

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 19, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Sigfrid Karg-Elert
“Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals”

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 Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 119
LEADER: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
PEOPLE: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**
LEADER: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
PEOPLE: **Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**
LEADER: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
PEOPLE: **Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**
LEADER: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
PEOPLE: **See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

The Invocation Lin Carter

*The Hymn of Praise, 20 ODE TO JOY
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (p. 93)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 (p. 927)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 5:38-48 (p. 786)
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 436 CHEREPONI
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
“A Way to Move beyond ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ Thinking”

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, 437 AURELIA
“Help Us Accept Each Other”
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of Olivia Kumah.)

*The Offertory Prayer Hayden James

The Offertory Anthem “Spirit, Open My Heart”† arr. Alfred Fedak

(text omitted)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

The Dedication of Olivia Mirai Kumah, daughter of Divine Kumah and Erika Kido-Kumah
LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Olivia Mirai Kumah to the church and dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?
PARENTS: *We, her parents, do.*
LEADER: What can we affirm about Olivia?
PEOPLE: **That she is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**
LEADER: As Olivia grows in her understanding of God and herself, how will we help her to learn about her true status as beloved?
PEOPLE: **We will give her our love and include her in the life of the congregation.**
LEADER: As Olivia grows through different stages of life, what will we tell her about her story?
PEOPLE: **We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**
LEADER: What will we expect of Olivia?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord’s Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to her.**
LEADER: Divine and Erika, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Olivia in faith?
PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to her.*
LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Olivia and all the children God entrusts to our care?
PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**
LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.
ALL: **Amen.**

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 Camil Van Hulse
“Postlude from Devotional Moments for Organ”

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of our 2017 Mission Teams by Charles and Jamie Petty.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Catherine Carter and Claudia Dare.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, the last Sunday before Transfiguration which gives us a last glimpse of outright celebration before the challenges of Lent. Because Easter is a bit later this year, we have had a few more Sundays in between Epiphany and Lent, and thus, we are reading a few texts we do not always encounter in the lectionary cycle. Today we focus again on the Gospel text, another set of Jesus’ sayings from the Sermon on the Mount. In this reading, Jesus calls us to turn the other cheek and love our enemies. Thus, our hymns focus on our love for those who are different, for the whole world God has made and all the people in it. The sermon explores our challenge to love, confronting the human tendency to separate people and nations into categories of “us” and “them,” and naming our need for God’s help in the process. The anthem underscores this need, asking the Spirit to open our hearts. We respond to our hearing of God’s word in different ways, including the dedication of Olivia Mirai Kumah, remembering that when we bless children, we not only pray for their health and wellness as human beings, we make a commitment to nurture them in a distinctive way of life modeled by Jesus, a life focused on love.

DEACON ON CALL is Hayden James. A 36-year member of First Baptist, Hayden serves as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee and is a teacher for the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. He and his wife Cathy have two children, Will and Sarah.

THOSE WHO ARE VISITING are invited to the Gathering Room after worship to receive information about the church. Use the door to the left of the pulpit; church members will greet you.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$16,451 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: As of February 16, we have received 200 commitment cards totaling \$1,131,484.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org), by email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Pasta Bar, Bread, Salad and Dessert.

FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: New or gently-used books for babies through age 12 are being collected through February 26 for Wake Up and Read (www.wakeupdandread.org). Bilingual books are especially appreciated. Please place your donations in the cabinet in the Lewis Building Lobby. Contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com).

SHROVE TUESDAY pancake supper will be held on February 28 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person/\$20 max per family. Sign up on Sundays and Wednesdays in the Lewis Building Lobby. Come enjoy a night of jazz music, Mardi Gras crafts, games, and design-your-own pancakes with toppings!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Preschoolers will follow the regular Wednesday evening schedule. Elementary-age children will gather with Lynn Lingafelt at 5:45 p.m. for a time of preparation prior to joining their parents for the service.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT: *The Family of God* will be the theme for the intergenerational retreat at Caswell, April 21-23. Details may be found in the February 17 edition of *First Foundations*. To sign up, contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by March 5.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE: Triangle Tenors Timothy Sparks, Wade Henderson, and George Deaton, accompanied by pianist Catherine Hamner, will present a free program at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 12, at 3:00 p.m. An offering will be received for the benefit of Family Promise of Wake County (formerly known as Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network).

MEMBERS ONLY section of the FBC website is now available for FBC members and Sunday School members. This section offers online access to information not shared with the public, such as "Centerpoint" which contains financial data and prayer concerns. To review guidelines and request access, visit www.fbcraleigh.org and look for MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS at the top of the toolbar.

Calendar Highlights • February 19–February 26, 2017

Sun, February 19	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Deacons' Meeting (FH) Acoustic Study Meeting (CR)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, February 20	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, February 21	7:30	Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Yerxas' home)
Wed, February 22	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	4:30	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time Missions and Music Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies packing (301) Common Grounds (110)
	6:15	Church Conference (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, February 23	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	11:00	Library Committee (L)
	1:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:00	Backpack Buddies delivery
Sun, February 26	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227) Children's Worship (224)
	12:15	Japanese Church Fellowship (301/302)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)

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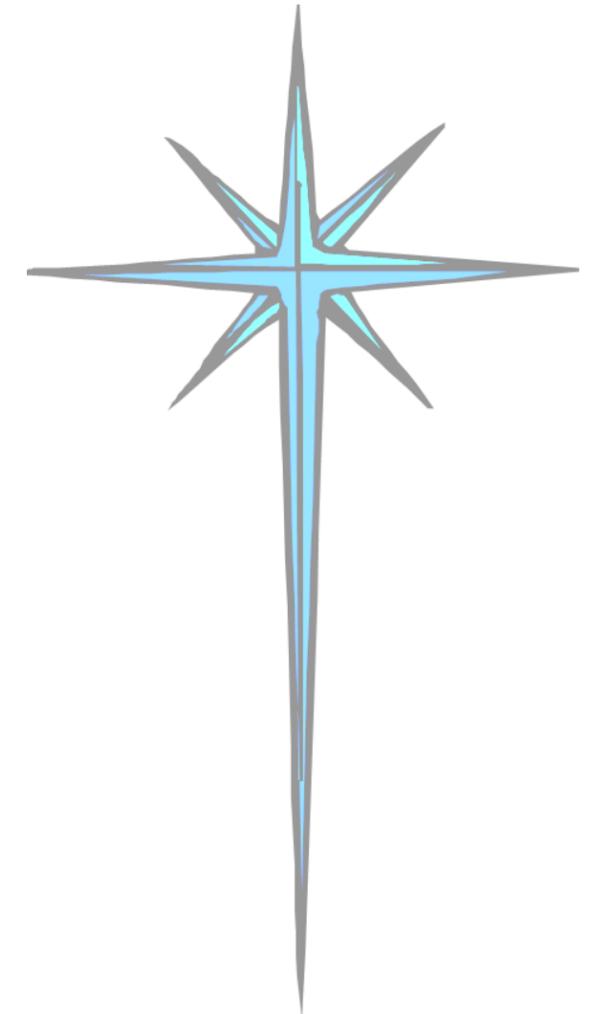
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