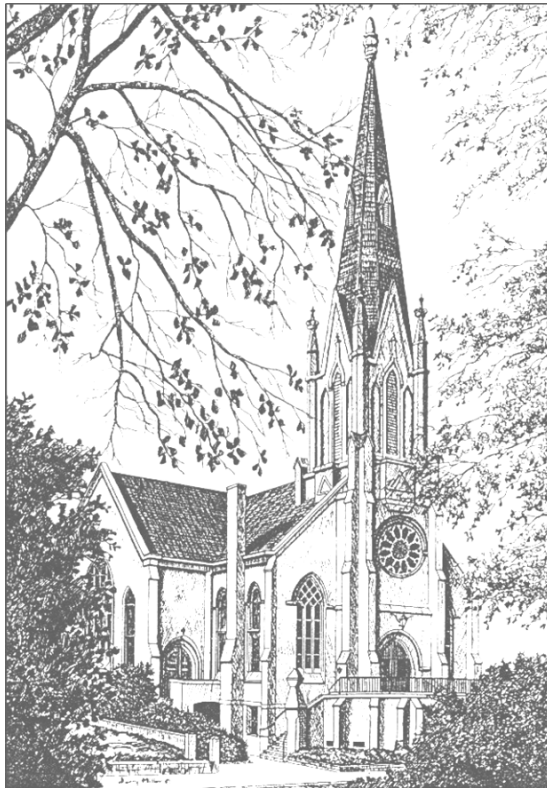


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: All the texts today remind us that God works through human instruments, some within the household of faith, some not. The reading from Matthew underscores the reality that these same human instruments understand God's intent in very different ways. We reflect on Jesus' exchange with some leaders of his day about the nature of a faithful response to the requirement to pay taxes. His words speak to much more than the question at hand, offering a way to distinguish our sacred and secular loyalties yet also pointing to the greater significance of the former. In light of this perspective, we sing praises to the God who comes first in all things and we pray for a troubled world to move further toward divine intent.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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

"Arioso"
Ron Boud

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 92

LEADER: O sing to the Lord a new song;

PEOPLE: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

LEADER: Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;

PEOPLE: **Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**

LEADER: Worship before the Lord in holy splendor;

PEOPLE: **Let all the earth sing for joy!**

*The Hymn of Praise, 20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ODE TO JOY

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 45:1-7

Ann Rollins

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath..

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“The Road Home”
Stephen Paulus

Sanctuary Choir
Niya Petkova, solo

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
that I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh, when will I know
there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
through the air there's a calling from far away,
there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.
Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
with the love in your heart as the only song;
there is no such beauty as where you belong:
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

Words: Michael Dennis Browne, 2025

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 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 657

“All Things Are Yours”

GERMANY

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“A Simple Answer but Perhaps Not Quite as Simple as It Seems”

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, 669

CWM RHONDDA

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Voluntary on PROSPECT”

Maureen Howell

Wilbur Held

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, 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

“A Joyful Ode”

Maureen Howell

Phil Lehenbauer

*The congregation may stand.

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We invite visitors to join us after the service for light snacks and fellowship at our visitors table found right outside the library on the second floor. Members: if you find yourself in conversation with a new guest, don’t hesitate to bring them so they can make a good connection here at FBC and learn more about the church!



The Deacon on Call is Ann Rollins. A 42-year member, Ann is a member of the Personnel Committee and the Pathfinders Sunday School class as well as past chair of the Diaconate. She and her husband Tom have three married children—Charlotte, Michelle, and Matthew—and six grandchildren—Harris, Ford, Laney, Win, Avery, and Tommy.

Today's flowers are sponsored by Lynn and Bill Loomis in memory of daughter, Jennifer Lynn Lane. Many thanks to our church family's continued love and support since Jennifer's October 9, 2023 passing. We can never express what your love and support have meant to us. Thank you!

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

Please keep the eight people going on the Wilderness class retreat to Arapahoe in your prayers. They leave Friday and return Sunday.

Next week, Dr. Chapman will be out of the office from Sunday, October 25, through Wednesday, October 28. Rev. Dr. Dan Day will preach in his absence.

Deacon election continues through Sunday, October 25. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, in the ballot box in the church office, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

Come to the Fall Festival on Friday, October 30, from 5:30–7pm for games, activities, crafts, and fun for all ages as well as supper for purchase from the *And Also with 'Cue* truck. If you'd like to be a part of our Trunk or Treat event, sign up with the QR code to the right. We will also have a cake walk; contact Lynn Loomis (lynn.loomis@gmail.com) if you'd like to donate a baked good. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.



Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 21; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. We conclude our book study of *The End of Civility*. Together with author and theologian Dr. Ryan Newson, we are exploring what civility means from a Christian perspective and consider the challenging question of when civility contributes to the common good—and when calls for civility might actually stand in the way of justice.

Wednesday night meal 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 October 21 is: chili with baked potatoes with toppings (sour cream cheese chives, bacon bits); vegetarian option: vegetarian chili.

The last Toy Joy drop-off/collection day is today from 9:30am–1pm, in the fellowship hall. We are collecting new or GENTLY USED toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and books. Please make sure that all used items are clean and in very good condition, with ALL of their pieces and parts included. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for links to Amazon and Target wish lists. If you prefer for our Toy Joy team to do the shopping, you may also donate funds, specifying *Toy Joy* in the memo line of your check.

The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 25. You can support the Walk and the FBC teams by walking or donating. You may donate to the Walk via the website or the kiosk. Read more details in *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." 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 • October 18–25

Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 Toy Joy collection day (fellowship hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/deacon ballots (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 1:30 Gaddy Concert ad hoc committee meeting (conference room)
- 5:00 Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)

Monday, October 19

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (choir room/sanctuary/301)

Thursday, October 22

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 1:00 Thirty-Niners lunch outing (Captain Stanley's, 3333 S.
Wilmington Street)
- 5:00 Youth trip to NC State Fair

Friday, October 23–Sunday, October 25

Wilderness class retreat (Arapahoe)

Sunday, October 25

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/Dan Day preaching/first grade Bibles/
deacon ballots (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (302/Zoom)
- 2:00 CROP Walk registration (fellowship hall)
- 3:00 CROP Walk step-off (parking lot)

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