
Music: Scottish Trad.

The Dedication of Bobby Allen Phillips, son of Hope and Brett Phillips

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Bobby Allen Phillips to the church and dedicate him to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, his parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Bobby Allen?

PEOPLE: **That he is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Bobby Allen grows in his understanding of God and himself, how will we help him to learn about his true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give him our love and include him in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Bobby Allen grows through different stages of life, what will we tell him about his story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell him about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Bobby Allen?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when he will sit with us at the Lord's Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to him.**

LEADER: Hope and Brett, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Bobby Allen in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to him.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Bobby Allen and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **Amen.**

## 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
Lloyd Larson

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Carolyn Dickens. A 48-year member, Carolyn serves as the church archivist and as the president of the Thirty-Niners and is on their Program Committee. She is the chair of the Personnel Committee, a wedding director, and a member of the Music Ministries Council, the Pathfinders Sunday School class, and the Sanctuary Choir. Carolyn and her husband Kent have two married children and four grandchildren.

The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of the *First Foundations* staff by Greg and Marchelle Flowers and Sonia Moore.

Join us this evening 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 Meyer and her band, inflatables & face painting for the kids, and complimentary *Howling Cow* ice cream to cool us off. Park in the lot across Edenton Street or in the government lot and bring a chair to sit in and money for supper.

Church conference: Wednesday, August 27; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and meeting at 6:15pm, in person and via Zoom (link and documents may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*).

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 August 27 is: baked ziti or chicken ziti with salad bar.

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 24–31

### Sunday, August 24

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/Baby dedication (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 3:30 Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 5:00 Block Party (parking lot)

### Monday, August 25

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open

### Tuesday, August 26

- 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 27

- 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)

### Thursday, August 28

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### Sunday, August 31

- 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.*