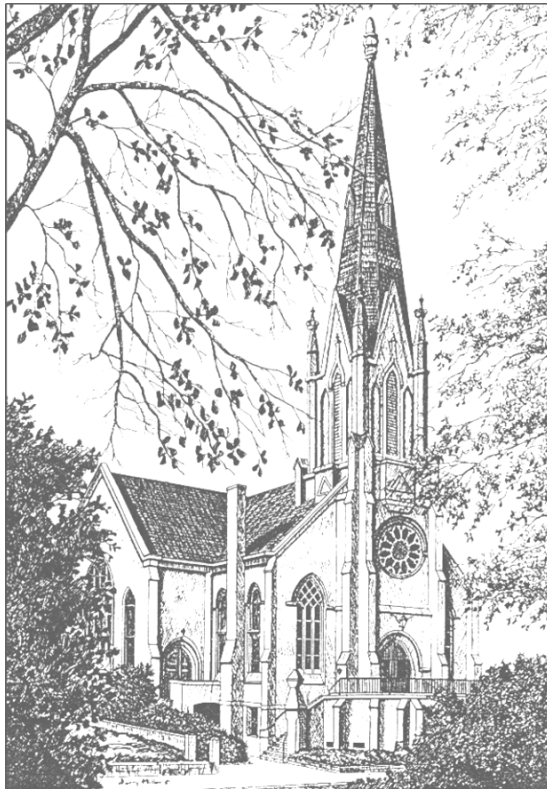


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Graduation Sunday! Each year, as our high school seniors step into graduation, we are blessed with an opportunity to be led in worship by them. This class of students is remarkably talented in a myriad of ways. Today's worship has been shaped around the students' inspiration for their reflections. Today our students thoughtfully wrestle with how we understand God's vision and action in our personal lives. They bring stories from their own experience of what it is like to choose faith in God even when God's actions seem disruptive to our own plans. As you listen and participate in worship with this year's senior class, their hope is for you to notice God's presence working in your life, even when it is difficult to see it.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

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

"Blessing"

Maureen Howell

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The Call to Worship

from Psalm 50:7-15

LEADER: Hear, O my people, and I will speak. What kind of offering does the Lord desire?

PEOPLE: **Every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

LEADER: I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

PEOPLE: **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

LEADER: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

PEOPLE: **Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.**

\*The Processional Hymn

“O Sing to the Lord”  
(see insert)

CANTAI AO SENHOR

\*The Invocation

Matthew Taylor  
Charlotte Phillips

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Reflections

Jay Foster  
Dillon Tyndall

\*The Choral Blessing

“May a Song Remain”

Youth Choir

May a song remain within you, ever singing in your heart.  
May a song remain among us, whether near or far apart.  
And though our song may others hear the harmony of peace.  
May a song of love remain in all; and may it never cease!

Words and Music: Larry E. Schultz, 2019

The Hebrew Bible

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Claire Carothers  
Jesse Vogel

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: <sup>14</sup>“Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” <sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a  
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done  
3 O shout to our God, who gave us the  
4 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Love's Been Following You”

Youth Choir

Twila Paris

I know sometimes it’s hard to believe it, but Love’s been following you.  
From where I stand, I’m able to see it and Love’s been following you.  
All through the stormy night, didn’t you see the light?  
Goodness and mercy right there behind you.

Some days your heart just couldn’t be colder, but Love’s been following you.  
All you have learned just makes you feel older, but Love’s been following you.  
You think that no one cares; still Love is always there.  
He would go anywhere just to find you.

Somehow the road just seems to get longer, but Love’s been following you.  
Wait for the One who will make you stronger, ‘cause love’s been following you.  
Wherever you go from here, run far away from fear.  
Keep one thing very near and believe it’s true.

The Reflections

Matthew Taylor  
Charlotte Phillips

The Morning Prayer

Jay Foster  
Dillon Tyndall

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 Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread through all of that district.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be  
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be

the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,  
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my  
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 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and  
 where your love and foot - steps show, Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 what I mean in you and you in me?  
 touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 live and grow in you and you in me.

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Music: Scottish melody

\*The Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”  
(see insert)

KELVINGROVE

The Reflections

Jesse Vogel  
Claire Carothers

## 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, 532

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

The Presentation of Bibles

Christopher Chapman

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Parting Blessing

Youth Group Leaders

LEADER: O Christ, you are within each of us. It is not just the interior of these walls; it is our own inner being you have renewed. We are your temple not made with human hands; we are your body.

GRADUATES: *If every wall should crumble, and every church decay, we are your habitation.*

LEADER: Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Ours are the eyes which you, in the mystery, look out with compassion on the world.

GRADUATES: *So we bless You for this place, for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, your presence among us.*

LEADER: Take them outside, O Christ, outside holiness, to where nations clash at the crossroads of the world.

GRADUATES: *So shall this building continue to be justified; and your people find cause to bless your name.*

CONGREGATION: **God guide your feet and minds today, may you travel safely and find companions on the way.**

GRADUATES: *God be in your hands and hearts today when you wave goodbye and prepare to welcome others.*

CONGREGATION: **God be in your lives as you travel on and at your homecoming.**

GRADUATES: *God be with you always, constant companion, guardian, friend and guide.*

**ALL: *May God's blessing be ours on our pilgrim way, all the nights and days of our journey home.***

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

"O Sing to the Lord"

Maureen Howell

Mark Sedio

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Jeff Hobart. A 33-year member, Jeff is a member of the Personnel Committee and coordinates the Landscape Team and is a teacher for the 7th and 8th grader Sunday School class. He is married to Holly Cook and has two grown children, Leigh and Keller.

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in honor of our 2026 high school graduates.

Sympathy to the family of Carmen Hiott, who died Wednesday, June 3.

The ministers will be at their annual staff retreat Monday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 9. If you need them, contact the church office and your message will be relayed to them.

On the second Sundays of June, July, and August, everyone is invited to join us for Second Sunday Lunch after worship. The idea is simple: after the service, gather in the fellowship hall, split into groups, and head to a nearby downtown restaurant for lunch together. No sign-up is required, and everyone is welcome! Each person will pay for his own meal. The first luncheon will be next Sunday, June 14, and we will go to Birdie's, Oakwood Deli, and The Daily Planet Café.

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 7–14

### **Sunday, June 7**    *Graduation Sunday*

- 8:15      Graduates' breakfast (fellowship hall)
- 9:45      Sunday School
- 11:00     FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship (227)

### **Monday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 9**

Staff retreat

### **Monday, June 8**

- 10:00     Clothing ministry

### **Tuesday, June**

- 10:45     WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00      WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 5:30      Elementary school VBS teachers' meeting (233)

### **Thursday, June 11**

- 7:00      Band of Brothers (Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 14**

- 9:45      Sunday School
- 11:00     FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
- JBC worship (227)
- 12:15     Second Sunday Lunch



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*Claire Carothers*  
Cardinal Gibbons High School  
UNC Wilmington

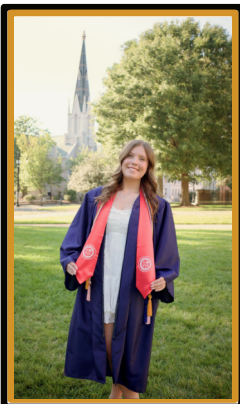


*Jay Foster*  
Broughton High School  
NC State University



*Charlotte Phillips*  
Thales Academy  
Meredith College

*Maddy Puryear*  
Wake Early College of Information and  
Biotechnology  
Continued collegiate work at WECIB





*Matthew Taylor*  
Green Hope High School  
UNC Chapel Hill



*Dillon Tyndall*  
Green Hope High School  
University of South Carolina

## A decorative graphic featuring a black graduation cap with a gold tassel. Below the cap, the word "Congratulations!" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font with a gold outline. The text and cap are surrounded by several yellow stars of varying sizes and small gold confetti pieces, all set against a white background.



*Jesse Vogel*  
Wakefield High School  
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