

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 26, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Ralph Vaughan Williams
"Prelude on *Rhosymedre*"

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) Psalm 99

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

PEOPLE: **The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

LEADER: The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

PEOPLE: **Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!**

LEADER: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

PEOPLE: **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

LEADER: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called to God.

PEOPLE: **They cried to the Lord, and God answered them.**

LEADER: God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

PEOPLE: **they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that the Lord gave them.**

LEADER: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

PEOPLE: **Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 62 ST. DENIO
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Introduction of the Pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church
Rev. Jun Matsuzaki

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 62)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 2 Peter 1:16-21 (p. 987)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 798)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 562 DIX
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

The Sermon "Listening to Jesus" 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, 648 ANGEL'S STORY
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*The Offertory Prayer Ebele Saint Louis

The Offertory Anthem "O Christ, Surround Me"† arr. David Sims

(text omitted)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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 "Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind" Flor Peeters

*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Peggy Frisbie and her children, Penny and Jim, in loving memory of her husband and their dad, Jim, on Peggy and Jim's wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Jay and Luke Foster.

DEACON ON CALL is Ebele Saint Louis. A 20-year member of First Baptist, Ebele is a member of the Unity Class. She is married to Jean Saint Louis and has five children: Brian, Amarachi, Medora, Chinwendu and Kabelo.

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Gathering Room. An usher can provide a device for you.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the day we recall the experience Peter, James, and John had with Jesus on the mountain. It is also the last Sunday before Lent, one last chance for celebration before a season of penitence and reflection. All of the texts describe encounters with the holy and the first two hymns reflect the themes of these encounters with images of light and hints at wonder and mystery. The sermon, rooted in the reading from Matthew, focuses on the message the early disciples were supposed to take away from this experience, a message about not just Jesus' identity as God's Beloved Son, but what his identity implies for us – that we should listen to him. We respond to our hearing of God's word in this sacred story by considering the implications of Jesus' identity for us, singing a hymn that expresses our commitment to listen to and follow Jesus. As we do, the offertory anthem reminds us that Christ is always with us, surrounding us in love, speaking to us, and shining light on our path.

SYMPATHY to **Brenda Mullins** on the February 18 death of her sister, Karen Matchunis of Southport.

TODAY, 1st-5th graders are remaining in the children's suite, experiencing worship by reflecting on and responding to our scripture lesson through different art mediums. Visiting children may join us in Room 224.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$18,028 towards our goal of \$22,000.

FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Books for Wake Up and Read (www.wakeupdandread.org) will be received no later than **today**. Place your donations in the cabinet in the Lewis Building Lobby.

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. 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. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please make meal reservations online or call the church office.

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: Meatball and Sausage Casserole, Buttered Noodles, Garden Salad, Crusty Bread and Dessert.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT: April 21-23. We have bunk space available for our churchwide Caswell retreat, and we'd love to have you! Cost is only \$70/person for the weekend! Please sign up with Lynn Lingafelt (lingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) no later than **March 5**. Payments are also due to Lynn by **March 5**.

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.

GREEN FABRIC: Have you turned in a piece of green fabric for our project to make a new set of green stoles for Ordinary Time? We want these to reflect our whole church family, so we hope everyone will contribute something. It can be a scrap from a project, an old garment, or new material, any shade of green at least 3"x 5". Please place your pieces of green in the marked collection drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby by March 31.

CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held at First Baptist Church, Hickory, on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. To register or for information, visit www.cbfn.org.

Calendar Highlights • February 26 – March 5, 2017

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)
Mon, February 27	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, February 28	7:30	Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)
Wed, March 1	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	4:30	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH) WMU Group 6 (108)
	5:45	Announcements and Prayer Time Missions and Music Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies packing (301)
	6:30	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, March 2	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
Fri, March 3	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (Farmer's Market)
	4:00	Youth Choir to Festival by the Sea (returning 3/5)
Sun, March 5	8:30	Discipleship Committee (CR)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	RA Car Race (FH)

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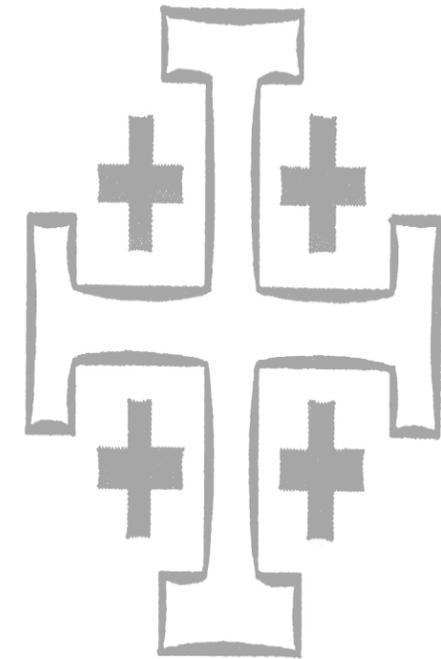
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