

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude
Dietrich Buxtehude
"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

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 Choral Introit
Gordon Young
"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 40

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry,

PEOPLE: **who drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure,**

LEADER: who put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

PEOPLE: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

LEADER: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

PEOPLE: **see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God.**

LEADER: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

PEOPLE: **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

LEADER: Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;

PEOPLE: **let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

The Invocation Daniel Ray

*The Hymn of Praise, 60 FAITHFULNESS
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 49:1-7 (p. 592)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (p. 926)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Litany for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (responsive)†

(text omitted)

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 1:29-42 (p. 862)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 502 NEW BRITAIN
"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"A Radical Word and a Word of Hope"

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, 669 CWM RHONDDA
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*The Offertory Prayer John W. Smith

The Offertory "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Hart Morris
Evening Bells

*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 "Concerto in A Minor" J.S. Bach

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Philip Lingafelt and Warren Whitley.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Charles and Sallie Mae Brickhouse.

DEACON ON CALL is John W. Smith. A 6-year member and first-term deacon, John serves on the Pulpit Supply Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Sunday Welcome Committee. He is a member of the Pathfinders Class. John is married to Harriet Smith.

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.

SYMPATHY TO **Marie Lewis** on the December 31 death of her brother, A. J. Blackwell, of Oxford.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany, part of a season in which we reflect upon what it means for the light of God's love in Christ to be revealed to the whole world. This is also the weekend when our nation reflects upon the prophetic ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and considers ways in which we might continue his practice of shining the light of truth on injustice. This service weaves together these two themes of light as we sing hymns of praise to the God of all people, offer prayers of hope for a world in search of peace and justice, and consider our role in spreading God's word of grace and truth. The sermon explores the implications of the reading from 1 Corinthians 1 wherein the Apostle Paul makes the radical claim that the Corinthians, though terribly flawed, are a sanctified people. Could it be that in spite of all of our flaws, we too are a sanctified people? If we are, what is the basis of this identity and how might we claim it more fully? We respond to our hearing of God's word with a hymn that challenges us to grow up into our calling and an offertory that proclaims our willingness to do.

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 supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$13,432 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: *We Promise To Do Our Best*, based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. As of January 10, we have received 192 commitment cards totaling \$1,086,712.

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are available on the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: Raleigh Baptist Association Executive Director, Roger Nix, a long-time friend of FBC, shares about RBA and the good things they are doing in our community.

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: Meatloaf, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION: Cancellation information about scheduled activities will be noted on a recorded greeting obtained by calling the office at 919-832-4485. Information will be supplied to: WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church-Salisbury St.), www.fbcraleigh.org, Twitter: (@fbcraleigh), and Facebook (First Baptist Church Raleigh).

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS are in the Lewis Building Lobby; items remaining in two weeks will be donated to the Clothing Ministry.

5TH SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will be held on January 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Calendar Highlights • January 15–22, 2017

- Sun, January 15
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
Children's Worship (224)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH)
- Tues, January 17
7:30 Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
9:30 Weekday Preschool (T-TH)
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
5:45 Finance Committee (CR)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30 High School Bible Study (Yexas' home)
- Wed, January 18
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
12:00 WMU Group 7 (P)
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)
ITC Board (110)
6:15 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, January 19
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
- Fri, January 20
Churchwide Ski Trip to WV
(returning 1/22)
- Sun, January 22
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Deacon Ordination (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:00 Toy Joy meeting (CR)

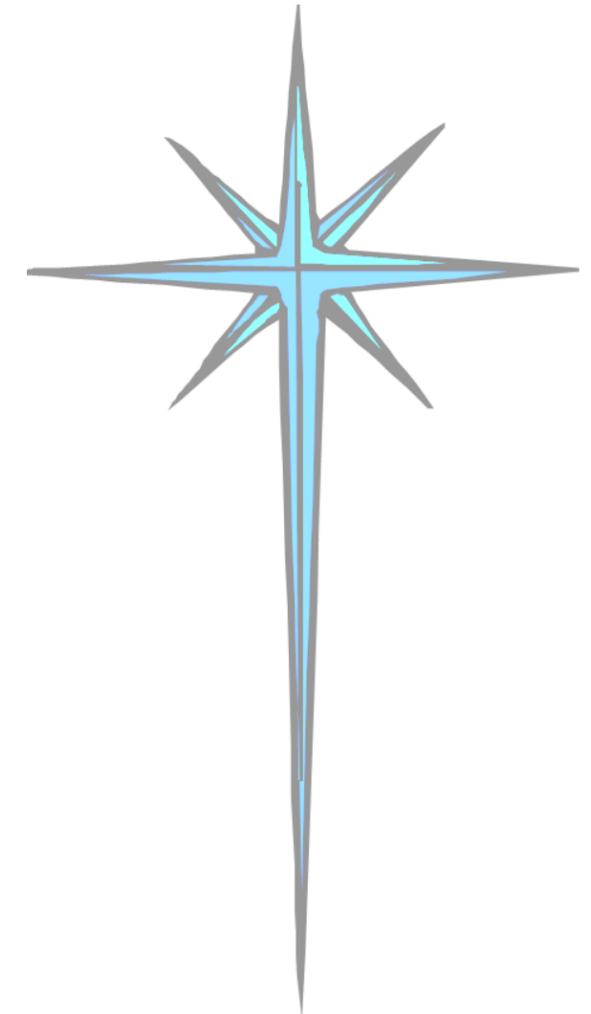
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