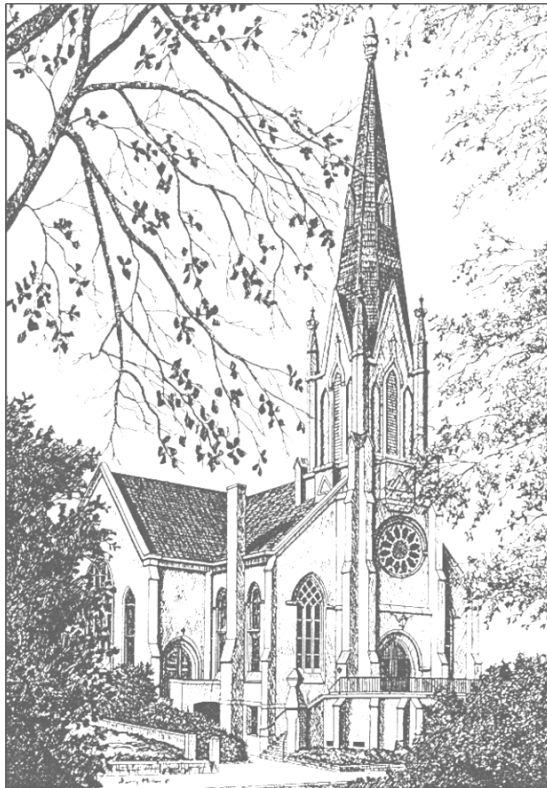


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: The texts for today all address the scope of God's love but in different ways, thus underscoring the significance of interpretation. The broader trajectory of the biblical witness points to God's concern for all people which is what shapes our ministry and why we are part of God's realm. We sing praises to the God who embraces us all, we pray for a world where too many feel left out, and we respond to God's kindness with the dedication of our lives and the offering of gifts.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
Maureen Howell

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The Invocation

The Call to Praise (responsive)

LEADER: Called from different places, we come:

PEOPLE: **God has forgiven us and drawn us close.**

LEADER: Called from different experiences, we come:

PEOPLE: **Through Jesus Christ, we are reconciled.**

LEADER: Called to this very moment together, we come:

PEOPLE: **May the abundant and present Spirit fill our hearts
with glad and grateful praise! Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise, 745

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Chuck Nichols

¹Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**



God of love and mer - cy, bring peace to all your peo - ple.

Cantor:

How good when all the earth is one, and hearts embrace
community; when strife will cease to separate, and love binds all in
unity. (Refrain)

As oil anointed Aaron's head, and dew adorns the mountainside, so
peace and blessing of the Lord within the faithful heart abide. (Refrain)

Words: Hal H. Hopson and Michael Morgan, alt.

Music: Hal H. Hopson and English Folksong

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 15: 22–28

²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

CANONBURY

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
 Music: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman
 “Something To Offend All of Us”

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, 399

TALLIS CANON

“O God, Who Gives to Humankind”

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

“I Will Arise”

Sanctuary Choir

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw, arr.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Words: Anonymous, 19th c., and Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
And praise the Spirit evermore —
The Triune God, whom we adore**

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

Words: Thomas Ken, 1695 adapt.

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

“Voluntary on DUKE STREET”

Maureen Howell

Michael Burkhardt

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Chuck Nichols, a 43-year member of First Baptist. Chuck and his wife Susan have two adult children, Charlie and Patrick, and four grandchildren, Chuck, Rei, Garrison, and Helen.

Our offering helper is Crosby Rohrbaugh, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Jerry H. Stevens and Rolin Ashton Stevens, and in honor of Lynn Lingafelt's birthday today by Berti Stevens and family.

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with sound and YouTube livestreaming during Sunday worship. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule, so you won't be needed every Sunday. Interested? Contact Royce Willmschen (royce.willmschen@gmail.com).

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 the *Rose Window Weekly* for a specific list of items needed. Your donations may be placed in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby.

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.

Calendar Highlights • August 16–23

Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, August 18

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

Wednesday, August 19

- 10:00 Summer Bible study (Bojangles)
- 7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal (310)
- 7:15 Bible study (Zoom)

Thursday, August 20

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 11:30 Thirty-Niners luncheon (Bull City Burger & Brewery,
107 E. Parrish St, Durham)
- 5:30 Personnel Committee meeting (Teams)

Sunday, August 23

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (302/Zoom)



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