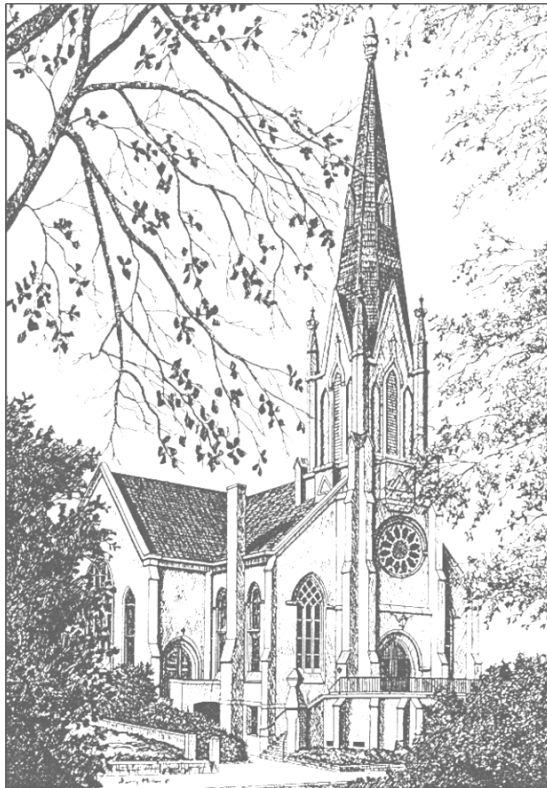


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost the lectionary texts describe different types of crises through which the faithful learn valuable lessons. The prophet Elijah thinks he is the only faithful person left, Paul's readers seek to understand the nature of salvation, and Jesus' disciples are caught in a storm on Lake Galilee. We reflect on our experience today, giving thanks for the ways our faith has grown through various challenges, and praying for a deeper sense of trust. We conclude worship with the celebration of communion, an intimate encounter with the Holy which strengthens us for whatever lies ahead.

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

"Let All Things Now Living"
David Cherwien

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 85

LEADER: God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

PEOPLE: **Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.**

LEADER: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

PEOPLE: **Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

LEADER: God gives what is good

PEOPLE: **and we respond with abundant praise!**

*The Hymn of Praise, 53

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

1 Kings 19:9-18

Brenda Mullins

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“Open Thou Mine Eyes”

Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Harlan

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see.
Open thou mine ears and I shall hear.
Incline my heart and I shall desire,
order my steps and I shall walk
the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God
that I may love you, that I may serve you,
and adore you. That I may follow you,
that I may look to you. Amen.

Words: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

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 14:22–33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 638 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
(congregation joins on stanza 2)

PRECIOUS LORD
Tom Childrey, solo

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman
“Lessons We Learn in a Crisis”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

Congregation and Choir

“One Bread, One Body” Becky and Cady Mercer, flutes

Refrain: All

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man - y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn "One Bread, One Body". It is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a whole note on 'all'. The second staff ends with a whole note on 'And'. The third staff ends with a whole note on 'earth'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though man - y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord."

Verses: Choir

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Words and Music: John B. Foley, SJ, 1978

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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

"Give to the Winds Your Fears"

FESTAL SONG

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of music. The first stanza is a four-part setting of the first line of the hymn. The second and third stanzas are two-part settings of the second and third lines of the hymn. The fourth stanza is a four-part setting of the fourth line of the hymn. The score includes a variety of musical notations, including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings.

1. Give to the winds your fears, hope,
2. Through waves and clouds and storms He
3. Far, far a - bove your thought His
4. Leave to His sov - ereign will to

and be un - dis - mayed; God hears your sighs and
gent - ly clears the way; wait for His time, so
coun - sel shall ap - pear, when ful - ly He the
choose and to com - mand: with won - der filled, you

counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.
shall the night soon end in joy - ous day.
work has wrought that caused your need - less fear.
then shall know how wise, how strong His hand.

Words: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; tr. John Wesley, 1737
Music: Willam H. Walter, 1872

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 FESTAL SONG”

Maureen Howell

Robert Powell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Brenda Mullins. A 26-year member and first-term deacon, Brenda is the secretary of the diaconate and a member of the Everett Miller-Friendship Sunday School class and WMU Group 7. She and her husband Ken live in Raleigh.

Today's pulpit parament is sponsored by Beth and Ben Yerxa in honor of the small—but mighty—Sharing Thoughts Sunday School class. A donation is made to the Day Missions Fund. The flowers in the Gathering Room are in memory of Mary Jon Roach by her family.

Sympathy to the family of Mary Jon Roach, who died August 6.

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.



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 9–16

Sunday, August 9

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Second Sunday lunch
- 4:00 Ad hoc Childcare Team meeting (conference room)

Monday, August 10

- 10:00 Clothing ministry

Tuesday, August 11

- 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 12

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

Thursday, August 13

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Saturday, August 15

- 2:00 Memorial service for Tom Bersuder (sanctuary)
- 3:00 Visitation for memorial service (fellowship hall)

Sunday, August 16

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

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