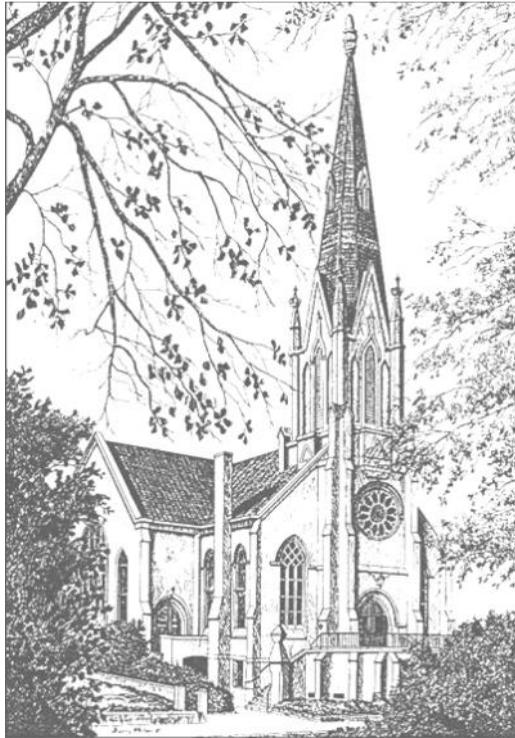


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October 12, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, a theme of thanksgiving runs through the texts and music. We may or may not feel thankful in this moment, but such is the case for the people in these stories and behind this music. Yet our calling is the same, no matter what our circumstances, because God's grace always shapes our lives, whether we realize it or not, and living with a thankful spirit enables us to see more of what God is doing. Thus, we lift up our voices in song, we offer prayers of thanksgiving, and we reflect on the reasons we have to feel grateful.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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

"We Gather Together"
Daniel Kallman

Maureen Howell

The Invocation (unison)

**Past, Present, and Future God,
Your love and mercies are not limited
to one time or to one people.
You continue to heal and to save,
transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set.
For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy
to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

The Call to Worship

“A Symphony of Praise”
Jim Cotter

(based on Psalm 66)

*The Hymn of Praise, 53

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

Ann Rollins

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Timothy 2:8–15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Solo

“Be Thou My Vision”
Tom Trenney, arr.

Cady Mercer
Elaine Holley, violin

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 Anthem

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Calvin Hampton

Sanctuary Choir
Becky Mercer, flute

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple, we could take him at his word,
and our lives would be more loving by the likeness of our Lord.

Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1862

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶he prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

"Thank You, Lord"

THANK YOU

(Congregation sings on the repeat)

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Complaining with Paul but Holding on to Hope Too"

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, 353

DIX

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Maureen Howell

John Leavitt

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Ann Rollins. A 41-year member, Ann is a member of the Personnel Committee and of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. She and her husband Tom have three married children—Charlotte, Michelle, and Matthew—and six grandchildren—Harris, Ford, Laney, Win, Avery, and Tommy.

Today's flowers are shared by Lynn Loomis in loving memory of her daughter, Jennifer Lynn Lane, and parents, Evelyn and Wilton Wheeley.

Today's acolyte and Bible bearer are Elizabeth and Hollis Yelverton.

In conjunction with our October Centerpoint focus, our mission project this month is collecting 20-lb bags of basmati rice that will be presented to Kim and Marc Wyatt for Welcome House on October 29. They will be added to Christmas bags that will be shared with the Welcome House families to provide them practical meals. You may place your donation in the designated tote located on the stage in the fellowship hall.

The church maintains a list of members who are military service veterans and those on active duty having connections to First Baptist. If you know of eligible individuals whose names have not previously been on these lists, please email Jennie Herrick (jherrick@fbcraleigh.org) by Wednesday, November 5. We will print this list in our bulletin the Sunday prior to Veterans Day.

Deacon election is happening now until Sunday, October 26. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, in the ballot box in the church office, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

Today (until 1pm, in the fellowship hall) is the last drop-off/collection day for new or GENTLY USED toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and books for Toy Joy. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for links to Amazon and Target wish lists if you'd like to purchase new toys, or you may donate funds (specifying *Toy Joy* in the memo line of your check) and the team will purchase them for you. The newsletter also has links to sign up to volunteer at the event or set-up the day before.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 15; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, Hans Linnartz and Ann Robertson, a husband-and-wife legal team that specializes in immigration issues will be sharing what they see in their practice today and how that has changed over the years, the most pressing needs they see, how they think about their work, and how churches like ours can walk alongside them and the people they serve. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for October 15 is: herb-roasted chicken with potatoes and corn; vegetarian option: veggie patties; kids: pizza 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.

 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 • October 12–19

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00 Toy Joy donation day (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship prep class (230)
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 2:00 Ordination Council meeting (conference room)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, October 16

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners meeting (fellowship hall)

Sunday, October 19

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship prep class (230)
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 3:00 Thirty-Niners outing (Theatre in the Park)
- 5:00 Youth choir (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.