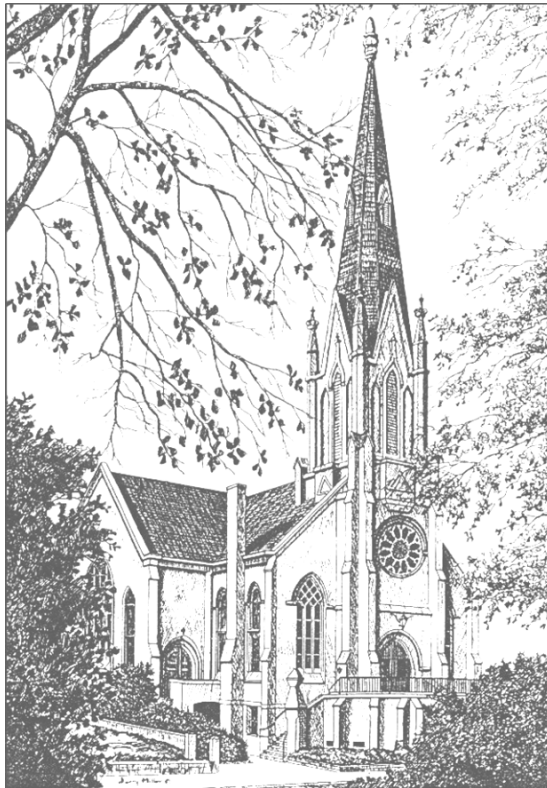


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, multiple themes emerge from the biblical texts — the role of prophets, the nature of salvation, and the importance of hospitality. Different elements of the service reflect these varied themes, each of which speaks to us today. The sermon explores the role of prophets in the reading from Jeremiah, specifically dealing with the question of how we decide which prophet is speaking for God when multiple prophets proclaim diametrically opposed messages. It is a very old story, but the central concern is one we still confront. Such is the enduring value of our sacred texts. In worship, we take a step back from our everyday lives in order to find insight for how we might live them more faithfully.

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

“Aria”
John S. Dixon

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 89

LEADER: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

PEOPLE: **and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

LEADER: Your steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

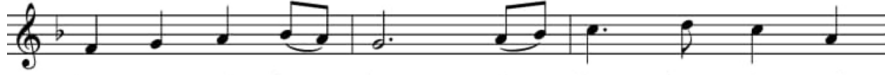
LEADER: Happy are those who sing your praise

PEOPLE: **and extol your righteousness all the day.**

The Invocation



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Marchelle Flowers

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregational Response

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

Words: John Newton, 1779, alt.
Music: NEW BRITAIN, *Columbian Harmony*, 1829

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 Hymn of Devotion

"Gathered in God's Name"

Michael Burkhardt

Leader: Gathered in God's name, called by God in this hour.
Gathered as one family in the name of love. **(Refrain)**

Gathered in God's name, 'round the peace of the Lord,
in the presence of Christ, in the name of love **(Refrain)**

Refrain

with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
in the name of love, in the name of
love, in the name of love.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second line continues the melody. The third line continues the melody. The fourth line continues the melody. The fifth line continues the melody. The sixth line continues the melody. The seventh line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace. Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love."

Words and Music: Michael Burkhardt, 2021

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40–42

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Sanctuary Choir

Traditional Irish melody

Beth McCollum, violin

Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Alfred Fedak, arr. 2016

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Still Finding Value in the Old Stories”

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, 669

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

“Trumpet Tune”

Maureen Howell

Charles Callahan

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Marchelle Flowers. A 51-year member, Marchelle serves on the Infant-Toddler Board and is a member of the Unity Sunday School class. Marchelle is married to Greg Flowers.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer this morning are Eller and Martha Collins.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Dick and in honor of Sonia Moore by their children in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to the family of Carolyn Crutchfield, who died on Monday, June 22, and of Jean Gupton, who died Saturday, June 20, and to Dan Roberts on the June 20 death of his brother Mickey.

Please keep the 14 people going to Passport Kids in Banner Elk this week in your prayers. They leave tomorrow and return Thursday.

Please join us for a combined adult Sunday School class on July 5 at 9:45am in the fellowship hall when Dr. Glenn Jonas, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Charles Howard Professor of Religion at Campbell University, presents “The Puritans and Roger Williams: Two Models for Religion in America.” Dr. Jonas authored *Nurturing the Vision: First Baptist Church, 1812-2012* for our 200th anniversary, of which we have several copies in the library on sale for \$6 each. Come early for a continental breakfast at 9:30am.

For our June mission project, we are supporting our downtown police officers. We asked the officers what items would be useful to them, and we are now working on gathering those items. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for the list and place your donations in the marked drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby throughout the month.

Register now for VBS, July 27–31, 9am–12pm. More information and a registration form may be found in 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 first floor.

To access the church WiFi, please use our guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: “biography.” will need to sign in upon each use.

Calendar Highlights • June 28–July 5

Sunday, June 28

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

Monday, June 29–Thursday, July 2

Passport Kids (Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk)

Monday, June 29

Clothing ministry closed

Tuesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 2

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, July 5

- 9:30 Continental breakfast for combined Sunday School class (FH)
- 9:45 Special combined adult Sunday School class (fellowship hall)
Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)



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