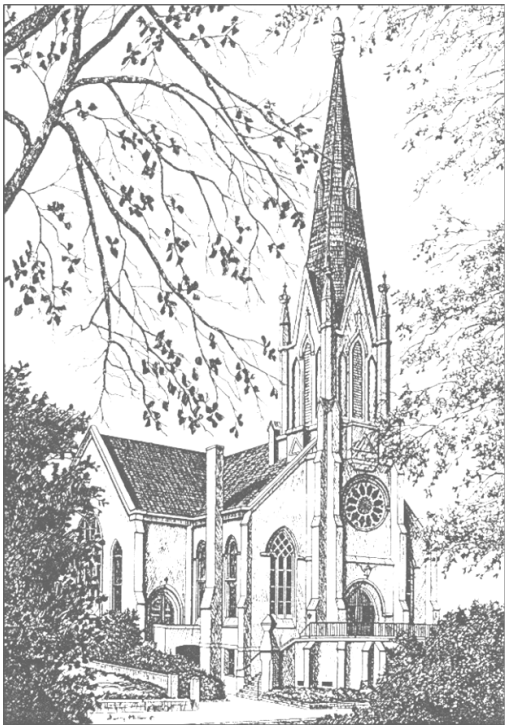
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026 Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: On this Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, we consider the first in a series of parables about Judgment Day recorded in Matthew. Though we view everything through the lens of grace in Christian faith, there is still accountability. Today's parable calls us to a sense of urgency about important things, especially faith. The other texts and worship music express this same theme, we pray for the ability to discern what is most important, and as we begin a series of brief stewardship messages, we are challenged to consider where generosity fits into our thinking about faith.

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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."
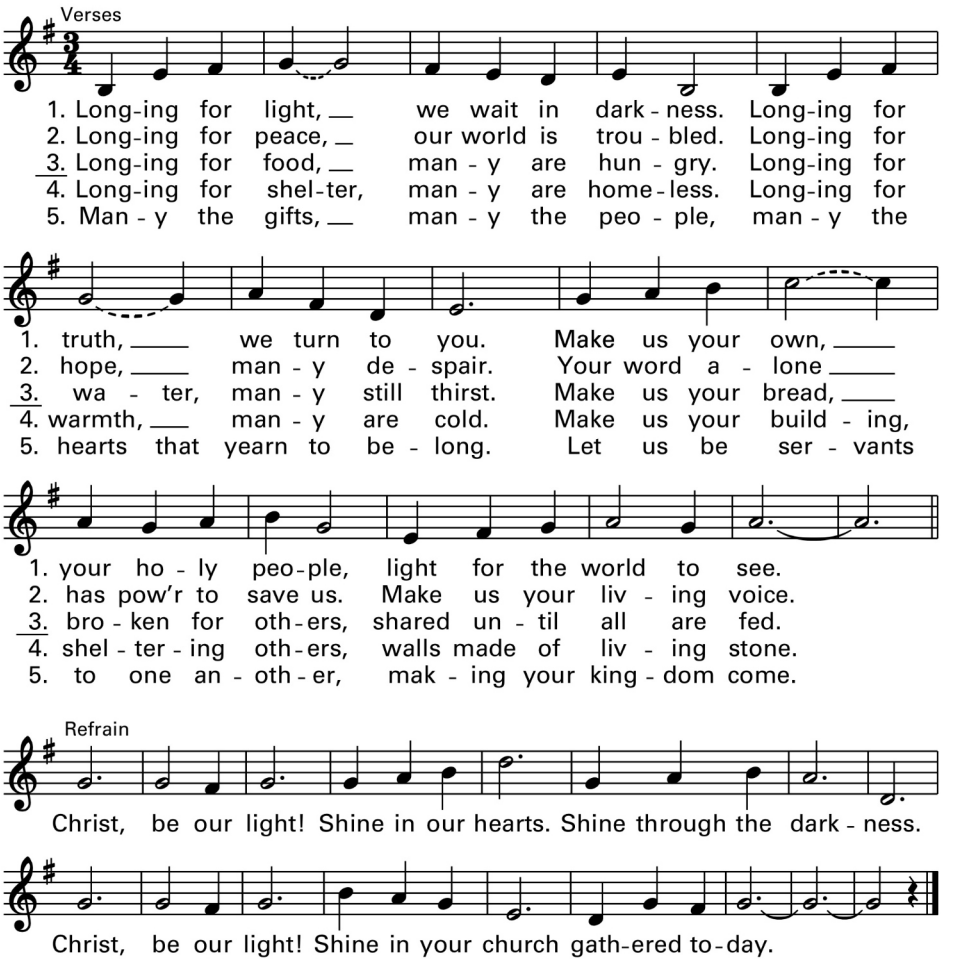
The Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" Evening Bells
Shawn Gingrich, arr. Anna Anderson, dir.

The Invocation (unison)

God of the day and of the night, of the waking and resting, of the celebrating and the sorrowful, your love for us never runs out. You never tire of waiting for us, and your joy gladdens our hearts like oil feeds a lamp. May our lives shine with your light so that others might see you in us. And may our worship bring you glory that others might see us in you. Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"



Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell, 1993

Listening for God's Word

The Hebrew Bible — Amos 5:18–24 — Dean Webster

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Christian Testament — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
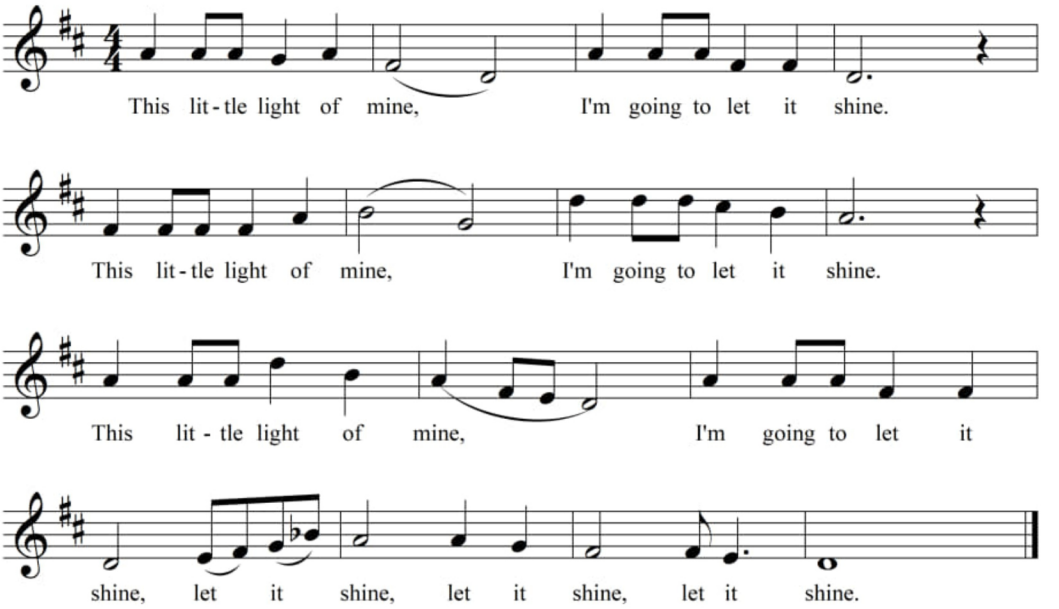
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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 Hymn of Devotion "This Little Light of Mine" LATTIMER



Ev'rywhere I go...
All through the night...

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual
Musical arrangement: Ken Berg, 2003

The Anthem "Keep Your Lamps!" Sanctuary Choir

André Thomas, arr.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

The Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those
young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'"

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon "A Call to Urgency" Christopher Chapman

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, 430 — Charlestown
"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

The Stewardship Moment — Derek Foster

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 — "Recessional" Thomas Berdos — Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Dean Webster. A 32-year member and first-term deacon, Dean is a member of the Sharing Thoughts Sunday school class. Dean is married to Mary Ann Parott, and they have one adult daughter, Ella, and Dean and Mary Ann have long served the Extended Session for preschoolers.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer today are Elly Swain and her mother, Sarah.

The pulpit parament is sponsored today by Mary Lou Dodd in loving memory of her husband, Mike Dodd, who died on November 15, 2023. Mike was a dedicated and loyal lifetime member of FBC Raleigh. He was a loving father to their son, Michael, and his wife, Kathryn; their daughter, Anna, and her husband, Alex; and their daughter, Margaret; and a loving grandfather to their grandchildren James, Nate, Lola, and Lizzie Dodd.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, November 11; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, in recognition of Veterans Day, we'll hear from several FBC members who have served in the military.

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). November 11 is soup night.

Love. Community. Gratitude., our 2027 stewardship emphasis, is underway. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously and with gratitude to God. If you don't receive a stewardship packet in the mail, please contact the church office.

For our November mission project, we are collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars only) for the food pantry at King's Ridge apartments. You may place your donations in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby anytime through the end of November. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more information.

We're thrilled to welcome the *321 Coffee* mobile cart to the Lewis Lobby on Sunday, November 15, from 9–11am! The church is covering the cost of hosting the coffee cart, but we invite you to make a suggested donation in exchange for your coffee to help offset some of that expense.

A Holiday Service of Hope and Remembrance, offering hope and assurance to those who have lost loved ones, will be held here at First Baptist in the sanctuary on Thursday, November 19, at 7pm.

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 6pm, followed by a reception. Remember a loved one with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms — found in Sunday School boxes or on our website— must be received with payment by Friday, December 4.

If you can make two or three dozen cookies for the Hanging of the Greens reception, please email Sheila Jordan (jbwsaj@yahoo.com). The cookies need to be brought to the fellowship hall on Sunday morning, December 6.

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 • November 8–15

Sunday, November 8

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
5:00 Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
1:30 Yoga (Blue Room
3:00 CMin Link meeting (conference room)

Wednesday, November 11

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, November 12

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
9:30 Thirty-Niners shopping and lunch trip (Southern Supreme Fruitcakes and Best Food Cafeteria)

Saturday, November 14

Toy Joy (campus-wide)

Sunday, November 15

9:00 Buddy Breakfast (301)
321 Coffee cart (Lewis Lobby)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
12:15 Deacons meeting (302/Zoom)
5:00 Youth group (choir room/301/Blue Room)



Honoring Veterans and Those in Military Service

— Veterans Day, 2026 —

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day we remember and honor Veterans for their military service. Their courage and sacrifice over the years has been responsible for guaranteeing the freedom of our great country. On this day, we also wish to recognize those members from families of First Baptist Church who are currently serving in the military forces of the United States. We are grateful for their service and the sacrifices being made by each of them and their families.

VETERANS

LaCount Anderson
US Navy, 1971–1976

Carl Bailey
US Army, 1969–1971

Chip Barnes
US Navy, 1991–2015

John Bennett
US Navy, 1978–1999

Scott Burton
US Army, 1997–2004

Michael Cooke
US Army, 1968–1971

Frederick Russell Cox
US Army, 1953–1955

Jud DeBra
US Army, 1965–1968

Dennis Ellis
US Marine Corps, 1978–1983

Hal L. English
US Army, 1954–1956

Marshall Evans
US Army 1951–1953

Dennis Francis
US Navy, 1984–1992

Jim Good
US Army, 1957–1963

Chet Goolsby
US Air Force, 1969–1973

Art Jackson
US Army Corps of Engineers, 1969–1971

Bill Jacobs
US Navy, 1955–1959; 1960–1964

Max O. Johnson
Army National Guard of NC, 1962–1968

Bob Kimball
US Air Force, 1971–1977

Don Kline
US Army Corps of Engineers, 1953–1955

Bill Loomis
Army National Guard, 1970–1976

Bob Matthews
US Navy, Medical Officer 1982-2019

Al Moore
US Navy, 1959–1963

Linville Roach
US Navy JAG, 1955–1959

Daniel O. Roberts
USNR, 1953–1961

Victor Santana
US Army 1971-1996

John Smith
US Army, 1969, 1972

Jerry Washington
US Army, 1970–1972

Charles D. White
US Army, 1951–1953

November 8, 2026

ACTIVE DUTY

PFC Brooks Parker
Army National Guard
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Captain Julia R. Stewart
United States Marine Corps
Grandmother: Rae Moorhead
Aunt: Cindy DeFoor

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

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!

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