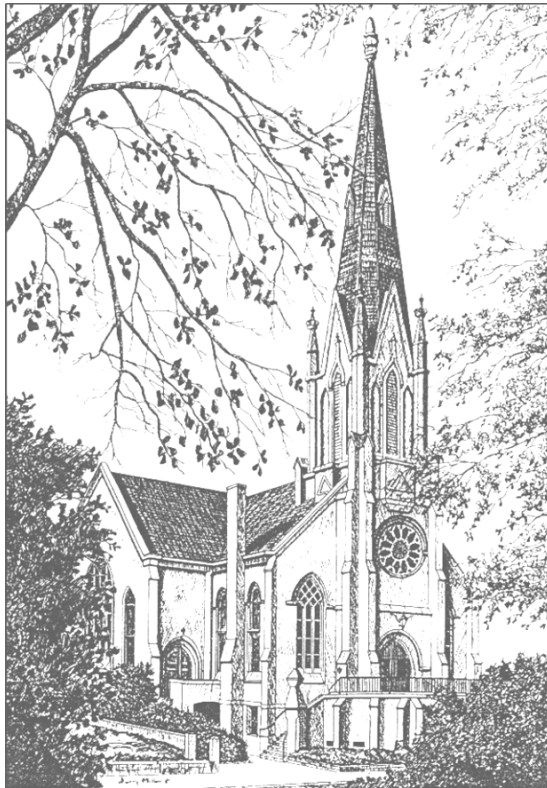


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is World Communion Sunday, a day when we claim our connection to Christians around the world. We reflect on our shared calling to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and the sharing of his sufferings, as Paul puts it in the reading from Philippians. We sing songs of praise to the one God of us all; we pray for the unity of the church, as well as respect for its diversity and the needs of the faithful in contexts of suffering; and we celebrate communion, a meal that binds us all together and sends us forth with a joyful purpose.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

The Trinity Chimes

Youth Ensemble

*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

"Holy Manna"  
Mark Patterson

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: We gather with hope in our hearts,

PEOPLE: **for something happens here  
that teaches us God is present.**

LEADER: We know this place is sacred,  
for something happens here  
that teaches us God is our center.

PEOPLE: **We gather with joyful praise,  
for something happens here  
that teaches us God is forever faithful.**

The Invocation



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered, in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Words: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990

Music: William Moore's Columbian Harmony, 1825

The Anthem

“God Walks with Me”

Grade-School Choir

Benjamin Kornelis

Rhonda Lowe, dir.

God was there with me on the day I was born, God walks with me;  
 Just a little baby cradled safe and warm, God walks with me.

*God walks with me every day for the rest of my life.*

God will be with me when the sun shines bright. God walks with me.  
 God will be with me on the darkest night. God walks with me.

God will be with me when I'm old and gray; God walks with me.  
 I'm going to praise God every day! God walks with me.

Words and Music: Benjamin Kornelis, 2025

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 5:1-7

Mike Dare

<sup>1</sup>I will sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his cherished garden;  
he expected justice  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness  
but heard a cry!

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“More Love”  
Sid Davis, arr.

Sanctuary Choir

More love, more love. The heavens are blessing,  
the angels are calling, O Zion, more love.  
If ye love not each other in daily communion,  
how can ye love God whom ye have not seen?

Words and Music: Shaker Hymn  
Canterbury, N.H., c. 1870

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 21:33–46

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

<sup>43</sup>“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“A Time and Place for Profanity”

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### The Celebration of Communion

*All of our communion bread this morning is gluten-free.*

The Song of Welcome

“The Open Table”

Youth Choir  
College Ensemble

Come, oh come, come to the table.  
Gather 'round, come without fear.  
Known by name, here at the table, this table;  
Welcome here, to the table of love.

Circle 'round, let's join together.  
Share your joys, and bring your tears.  
Strength and hope found at the table, this table;  
Welcome here, to the table of love.

**All:**

3. God is love; Love is cre - at - ing \_\_\_\_\_

some - thing new, right here, right now. \_\_\_\_\_ We're

chil - dren of God, here at the ta - ble, \_\_\_\_\_ this ta - ble; \_\_\_\_\_

wel - come here, to the ta - ble of love.

Words and Music: Benjamin Kornelis, 2025

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, 700

“We Are God’s People”

SYMPHONY

## 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 Diversion: Dove of Peace”

Maureen Howell

Gilbert Martin

\*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 Mike Dare. A 39-year member of FBC, Mike is a member of the Nominating Committee. He and his wife Meg have four children: Mitch, Montana, Jeremy, and Claudia, and two grandsons: Rafi and Remi.

The sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of Jack C. Padget—husband, Dad, and Poppie—from Mary A. Tetro, Zach Padget, Alison Coppock, Jack and Brooks Padget. We miss you.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the September 27 birth of Charlotte Nell Sandroni, daughter of Peyton and Mary Beth.

Sympathy to the family of Edith Cox, who died September 29, and to Jamie Vogel and his family on the October 2 death of his mother Jean.

Deacon election begins today and concludes on 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.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 7; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for description and Zoom link.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for October 7 is: pork tenderloin with roasted apples and root vegetables; vegetarian option: roasted apples and root veggies with mock chicken; kids: nuggets with roasted apples and root veggies.

*A Stand for Dignity: People of Faith Raising Voices for Immigrants* rally will be held Sunday, October 11, from 2–4pm, on the South Lawn of the North Carolina State Capitol. If the weather is bad, the event will move to our church, either in the fellowship hall or in the sanctuary. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

The last drop-off/collection day will be on Sunday, October 18 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 4–11**

### **Sunday, October 4**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion/deacon ballots (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:30 Family Lunch Bunch (Amedeo's, 3905 Western Boulevard)
- 4:00 Ad hoc Childcare Team meeting (conference room)
- 5:00 Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)

### **Monday, October 5**

- 10:00 Clothing ministry open
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### **Tuesday, October 6**

- 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, October 7**

- 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 8**

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 11:30 Thirty-Niners meeting (fellowship hall)

### **Sunday, October 11**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/deacon ballots (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 Sanctuary Choir lunch & Christmas music workshop  
(301/302/310)
- 11:00 *Stand for Dignity* rally (south Capitol lawn )
- 5:00 Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)

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