

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the First Sunday after Christmas, but still part of the Christmas season which concludes with Epiphany on January 6. Thus, we still enjoy the greens in our sanctuary, we still sing Christmas carols and anthems, and we still explore Christmas themes. The sermon is rooted in the reading from Matthew, the Gospel writer's third story in his Christmas trilogy. After presenting a birth narrative which highlights Joseph's role (1:18-25) and the story of magi visiting the Christ Child (2:1-12), Matthew presents the jolting tale of the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt and innocents being slaughtered in and around Bethlehem. It is a jarring transition, but one which provides a needed reminder of how the Jesus story plays out in the real world. The sermon explores this very theme and then we are invited to consider the implications of this story for contemporary discipleship, how we continue the work of Christmas today, knowing there is always resistance to the Spirit of Christ.

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 supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$12,272 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: *We Promise To Do Our Best*, based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. As of December 29, we have received 186 commitment cards totaling \$1,063,187.

FINANCIAL GIFTS: If you have any questions about year-end gifts, pledge balances, stock transfers or other financial matters, please send an e-mail to FinanceAdmin@fbcraleigh.org or call 919-832-4485, ext. 210. For information about online giving, visit our website (www.fbcraleigh.org).

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available on the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry. Please pick up your envelopes and help us save on postage.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *StepUp Ministry*, led by Laura Martin, Director of Programs.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Pork Chops, Collard Greens, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad and Dessert.

DEACON ORDINATION will be held on Sunday, January 22.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on January 22 or January 29, please contact Denise Arnold in the church office (919-832-4485, ext. 200).

Calendar Highlights • January 1-8, 2017

Happy New Year!

- Sun, January 1
 9:45 Combined Sunday School (FH)
 11:00 Worship (S)
 Japanese Worship (227)
- Monday, January 2
 Church Office closed
- Tues, January 3
 7:30 Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
 6:30 High School Bible Study (Yexas' home)
- Wed, January 4
 9:30 Weekday Preschool
 10:00 Clothing Ministry open
 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)
 6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
 7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, January 5
 7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
 9:30 Weekday Preschool
 10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
 11:00 Library Committee (L)
 1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Sun, January 8
 8:30 Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast (FH)
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship (S)
 Japanese Worship (227)
 5:00 Youth Choir (310)
 6:00 Youth Group (FH)

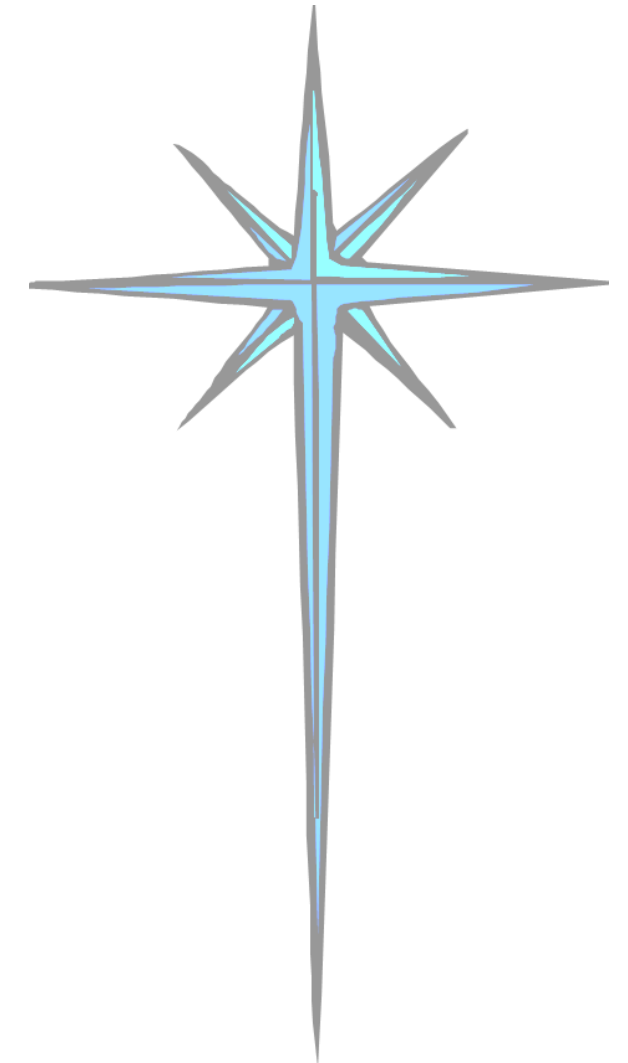
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January 1, 2017

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Gesu Bambino" Pietro A Yon
Danny Thomerson, organist

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 148

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, all God's angels; praise the Lord, all the heavenly host!**

LEADER: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

PEOPLE: **God established them for ever and ever; the Lord fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

LEADER: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

PEOPLE: **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

LEADER: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

PEOPLE: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; the glory of the Lord is above earth and heaven.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God.**

ALL: **Praise the Lord!**

The Invocation Lin Carter

*The Hymn of Praise, 174 REGENT SQUARE
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 63:7-9 (p. 605)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Hebrews 2:10-18 (p. 971)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 784)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 170 CAROL
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Sometimes We Just Don't Know When to Quit"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Prayer of Response† (responsive)

(text omitted)

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, 156 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

*The Offertory Prayer Hollis Yelverton

The Offertory Anthem arr. K. Lee Scott
"Love Came Down at Christmas"
(The text of today's anthem may be found at hymn 153.)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings LLANFAIR

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; Alleluia!
Praise to Christ, our newborn King, Alleluia!
With the Father, Spirit, one, Alleluia!
Let your lasting kingdom come, Alleluia!

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 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" American Folk Song

*The congregation may stand.

†Howard Thurman – "The Mood of Christmas"

MANY THANKS to Danny Thomerson for substituting today in the absence of Donna Jolly.

DEACON ON CALL is Hollis Yelverton. A life-long member of First Baptist, Hollis serves as Assistant Sunday School Director. She is a member of the Properties Committee, the Adult Education Council, the Evening Bells, and the Grains of Sand Sunday School Class. Hollis and her husband, Wyatt, have two daughters: Catherine and Elizabeth.

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.