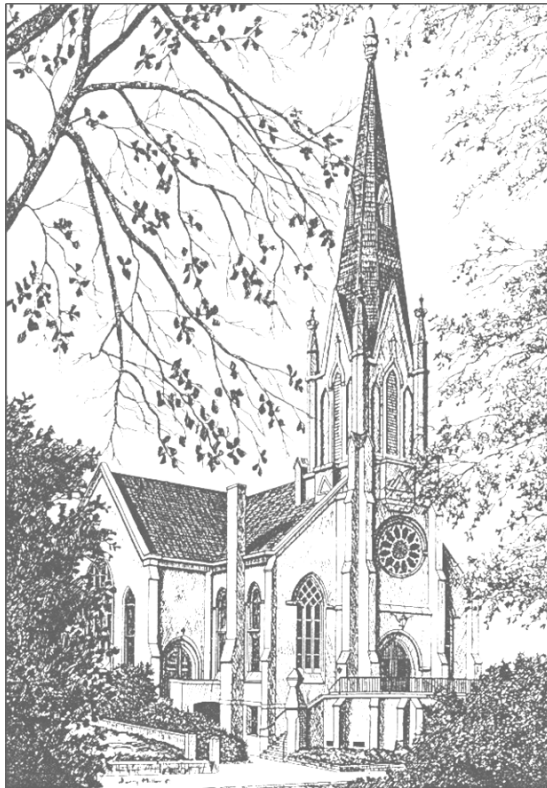


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August 2, 2026

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: After considering a number of Jesus' parables over the past three weeks, on this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, we shift focus to Jesus' acts of mercy. We ponder the story we know as "the feeding of the five thousand" which is much more than a story about a miraculous meal and one that involves many more than 5,000 people. We pray for a world that needs miracles of various kinds, we sing praises to the God for whom all things are possible, and we ponder the possibility of miracles we might be able to perform.

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

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
Eleanor Whitsett

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

LEADER: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is good to all and extends compassion to all creation.**

LEADER: The Lord is faithful in all words, gracious in all deeds.

PEOPLE: **The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

LEADER: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

PEOPLE: **You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

LEADER: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 77

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 55:1–5

Rhonda Lowe

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 9:1–5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“All Who are Thirsty”

♩ = 100
Leader *All* *Leader*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a Treble and Bass staff. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. There's e - nough for all. all.' The score includes a repeat sign for the first line and a 'Final' section at the end. The bass line has a '3' time signature in the final measure.

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa - ters. There's e - nough for all. all.

Repeat as desired
All who are thirst - y,
Final

Words and Music: Brian Wentzel, 2014

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 Anthem

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Sanctuary Choir

Maureen Howell, arr.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near leaning on the everlasting arms.

Words: Elisha Hoffman, 1887

Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 315 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Considering the Rest of the Story”

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, 641

ALL THE WAY

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Maureen Howell

Craig Phillips

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Rhonda Lowe. A 37-year member, Rhonda has served in various leadership roles with the children's and youth choirs. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and The Journey Sunday School Class. Her husband is Dennis Francis and she has one step-daughter, Morgan Koch.

The sanctuary flowers are placed in honor of the FBC Raleigh Children's Choir by Rhonda Lowe; we are looking forward to a fun year of making music and learning together!

Our August mission project focuses on the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen. We are collecting cleaning supplies for the Kitchen as well as story books, markers, crayons and small stuffed animals for the children who come. Please see this week's upcoming *Rose Window Weekly* for the specific list of items needed. Your donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby.

Join us each Wednesday at 7:15pm on Zoom for an intergenerational Bible study. Bible study wasn't held last week due to Michael's being on the youth trip, so this week we will discuss Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for the scripture readings and the Zoom link.

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.



To facilitate your giving to FBC, use this QR code to link to the website for our main electronic giving and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

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



Calendar Highlights • August 2–9

Sunday, August 2

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Scotland trip interest meeting & lunch (301/301)

Monday, August 3

- 10:00 Clothing ministry

Tuesday, August 4

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (320)

Wednesday, August 5

- 10:00 Summer Bible study (Bojangles)
- 7:15 Bible study (Zoom)

Thursday, August 6

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, August 9

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

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