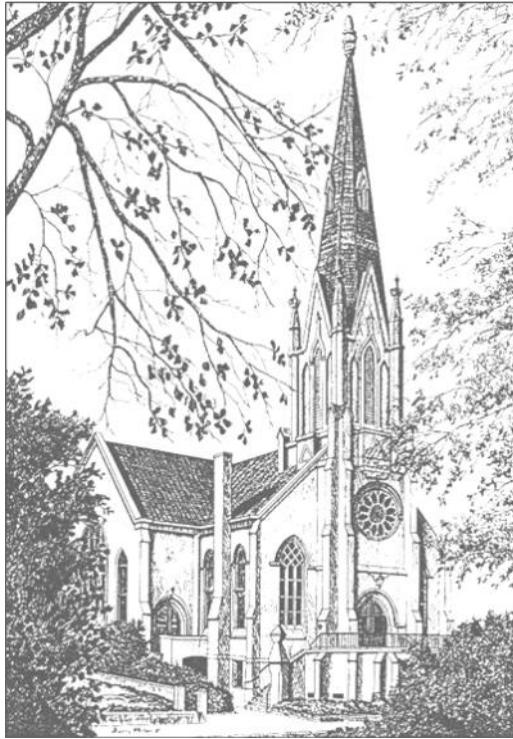


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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November 9, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Because we used the texts for All Saints Day last Sunday, we are using the texts for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (November 2 this year) today. The reading from Habakkuk is our primary focus, a lament for the prevalence of evil and injustice in this world and what seems like God's delay in response, yet also a word of encouragement for how we live with these realities. We are led in music by the Grade-School and Sanctuary Choirs and the Evening Bells, we pray for those who have served in the military forces of the United States on this Sunday closest to Veterans Day, and we hear a word about stewardship as we gather pledges toward the 2026 church budget. We depart to serve as faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care.

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

"Thanksgiving Suite"
Kurt Meyer, arr.

Evening Bells

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 119:137-144

LEADER: You are righteous, O God, and your judgments are true.

PEOPLE: **The ways that you have commanded are just and true.**

LEADER: Your promise has been well tested, delighting the faithful.

PEOPLE: **Though we are small, we do not forget your wisdom.**

LEADER: O God our hope, I yearn to follow in your way.

PEOPLE: **O God, our help, give us understanding that we may live.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 78

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Jess Helms

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“My Faith’s Got Shoes”

Grade-School Choir

Mark Burrows

Rhonda Lowe, dir.

I’m on the move with God. I’m in the groove with God,

My faith is more than the words I say,

it’s how I walk in love each day.

I’m living out God’s good news: my faith’s got shoes.

I’m reaching out with God. I’ll sing and shout for God,

I will speak up for a friend, I will help our planet mend.

I will stand for what is right. I will be a guiding light.

I will be the first to share. I will offer love and care.

I will lend a helping hand. I will follow God’s command.

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

“Freedom Is Coming”
South African

Sanctuary Choir

Oh freedom is coming, Oh yes, I know.
Oh Jesus is coming, Oh yes, I know.

Words and Music: South African anti-apartheid song

The Gospel

Luke 19:1–10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion
 2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er;
 3. Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come,
 4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion,
 5. There is now a new cre - a - tion



through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 tell the news to ev - 'ry - one:
 run to greet the way - ward child.
 come and join this hap - py feast;
 through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion
 now the past is gone for - ev - er
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en;
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion,



with the God of end - less life.
 and a new life has be - gun.
 let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 to the great - est and the least.
 to the God of end - less life!

Words: David Gambrell, 2015
 Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“A Place for Lamentation and a Place for Faithfulness”

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, 426

BEACH SPRING

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

The Word About Stewardship

Sabrina Tyndall

The Song of Response

AURELIA

**Great God of ev’ry blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start —
sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.**

Words: David Gambrell, 2015

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

“Voluntary on AURELIA”

Maureen Howell

Alice Jordan

*The congregation may stand.



HONORING VETERANS AND
THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE
— VETERANS DAY, 2025 —

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day we remember and honor Veterans for their military service. Their courage and sacrifice over the years has been responsible for guaranteeing the freedom of our great country. On this day, we also wish to recognize those members from families of First Baptist Church who are currently serving in the military forces of the United States. We are grateful for their service and the sacrifices being made by each of them and their families.

VETERANS

LaCount Anderson

US Navy, 1971–1976

Carl Bailey

US Army, 1969–1971

Chip Barnes

US Navy, 1991–2015

John Bennett

US Navy, 1978–1999

Scott Burton

US Army, 1997–2004

Albert Calloway

US Army, 1950–1952

Michael Cooke

US Army, 1968–1971

Frederick Russell Cox

US Army, 1953–1955

Jud DeBra

US Army, 1965–1968

Dennis Ellis

US Marine Corps, 1978–1983

Hal L. English

US Army, 1954–1956

Marshall Evans

US Army 1951–1953

Dennis Francis

US Navy, 1984–1992

Jim Good

US Army, 1957–1963

Chet Goolsby

US Air Force, 1969–1973

Julian W. Hughes, Jr.

US Army, 1954–1956

Art Jackson

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1969–1971

Bill Jacobs

US Navy, 1955–1959; 1960–1964

Max O. Johnson

Army National Guard of NC, 1962–1968

Bob Kimball

US Air Force, 1971–1977

Don Kline

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1953–1955

Bill Loomis

Army National Guard, 1970–1976

Bob Matthews

US Navy, Medical Officer 1982-2019

Al Moore

US Navy, 1959–1963

Charles Parker

US Navy, 1954–1962

Linville Roach

US Navy JAG, 1955–1959

Daniel O. Roberts

USNR, 1953–1961

Victor Santana

US Army 1971-1996

Johnny Shaver

US Army, 1954–1956

John Smith

US Army, 1969, 1972

Jerry Washington

US Army, 1970–1972

Charles D. White

US Army, 1951–1953

November 9, 2025

ACTIVE DUTY

PFC Brooks Parker

Army National Guard

146 Croyden Drive

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Grandparents: Charles and Grace Parker

Captain Julia R. Stewart

United States Marine Corps

Grandmother: Rae Moorhead

Aunt: Cindy DeFoor

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The Deacon on Call is Matt Strickland. A 13-year member, Matt is a teacher for the High School (Grades 9–12) Sunday School class and a member of the Properties Committee. He and his wife Allison have two children, Alice and Hayes.

Our acolyte and Bible bearers today are Evie and Leah Filomena.

The pulpit banner is sponsored today by Mary Lou Dodd in loving memory of her husband, Mike Dodd, who died on November 15, 2023. He was a loving father to son Michael and his wife Kathryn, daughter Anna and her husband Alex, and daughter Margaret as well as a loving grandfather to grandchildren James, Nate, Lola, and Lizzie Dodd.

We Promise To Do Our Best, our 2026 stewardship emphasis, is underway. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously and with gratitude to God through First Baptist Church. If you don't receive a stewardship packet in the mail, please contact the church office.

During November, we'll be collecting a special offering for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Recent cuts to SNAP benefits have placed increased financial strain on many families in our community and across our nation. In light of this, our church has the opportunity to respond compassionately to the growing needs of our local neighbors. The Food Bank plays a vital role in addressing food insecurity across our region, and our collective support could make a significant difference during what will likely be the worst hunger crisis in a generation. This organization is not in our current or 2026 budget, making this a special opportunity to give back to a program in our community that desperately needs our support.

A Holiday Service of Hope and Remembrance, offering hope and assurance to those who have lost loved ones, will be held here at First Baptist in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 20, at 7pm.

It's time again to place your pre-orders for your Thanksgiving feast from *And Also with 'Cue!* Go to their Facebook page to place your order.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 6pm, followed by a reception. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes or on our website— must be received with payment by Friday, December 5.

If you can make two or three dozen cookies for the Hanging of the Greens reception, please email Sheila Jordan (jbwsaj@yahoo.com). The cookies need to be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 7.

We will again be handing out free biscuits and bottled water to parade-goers at the Raleigh Christmas parade on Saturday, November 22. Volunteers will be needed starting at 7:30am to help wrap the biscuits. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details and for the link to sign up.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 12; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, as the Adult Ministries Council thinks about programming for 2026, we'd like to get feedback from you about what you love about it or what would make you come more regularly — the types of programs and activities that you value the most or the types of things we could be fostering outside of the Wednesday night format. Another thing we'd like to discuss is how we can support those who haven't been able to come due to transportation challenges or scheduling conflicts. If you can't make it to the program, feel free to email the committee with your thoughts.

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 on November 12 is: vegetarian lasagna with garlic bread and asparagus spears; kids: macaroni and cheese.

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

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. 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.

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 the 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 • November 9–16

Sunday, November 9

- 9:00 JBC Toy Joy food bag prep (fellowship hall)
- 9:15 Deacon officer nominating committee meeting (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (301)

Wednesday, November 12

- 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 (sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, November 13

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Southern Supreme Fruitcake)

Saturday, November 15

- 8:00 Toy Joy

Sunday, November 16

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)



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