

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, part of a season in which we reflect upon what it means for the light of Christ's love to be revealed to all the world. Today's readings include Jesus' word of hope and challenge, "You are the light of the world." This statement provides the theme for this service. We begin with the celebration of baptism, noting that as we rise from the waters, we are called to share our light with others. The hymn of praise echoes this theme and points to the celebration of communion as well. The sermon explores two images Jesus provides for us in the reading from Matthew 5 – light of the world and salt of the earth. The hymn of devotion and offertory anthem move us in the direction of communion where we seek to deepen our ties to the ultimate source of our light and love. The hymn of discipleship creates space for us to renew our commitment to being salt and light; being God's people, God's servants, God's prophets.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$15,599 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: As of January 31, we have received 198 commitment cards totaling \$1,121,932.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The second in a three-week series, Lin Carter will teach on Henri Nouwen's book, *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit*. Copies of the book may be purchased from Lin Carter.

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.

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY pancake supper will be held on February 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 3 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 of religious and folk songs, Broadway show tunes, opera arias, and piano music 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), a non-profit organization that helps homeless families back to independent living.

Calendar Highlights • February 5–February 12, 2017

- Sun, February 5
 - 9:45 Sunday School
 - 11:00 Worship, Communion, Baptism (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
 - 4:00 Youth Bells (307)
 - 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
 - 6:00 Youth Group (Yexas' home)
- Mon, February 6
 - 9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
 - 11:00 Sisters in Grace (CR)
- Tues, February 7
 - 7:30 Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
 - 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
 - 10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
 - 6:00 Commission on Administration (FH)
Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
 - 6:30 High School Bible Study (Yexas' home)
- Wed, February 8
 - 10:00 Clothing Ministry open
 - 3:45 Works in Progress (P)
 - 4:30 Children's Bells (307)
 - 5:00 Meal Served (FH)
WMU Officers (110)
 - 5:45 Announcements and Prayer Time
Missions and Music
Evening Bells (307)
Backpack Buddies packing (301)
 - 6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
 - 7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, February 9
 - 7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
 - 10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
 - 11:00 Library Committee (L)
 - 1:00 Clothing Ministry open
 - 3:00 Clothing Ministry Committee meeting (CR)
Backpack Buddies delivery
- Sun, February 12
 - 9:00 Commission on Worship (301)
 - 9:45 Sunday School
 - 11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
 - 12:15 Personnel Committee (CR)
Unity Class Chili Cookoff (301/302)
 - 4:00 Youth Bells (307)
 - 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
 - 6:00 Youth Group (FH)

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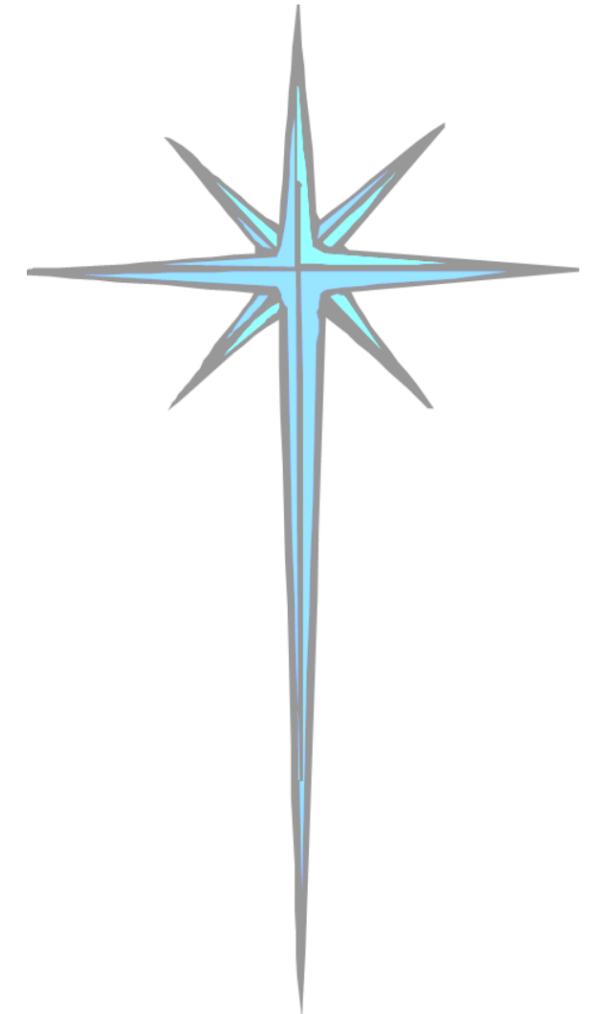
Lin Carter, Christian Education/Outreach	Donna G. Jolly, Organist
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