

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Third Sunday of Easter, we continue to read the post-resurrection narratives, in addition to texts that describe the ways resurrection shapes the life of the early church. We sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving, hear choirs of different ages, and offer prayers for resurrection hope in the world today. The sermon explores the familiar story from Luke 24 which follows two disciples on the road to Emmaus and their journey from despair to hope. It is an ongoing pattern in our lives, aided by the same companion these two early disciples first think is a stranger. We respond to our hearing of the gospel with financial gifts and the dedication of our lives. We depart to serve with Easter hope in a world that desperately needs it.

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

Tanner Winchester

The Introit

"Wren's Song"
Anna Laura Page

Grade-School Choir
Rhonda Lowe, dir.

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 116

LEADER: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

PEOPLE: **Because you listened to me, I will call on you as long as I live.**

LEADER: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

PEOPLE: **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 254

ODE TO JOY

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Jerry Dudeck

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–23

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²²Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Come, Dearest Lord”
Charles Callahan

Sanctuary Choir
Sue Crocker, dir.

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell by faith and love in every breast;
Then shall we know and taste and feel the joys that cannot be expressed.

Come fill our hearts with inward strength, make our enlarged souls possess,
And learn the height and breadth and length of thine unmeasurable grace.

Now to the God whose power can do more than our thoughts or wishes know,
Be everlasting honors done by all the Church through Christ his Son. Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1709

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.**

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Losing Faith and Reclaiming It”

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, 642

WALK WITH ME

“I Want Jesus To Walk with Me”

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Tanner Winchester

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, adapt

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

Tanner Winchester

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Jerry Dudeck. A 49-year member and first-term deacon, Jerry is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School. He and his wife Catharine have two grown sons.

Our offering helper is Kahlan Sands, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

Our thanks to Tanner Winchester for playing the organ and to Sue Crocker for directing the choir this week.

The sanctuary flowers are placed in honor of the FBC Raleigh Youth Choir by Rhonda Lowe and Dennis Francis.

Sympathy to Bill Loomis and his family on the April 14 death of his mother, Irene Morgan, and to Richard Spencer and his family on the April 14 death of his stepfather, Tom Long.

In an effort to keep our database current, we ask that if you have had any changes to your address, phone number, email address, or family status, please let the church office know by emailing Jennie Herrick at jherrick@fbcraleigh.org.

Our mission project this month supports *The No Woman No Girl Initiative*, which provides hygiene supplies to individuals and families through family distribution events and street outreach. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for a list of needed supplies that you may purchase and donate. Place your donations in the marked drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 22; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. Join us for a special outing as we explore downtown Raleigh together! We'll board the Raleigh Trolley for a guided tour (led by Sarah Woodard) around Capitol Square, learning about the rich history of some of our city's most historic buildings. We'll depart from the church at 6:15pm and return by 7:15pm.

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 April 22 is: ground turkey taco soup with tomatoes, corn, and cilantro; veg option: pinto beans, corn chips, bread, and rice; kids: chips and salsa.

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 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.



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



Calendar Highlights • April 19–26

Sunday, April 19

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310)

Thursday, April 23

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

Saturday, April 25

- 12:00 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal/retreat (301/302)

Sunday, April 26

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (Lake Crabtree)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (302/Zoom)
- 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.