

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Trinity Sunday in the Christian year, the day we celebrate the mystery of one God revealed in three persons. It is a sacred reality better experienced than explained, mindboggling to insiders and outsiders to our faith, yet transformative for our journey. We experience the Triune God in worship today, we offer praise and devotion to the One who is revealed to us in different ways, and we revisit our calling to make disciples of all nations with the assurance that we do not pursue this work alone.

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

"Prelude on ELLACOMBE"
Maureen Howell

Maureen Howell
Becky Mercer, flute

The Call to Worship

based on Psalm 8

LEADER: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PEOPLE: **You have set your glory above the heavens,
beyond what we can see.**

LEADER: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

PEOPLE: **The moon and the stars that you set in motion
with the creation of the universe;**

LEADER: I think, what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

PEOPLE: **Mortals, that you care for them?**

LEADER: Yet, you have given us minds that think, and hearts that love,

PEOPLE: **Voices that laugh, and souls that can look up at
the night sky and stand in awe and wonder.**

LEADER: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PEOPLE: **All your works will praise and proclaim your Holy Name.**

*The Hymn of Praise, 2

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Anthem

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Sanctuary Choir

Austin Lovelace, arr.

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I can be, Thou, God, are present there.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715

Music: FOREST GREEN, English Folk melody

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics 'Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics 'live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

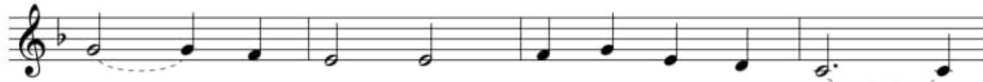
¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap -
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day, As
 I am with you 'til the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
 ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1991
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Revisiting Our Calling”

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

“Song of Hope”

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill-ing all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus-tice speed us
on our way, bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.
Refrain
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our joy with all;
work-ing for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

Words: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984

Music: Argentine folk melody, Robert Hobby, arr., 2000

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

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Marianna Burnette. A 30-year member and first-term deacon, Marianna is a member of the Formations Sunday School class. She and her husband Randall have two grown children, Lindsey and Noah.

Today's pulpit flowers are given by Matt and Anne Bullard to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren, who both have May birthdays. Lucy Garceau was born May 2 in Chicago to Catherine Bullard and Jeff Garceau. Lottie Bullard, the daughter of Betsy and Madison Bullard of Philadelphia, celebrated her second birthday May 18.

The annual church picnic is Wednesday, June 3, 5–7pm, at Pullen Park (shelter #4). Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. 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 for that night is: hot dogs and burgers with potato salad, cole slaw, and baked beans; veg option: veggie burgers. Please prepay online or at the kiosk—we cannot collect money at the park.

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 • May 31–June 7

Sunday, May 31

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 4:00 Ad hoc Affordable Childcare Team meeting (conference room)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

Monday, June 1

- 10:00 Clothing ministry

Tuesday, June 2

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 5:30 Preschool VBS teachers' meeting (131)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven board meeting (conference room)

Wednesday, June 3

- 5:00 End-of-year picnic (Pullen Park, shelter #4)

Thursday, June 4

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, June 7 *Graduation Sunday*

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



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A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.