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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, children play a central role in leadership — reading scripture, saying a prayer, singing an anthem, and receiving Bibles — reminding us that they are not just the church of the future, they are vital part of the church today. The stewardship team also addresses the present and future needs of the church, launching our annual emphasis on giving. The sermon explores another parable of Jesus recorded in Luke, the one about two men who went up to the temple to pray. It is a story about humility, a quality much needed in the world today. We sing hymns that underscore our calling herein as the sanctuary choir sings an anthem that cries out for humility. We depart to model this different way of life as a witness to Christ.

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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
John Ferguson

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 65

Eller Collins

LEADER: When we're snuggled in beds, when we're needing help or when we're worried about something, God hears our prayers.

PEOPLE: **Where morning dawns, where evening fades, God calls forth songs of joy.**

LEADER: When we have a hard time sharing — when we're selfish and want something all to ourselves, God forgives us.

PEOPLE: **Where morning dawns, where evening fades, God calls forth songs of joy.**

LEADER: When we enjoy good food and see the beautiful land with trees and flowers and people and homes and churches, we're reminded that God is the creator of all good things.

PEOPLE: **Where morning dawns, where evening fades, God calls forth songs of joy.**

LEADER: God, the whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

ALL: **Where morning dawns, where evening fades, You call forth songs of joy!**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 99 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

The Presentation of Bibles

Evie Filomena and Kahlan Sands

*Crosby Rohrbaugh will be assisting with the presentation of Bibles.

The Prayer of Blessing (unison)

Christopher Chapman

Loving God, we give thanks for the stories of faith we find in the Bible and for all who help us to understand these stories. We give thanks for the gift of children and the excitement they bring to every opportunity to learn. Bless these children as they seek to grow in faith. Guide our efforts as a church that we may prove faithful to our calling to tell the stories of our faith to our children and grandchildren. Grant us the grace to realize that we have as much to learn from children as we have to teach them. For we offer our prayer in the name of Jesus who welcomes children into his arms in love and says that to such as these belongs the kingdom of God, amen.

The Anthem

“Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten”

Grade-School Choir

Maureen Howell

Becky Mercer, flute

Not one sparrow is forgotten, e'en the raven, God will feed;
And the lily of the valley from God's bounty hath its need.
Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in thy mercy have a share?
And through faith and prayer, my Mother, know Thy protecting care?
This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.

Words: *Shaker Hymnal*, 1908, Canterbury, NH, alt
and Maltbie D. Babcock, quoting *This is My Father's World*, 1901

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Joel 2:23–32

Elizabeth Yelverton

²³People of Zion, celebrate in honor
of the Lord your God!
He is generous and has sent the autumn and spring rains
in the proper seasons.
²⁴Grain will cover your threshing places;
jars will overflow with wine and olive oil.
²⁵I, the Lord your God, will make up for the losses
caused by those swarms and swarms of locusts
I sent to attack you.
²⁶My people, you will eat until you are satisfied.
Then you will praise me for the wonderful things
I have done.
Never again will you be put to shame.
²⁷Israel, you will know that I stand at your side.
I am the Lord your God—there are no other gods.
Never again will you be put to shame.
The Lord said: ²⁸Later,
I will give my Spirit to everyone.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your old men will have dreams,
and your young men will see visions.
²⁹In those days I will even give
my Spirit to my servants, both men and women.

³⁰I will work wonders in the sky above and on the earth below. There will be blood and fire and clouds of smoke. ³¹The sun will turn dark, and the moon will be as red as blood before that great and terrible day when I appear. ³²Then I, the Lord will save everyone who faithfully worships me. I have promised there will be survivors on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and among them will be my chosen ones.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Asher Helms

⁶Now the time has come for me to die. My life is like a drink offering being poured out on the altar. ⁷I have fought well. I have finished the race, and I have been faithful. ⁸So a crown will be given to me for pleasing the Lord. He judges fairly, and on the day of judgment he will give a crown to me and to everyone else who wants him to appear with power.

¹⁶When I was first put on trial, no one helped me. In fact, everyone deserted me. I hope it won't be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood beside me. He gave me the strength to tell his full message, so that all Gentiles would hear it. And I was kept safe from hungry lions. ¹⁸The Lord will always keep me from being harmed by evil, and he will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. Praise him forever and ever! Amen.

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 Anthem

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Sanctuary Choir

John Ferguson, arr.

He comes to us as one unknown,
A breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
And thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon the inward eye,
A falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
The ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze,
A wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came
By flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame
A life, a death, a saving Name,
For ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
Believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,
As yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Savior and our Lord.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1973
Music: *REPTON*, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

The Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

⁹Jesus told a story to some people who thought they were better than others and who looked down on everyone else: ¹⁰Two men went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood over by himself and prayed, “God, I thank you that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful in marriage like other people. And I am really glad that I am not like that tax collector over there. ¹²I go without eating for two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all I earn.” ¹³The tax collector stood off at a distance and did not think he was good enough even to look up toward heaven. He was so sorry for what he had done that he pounded his chest and prayed, “God, have pity on me! I am such a sinner.” ¹⁴Then Jesus said, “When the two men went home, it was the tax collector and not the Pharisee who was pleasing to God. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. Gath-er us in, the
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day. Gath-er us in and
 lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haughty; gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
 hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all
 we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words and Music: Marty Haugen, 1982

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, 507

“I Then Shall Live”

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The Stewardship Moment

Nancy Phillips, John Baldwin,
John Liverman, and Wyatt Yelverton

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Benediction

Elizabeth Yelverton,
Asher Helms, and Eller Collins

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

“Gather Us In”
John Behnke

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Bob Kimball. A 36-year member, Bob has participated in the Honduras Ministry for over 25 years and serves on the Church Nominating Committee. He is in the Pathfinders Sunday School class and he and his wife Susan have two grown children, Elliott and Ginny.

The pulpit parament is sponsored by First Baptist Weekday Preschool in honor of all the amazing ministers and support staff here at FBC, as well as the Thirty-Niners senior group. A donation is being made to the Day Mission Fund.

The cover artwork on our bulletins today is by Evie Filomena and Kahlan Sands. Our Call to Worship this morning, inspired by themes in Psalm 65, was written and illustrated by our first graders in their Worship Preparation class. Many thanks to our fourth graders who assisted in our first graders' Worship Preparation class, leading centers and sharing their experience as worshipers: Eller Collins, Asher Helms, Crosby Rohrbaugh, Camden Sasser, and Elizabeth Yelverton.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer are Caroline and Nick Bradley.

Sympathy to Edith Simpson on the October 22 death of her son Steve.

Daylight saving time ends this coming Saturday, November 1. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed!

The City of Oaks Marathon is next Sunday, November 2. Your downtown pathway to FBC that morning may be blocked prior to 8:30am. After 8:30am, the racers will be out of the downtown area. Please make your plans accordingly.

The CROP Walk will be held on Saturday, November 8. You can support the Walk and the FBC teams by walking or donating. You may donate to the Walk via the website or the kiosk. Read more details in *Rose Window Weekly*.

Deacon election ends today at noon. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate or in the ballot box in the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

Please join us this evening at 6pm for an ordination service for Lynn Lingafelt. The service will be in our sanctuary with a reception following in the fellowship hall.

If you are interested in volunteering with the White Flag ministry this winter, please attend a volunteer orientation in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 28, from 6–8pm. A pizza supper will be provided. Please email Leah Reed by Sunday, October 26, if you can attend.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 29; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm, in person and via Zoom (the link may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*). This week, Kim and Marc Wyatt from Welcome House will be speaking to us about their ongoing ministry of hospitality, welcoming our refugee and immigrant neighbors all across the state of NC. We will present the 20-lb bags of basmati rice that we have collected this month to Kim and Marc for the Christmas bags that will be shared with the Welcome House families.

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 29 is a pizza buffet.

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.

Toy Joy will be held Saturday, November 15. For ways to donate and sign up to volunteer, please see the *Rose Window Weekly*.

When you enter the church during office hours during the week, we ask that you wear a badge that indicates your name and purpose for being in the facility. Badges are located at the parking lot ramp door and at the welcome center if you enter through Edenton Street.

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.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



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.

Calendar Highlights • October 26–November 2

Sunday, October 26

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 4:00 Evening Bells rehearsal
- 4:30 Youth choir (choir room)
- 5:30 Youth supper (301)
- 6:00 Ordination service (sanctuary)
- 7:00 Ordination reception (fellowship hall)

Monday, October 27

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, October 28

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 6:00 White Flag training (FH)

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

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

Sunday, November 2 *All Saints Sunday*

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