

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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April 5, 2026

# THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

## EASTER

April 5, 2026

Eleven o'clock

**A**bout our Worship: Today is Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for us. All the texts, prayers, and liturgies point to the meaning of this day, and the sermon explores its continuing significance for our time, but the truth is this is a mystery to be pondered, not a truth to dissect; Good News to be celebrated in joyous song, not a concept to be articulated. We give thanks for church musicians who help us celebrate, worship assistants who help make our worship space even more beautiful than usual, and all who add their voices to our words and songs of praise.

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## 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

"Majestic Alleluia"  
Joel Raney

Evening Bells  
Anna Anderson, dir.

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**PEOPLE: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

LEADER: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**PEOPLE: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

LEADER: Let this place resound with joy.

**PEOPLE: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

\*The Hymn of Praise, 234 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

\*The Invocation

The Psalter

from Psalm 118

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

**PEOPLE: There are glad songs of victory,  
“The Lord is exalted.”**

LEADER: I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

LEADER: This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**PEOPLE: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Anthem

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” Sanctuary Choir

John Ferguson, arr.

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
’Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

For today among his own Christ appeared, bestowing  
blessed peace, which evermore passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark portal  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold him as a mortal.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to gladden faithful hearts which with true affection  
welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!  
Alleluia! Now we cry to our Lord immortal.

Words: John of Damascus, 8th c.  
translated: John Mason Neale, 1859, alt.  
Music: Johann Horn, 1544

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Tonya Carter

<sup>1</sup>“At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

<sup>2</sup>This is what the Lord says:

“The people who survive the sword  
will find favor in the wilderness;  
I will come to give rest to Israel.”

<sup>3</sup>The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

<sup>4</sup>I will build you up again,  
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels  
and go out to dance with the joyful.

<sup>5</sup>Again you will plant vineyards  
on the hills of Samaria;  
the farmers will plant them  
and enjoy their fruit.

<sup>6</sup>There will be a day when watchmen cry out  
on the hills of Ephraim,

‘Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.’”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"



1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died, through  
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who  
 4. Christ has ris - en, and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised, as we  
 love, to save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en bring - ing  
 feared the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion where their  
 and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled, all who



doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing,  
 flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples  
 faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what is no long - er,  
 find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent



let the sun sus - tain the cheer, let the world con -  
 hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -  
 they sus - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their  
 mak - ing us what he has been— ev - i - dence of



firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en! God is here!  
 spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
 con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
 trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988.

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1831

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 Anthems

“Easter Morning”  
Paul J. Christiansen

Sanctuary Choir

Mary came and told the disciples  
that she had seen the Lord.  
Then the same day at evening, as they were assembled  
came Jesus and stood in the midst.  
Then said Jesus until them: “Peace be unto you.”

adapted from The Gospel of John

“Hallelujah” (from *Messiah*)  
G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become  
the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;  
and He shall reign for ever and ever,  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

adapted from The Book of Revelation

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Easter Expectations and Experience”

### 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 Head That Once Was Crowned”

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2. The high - est place that heaven af - fords is His, is His by right,  
3. The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
4. The cross He bore is life and health, though shame and death to Him:

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom He man - i - fests His love and grants His name to know.  
His peo - ple's hope, His peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains four numbered lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Words: Thomas Kelly, 1820

Music: Carl Gläser, 1820

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

“Toccata from *Symphony V*”

Maureen Howell

Charles-Marie Widor

\*The congregation may stand.

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# *Easter Gifts*

*IN HONOR OF:*

*Bonnie Baker, by Linda Sears*

*Margaret Crow (Peggy) Barham, by Margaret and David Barham*

*Annette Barnes, by Paula and Mike Barnes*

*Grandma and Grandpa, by Caroline and Savannah Bradley*

*Nick, Lauren, Caroline, and Savannah Bradley, by Shirley and John Hobson*

*FBC Clothing ministry volunteers, by Carol Blanchard and Sabrina Tyndall*

*FBC Custodians, by Lynn and Bill Loomis*

*Joan Hobson (Nana), by Lauren Bradley*

*Joan Hobson, by Shirley and John Hobson*

*Mimi and GDaddy, by Caroline and Savannah Bradley*

*Their grandfather Donel Kelley, by Anna, Jonathan, and Jane Kelley*

*Sonia Moore, by Marchelle and Greg Flowers*

*Their teachers, by the John Hiott Fellowship class*

*Their family, by Betsy and Clint Neal*

*PB&J crew, by their FBC clothing ministry family*

*Jamie and Charles Petty, by Allison, Parker, Tanner, Ana, Caleb, Claire, Tom, Ben, and Dylan*

*Dylan, Gabby, Theo, and Penelope Santana, by Elizabeth and Victor Santana*

## *IN MEMORY OF:*

*Maurice Baker*, by Linda Sears

*Doris and Max Baldwin*, by the Baldwin and Harris families

*Charles D. Barham, Jr.*, by Margaret and David Barham

*Charlie Barham*, by Mary Nash and John Rusher

*George W. Barnes*, by Annette Barnes

*George Barnes*, by Paula and Mike Barnes

*Jerry Blanchard (Daddy, Granddaddy)*, by the Blanchards

*Bill Bradley (PaPa)*, by Caroline and Savannah Bradley

*Their parents*, by Myra and Sterling Brickell

*Blayne Brown*, by Jess Helms

*Joanne Wilkins Canady*, by Shirley and John Hobson

*His parents and parents-in-law*, by Ralph Cavin

*Jim Clary and their parents*, by Margaret Clary

*Sarah Connor*, by the Santana family

*Corbin and Nelson Cooper*, by Joan and John Cooper

*Glenn Davis (Daddy)*, by Lindsey and Brantley Blanchard, Jr.

*Frances Evans*, by Marchelle and Greg Flowers

*Nancy Jo and Bob Fleming*, by the Rusher family

*HF, Ginny, and Forest Flowers*, by Marchelle and Greg Flowers

*Her sister Sandi Gillean*, by Anita and Art Jackson

*Polly Garrard (Good)*, by Lauren Bradley

*John Wilkins, Pauline Wilkins Garrard, and Sam Garrard*, by Shirley and John Hobson

*Janice E. Good*, by her family

*Bennie Ray and Mary Gupton*, by Paula Page

*Anna Helms*, by Jess and Chase Helms

*Rance Henderson*, by Betty Henderson

*Their teachers*, by the John Hiott Fellowship class

*Their parents*, by Sheila and John Hite

*Edward Hobson*, by Shirley and John Hobson

*Andrew Howell*, by Maureen and Warren Howell  
*Kay Huggins*, by Barbara Huggins  
*Kay Huggins*, by Kathleen Huggins Johnson  
*Carey Hunter*, by his family  
*Her parents, Mary Frances and Ernie Johnson*, by Emily Johnson  
*Their grandmother, Caroline Kelley*, by Anna, Jonathan, and Jane Kelley  
*Jennifer Lynn Lane*, by Lynn and Bill Loomis  
*Scott Lingafelt*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Their parents*, by Laura and Ron Maness  
*Their grandparents, Burgess and Mary Jane Marshbanks*, by Anna, Jonathan, and Jane Kelley  
*Fannie Memory and Thornton Mitchell*, by Anne and Matt Bullard  
*Dick Moore*, by Marchelle and Greg Flowers  
*Joe E. Overman (Daddy, Papa)*, by the Blanchards  
*Robert Page*, by Paula Page  
*Her parents Frances and Frank Parker*, by Frances Shell  
*Durwood Pegram*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Their parents*, by Nancy and Bobby Phillips  
*Her uncle, Uriel O. Powell*, by Mary Frances Ellington  
*Howard Shell*, by Frances Shell  
*Alice and Geroge Tunstall*, by Anne Tunstall  
*Marianne and Joe Webb*, by Sonia Moore  
*Andy Wilson*, by the Collins family  
*Andy Wilson*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*Her sister, Becky Wines*, by Emily Johnson  
*Harold Yelverton*, by Jess and Chase Helms  
*The lily in the library is in loving memory of Aileen Simpson*, placed there by Mrs. Edith Simpson.



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The Deacon on Call is Tonya Carter. A 21-year member, Tonya is a teacher and member of the Connections Sunday School class and a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Tonya and her husband Lin have three children: Joshua, Catherine, and Caleb.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Burke and Pauline Koonce, Calvin and Mary Grady Koonce, and Marvin and Ann Koonce by Vic and Mary Grady Bell and Battle and Kathryn Koonce.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, April 8; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. We begin a two-week book study of *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)* by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers. Holly Ivel will lead our discussion as we unpack the challenges of political conversations. Together we'll reflect on how our faith calls us to approach disagreement with compassion, courage, and a commitment to community. Email Leah Reed with any questions.

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 on April 8 is: BBQ ribs with potato salad, baked beans, and green beans; veg option: non-meat patty with sauce; kids: grilled cheese and apple sauce.

Dr. Chapman will be away from the office from Thursday, April 9, through Sunday, April 12. Leah Reed will preach in his absence.

Join us for a landscape workday on April 18 from 8:30am until noon. Everyone is welcome and we will have jobs for all age groups. If you can help that day, contact Jeff Hobart at [Hobart2473@gmail.com](mailto:Hobart2473@gmail.com) so we will know how many volunteers to expect. If you have any of the following items, please bring them: rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, wheelbarrows.

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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## Calendar Highlights • April 5–12

### **Sunday, April 5**      *Easter*

- 6:20      Easter Sunrise Service (Capitol Square)
- 9:00      Nominating Committee (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45      Sunday School
- 11:00      FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship and luncheon (301/302)

### **Monday, April 6**      **Easter Monday**

- Church office and clothing ministry closed
- 6:30      Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### **Tuesday, April 7**

- 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 8**

- 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)  
Handbell rehearsal (302)

### **Thursday, April 9**

- 7:00      Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### **Sunday, April 12**

- 9:00      Nominating Committee (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45      Sunday School
- 11:00      FBC worship/Leah Reed preaching (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00      Youth choir rehearsal (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.*