

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Be Thou My Vision arr. Cathy Moglebust
Music Made In Heaven

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 27

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

PEOPLE: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

LEADER: to behold the beauty of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **and to inquire in God's temple.**

LEADER: God will hide me and give me shelter in the day of trouble;

PEOPLE: **will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.**

LEADER: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

PEOPLE: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

The Invocation Lin Carter

*The Hymn of Praise, 77 LOBE DEN HERREN
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 9:1-4 (p. 555)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 785)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*The Hymn of Devotion, 578 BEACH SPRING
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed "

*The Offertory Prayer Laura Anne Vick

The Offertory "He Leadeth Me" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"What Exactly Is a Deacon?"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Call to Commitment (responsive)†

(text omitted)

The Invitation to the Ritual

The Presentation of the Ordinands
Carl Bailey, Ann Cobb, Blair Jackson, Zach Padget and Ryan Willis

The Laying on of Hands
(Any who wish to do so are invited to come forward and offer a brief sentence-prayer of blessing for each candidate.)

The Musical Reflection "Reflections of Peace" Jason Krug

The Ordination Prayer Robert Ponton

The Presentation of Certificates

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, 651 MARYTON
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Commissioning of the Honduras Mission Team (responsive)

LEADER: Genuine faith is revealed in acts of service and love, a willingness to be vulnerable and walk in the way of the cross. This week a team from our church family will travel to Honduras to reveal this kind of faith.

PEOPLE: **We pray God's blessings upon John Baldwin, Joel Brown, Steve Brown, Tom Childrey, Dennis Ellis, Brad Harvey, Bob Kimball, and Suzanne Sanford. As they go in the power of God's Spirit, may the people among whom they serve see Jesus in them, and may they discover something new about God's purpose in their lives.**

LEADER: Not all of us will go on this journey but those who do represent not only Jesus but this community as well. They serve as an extension of this church family.

PEOPLE: **Therefore, we pray for their work and witness, for the relationships they will build, for the ways in which our extended family will be enlarged and enriched.**

LEADER: May those who go realize that you are not alone on this journey. God is with you and so are we. May you also recognize your true identity as God's hands and feet.

MISSIONARIES: *In the words of Mother Teresa, we will be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in our faces, kindness in our eyes, kindness in our smiles, kindness in our warm greetings. In the places of great need we will be the light of God's kindness to the poor. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, we will always give a happy smile. We will give not only our care, but also our hearts.*

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 "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

*The congregation may stand.

†Adapted from *The Worshiping Church*.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Joann Gardner White by her family: Dan White, Dana, Chris, Ian and Ali Chapman.

IN ADDITION to ordaining five first-time deacons today, we also welcome eleven other deacons to the class of 2019: Tom Childrey, Marchelle Flowers, Nancye Gaj, Tyson Graves, Jeff Hobart, Bob Kimball, Nancy Phillips, Dawn Raynor, Ann Rollins, Kimberly Taylor, and Royce Willmschen.

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

SYMPATHY to family and friends of **Kathryn Cunningham**, who died on January 16; and to **Dick Moore** on the January 16 death of his sister, Cora Katie Edwards, of Louisburg.

MANY THANKS to "Music Made in Heaven" members Libby Barnes, Judith Bergman, Steve Brown, Dave Douglas, Joanne Glassford, Betty Godwin, Elise Pangborn, Christine Schlachter (Mary Hauser, substitute), Jerry Schweitzer, Sterling Smith, Trish Smith, Deborah Sparma, Sabrina Tyndall, and Bonnie Woodruff; and to their director, Barbara Marley.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Third Sunday after Epiphany, part of a season in which we reflect upon our calling to share the light of Christ's love with the whole world. The reading from Isaiah speaks of the light which would overcome the darkness while the reading from Matthew names Jesus as the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy. He is one who spreads light by preaching about the kingdom, teaching people how to embrace God's reign, and healing the sick. And he is the one who calls disciples to continue this sacred work. Today we bless two specific groups who have accepted this calling - first-time deacons who will serve the needy in our church and community, and members of our church family who will serve the needy this week in Honduras - but the truth is we are all called to follow Jesus. So, as we participate in these rituals of blessing, sing hymns about service and commitment, and lift up prayers for others, we are invited to reflect more deeply upon our calling to share the light of God's love with others through acts of proclamation, words of instruction, and deeds of compassion. The God we worship sends us forth to serve.

DEACON ON CALL is Laura Anne Vick. A 52-year member, Laura Anne serves on the Stewardship Committee, Denominational Relations Committee, and the Archives and History Committee. She is a member of the Brewer Johnson Sunday School class. Laura Anne has three daughters: Jennifer, Carolyn and Elizabeth and six grandchildren.

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.

BE IN PRAYER for 71 church family members returning today from Winterplace WV; and for the Honduras Mission Team departing on January 26 and returning on February 2.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$14,383 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: As of January 18, we have received 194 commitment cards totaling \$1,094,112.

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

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 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: Baked Ham, Brussels Sprouts, Sweet Potatoes, Bread, Salad and Dessert.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29, Lin Carter will be preaching while Dr. Chapman attends two pastors' conferences.

Calendar Highlights • January 22-29, 2017

Sun, January 22
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Deacon Ordination (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:00 Toy Joy meeting (CR)

Mon, January 23
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (CR)
5:30 Deacons' Meeting (301)

Tues, January 24
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, January 25
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)
6:15 Church Conference (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)

Thu, January 26
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
Honduras Mission Team departs
(returns 2/2)

Sun, January 29
8:30 Sunday School Teachers' Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Commission on Community Ministries (CR)
6:00 5th Sunday Vespers (S)

► **Lost and Found Items** are in the Lewis Building Lobby; items remaining in one week will be donated to the Clothing Ministry.

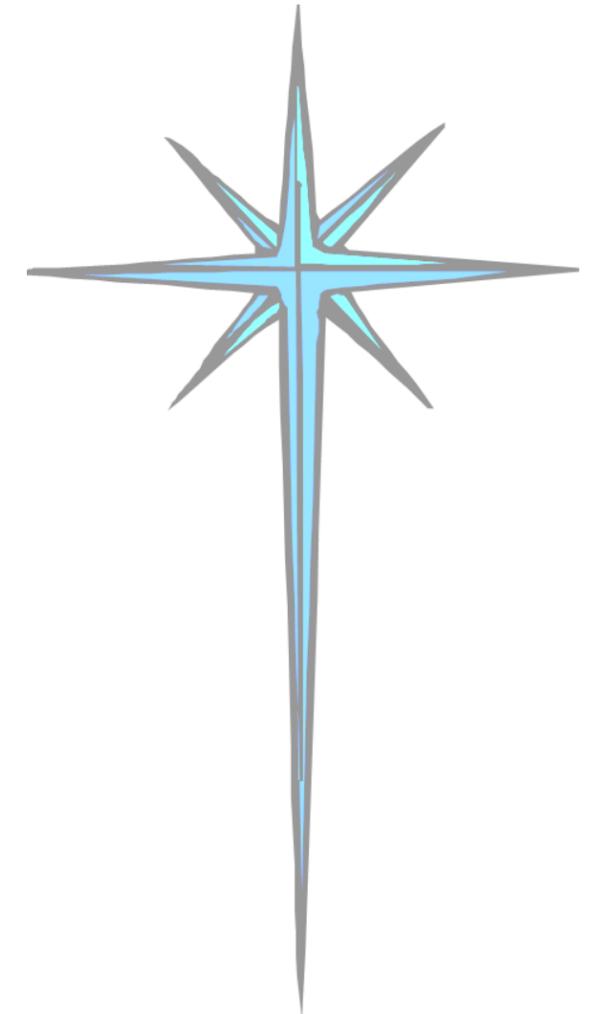
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