

# Welcome!

Welcome to worship, friends and guests — brothers and sisters, all in the family of God! We are glad to worship with you today.

## GUEST REGISTRATION

Please tell us about yourself and those with you today. Provide as much information as you are comfortable sharing. If you leave your address, we will drop you a note of appreciation for your attendance in worship. Other than that, we will only contact you if you request it and in the manner you prefer.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me by: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

Age Groups (select all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ Grade School \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ I am/ We are looking for a church home.

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## DECISION RESPONSE

I want more information about:

\_\_\_\_\_ Becoming a Christian

\_\_\_\_\_ Baptism

\_\_\_\_\_ Church membership

\_\_\_\_\_ I made a personal decision today to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Other needs/prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Betty Duke Joe Ellen  
Martha Flynn Felicia Goodman  
Terry Kemp Patricia Lynn  
Linda Pleasants Helen Prevette

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Anne Allen (former member)  
Linda Creech (mother of former member Paige Kay)  
Linda DeSchreiver (niece of Jane Edwards)  
John & Jennifer LeMay (daughter and son-in-law of Jo Cresimore)  
Ashley Lynn (niece of Patricia Lynn)  
Marygena Lynn (sister-in-law of Patricia Lynn)  
Martha Marcom (cousin of Patricia Lynn)  
Patsy Small (mother of Sue Johnson)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN

Beth McCollum recently retired from 37 years of teaching orchestra in the NC public schools. She served as the Director of Orchestras at Enloe Magnet High School for 31 years, where she taught 5 orchestra classes, as well as beginning piano. Her teaching accolades include receiving the 2016 NC Symphony Jackson Parkhurst Award, and the 2018 NC Music Educators Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Beth is a member of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh where she sings in the choir and plays violin for special services. We appreciate Beth adding to our worship experience today.

### SEPTEMBER MISSIONS

Today is the last Sunday for collecting items for the hygiene bags and soup kitchen for the RBA's State Fair Ministry. Thank you to everyone who has participated by bringing toiletries and canned foods. A big THANKS also to Audrey, Caroline, and Lila Davis who will be assembling the hygiene bags for us.

### Volunteer Needed:

We need a volunteer to transport the bags and food items to the Raleigh Baptist Association office between Monday, Oct. 4 and Thursday, Oct. 7. If you are available, contact Bonnie Kemp at 919.782.2720.

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be observing communion during our service next Sunday morning.

### OCTOBER DEACONS' MEETING

The Diaconate will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30.



Ridge Road Baptist Church and the City of Raleigh currently require masks to be worn in all indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status.

## GIVING UPDATE

### For the week of September 5, 2021

General Fund Offerings..... \$ 2,443  
Online Giving..... \$ 0  
Income (Rent/Facilities Use)..... \$ 0  
Total Receipts..... \$ 2,443

Weekly Budget Requirement..... \$ 4,884  
This week's Net Excess/(Deficit) ..... \$ (2,441)

Year to Date Budget Requirement..... \$175,824  
Year to Date Net Excess/(Deficit)..... \$ (50,758)

### For the week of September 12, 2021

General Fund Offerings..... \$ 2,286  
Online Giving..... \$ 350  
Income (Rent/Facilities Use)..... \$ 2,940  
Total Receipts ..... \$ 5,226

Weekly Budget Requirement..... \$ 4,884  
This week's Net Excess/(Deficit)..... \$ 342

Year to Date Budget Requirement..... \$180,708  
Year to Date Net Excess/(Deficit)..... \$ (50,417)

### For the week of September 19, 2021

General Fund Offerings..... \$ 95  
Online Giving..... \$ 1,101  
Income (Rent/Facilities Use)..... \$ 0  
Total Receipts ..... \$ 1,196

Weekly Budget Requirement..... \$ 4,884  
This week's Net Excess/(Deficit) ..... \$ (3,689)

Year to Date Budget Requirement..... \$185,592  
Year to Date Net Excess/(Deficit)..... \$ (54,106)

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Convenient **Mobile Giving** also available by scanning this QR code or downloading the FREE **EasyTithe** app on your smart device.

## DEACON OF THE DAY

Today ..... Glenn Harder  
Next Week (October 3) ..... Jo Cresimore

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, September 26

9:00 am WORSHIP  
11:00 am Midtown Worship  
2:00 pm Karen Worship Service (Chapel)

### TUESDAY, September 28

7:30 pm Triangle Relic Hunters (Fellowship Hall)

### SUNDAY, October 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 am WORSHIP - Communion  
11:00 am Midtown Worship  
2:00 pm Karen Worship Service (Chapel)

Pastor  
Dr. Trey Davis  
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Office Administrator  
Lois McCoy  
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We're glad you're here!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



**PRELUDE** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Thrupp/Bradbury/Bock  
Beth McCollum, Violin

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* ENGELBERG

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia! Alleluia!  
How often, making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And my God give us faith to sing always Alleluia! Alleluia!

**INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER** Mr. Glenn Harder, Deacon

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**THE GREETING OF WORSHIPERS** Dr. Trey Davis

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalms 49:1-4; 2 Chronicles 5:11-14* Mr. Harder  
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.  
**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**REFLECTION** *Mysterious and Precious* Dr. Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *If I Ever Lose My Faith In You* G. Sumner  
Beth McCollum, Violin; Kerry Johnson, Piano

The song in in two distinct parts. The first part is about the things I've lost faith in. It's quite easy to be precise about the things I've lost faith in---politics, media, science, technology, the things that everybody has, and yet I along with most other people have a great deal of hope, and a feeling that things will and can get better. So what do we place our faith in? I can't define that as easily as I can define what I don't believe in anymore.  
- Sting, British Songwriter

**THE PRAYER OF CELEBRATION** Mrs. Teresa Wheeler

**RESPONSIVE READING** *Adapted from Mark 4* Ms. Wheeler

Jesus began to teach by the lake. He taught them many things in parables.  
**Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."**  
"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.  
**"But other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."**  
And Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."  
**He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.**  
"All by itself the soil produces grain---first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."  
**And Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."**  
Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on

earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."  
**And Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."**

**REFLECTION** *A Slow Build* Dr. Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS  
*I would be hard-pressed to describe [Great Is Thy Faithfulness] as an example of great literary or musical achievement. While I am not qualified to make such a pronouncement on the musical achievement, I can say that, as a poem, it is at best competent and occasionally hackneyed. But it makes a case beautifully, in the way that the best sermons and speeches can make wonderful and moving cases. There is an art to this.*  
- Kwame Dawes, Ghanaian poet<sup>1</sup>

**THE PRAYER OF GRATITUDE** Mr. Joel Cresimore

**SCRIPTURE** *Hebrews 11:1-13* Mr. Cresimore  
LEADER: These are the scriptures of God for the people of Christ.  
**PEOPLE: May the Spirit grant us understanding.**

**REFLECTION** *Pleading for Life* Dr. Davis

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *Have a Little Faith In Me* J. Hiatt  
Kerry Johnson, Vocals and Piano

I have no idea how or when or where I first came across John Hiatt's 1987 song "Have a Little Faith In Me", but [in the spring of 2020] it seemed to rise up out of my record collection and govern the days that followed. A raw, piano-led ballad, there is something quite majestic in its earnestness, in the vault of Hiatt's voice, in his promise to catch you. As the world seemed to gather pace and sorrow and uncertainty, Hiatt's song came to embody not only the importance of belief in better days, but also the necessity of connection and openness and love.  
- Laura Barton, music journalist<sup>2</sup>

**THE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION** Dr. Davis

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** *Adapted From Psalms 77 & 89* Dr. Davis

I rememberd you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.  
**I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit pondered.  
**I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.  
I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.  
**I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.  
**I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Faith Is the Victory* Yates & Sankey

<sup>1</sup><https://bulletin.hds.harvard.edu/poets-on-hymns-great-is-thy-faithfulness/>  
<sup>2</sup><https://www.theguardian.com/music/2020/dec/31/all-that-mattered-was-survival-the-songs-that-got-us-through-2020>

**\*please stand as you are able**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISES**

Add to prayer list  Private (do not publish)

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**UPDATE CHURCH DATABASE**

My contact information has changed. Please update the church database with the following new information:

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