

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Cantilena" Josef Rheinberger

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 15

LEADER: O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

PEOPLE: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

LEADER: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

PEOPLE: **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear God; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

LEADER: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

PEOPLE: **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

*The Hymn of Praise, 49 AMSTERDAM
"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Stewardship Moment Bob Bailey

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Micah 6:1-8 (p. 757)

The Anthem "Offertory" John Ness Beck

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 926)

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PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel, 201 (responsive) Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 785)

*The Hymn of Devotion, 559 KINGSFOLD
"Make Room within My Heart, O God"

The Sermon "Turning the World Right Side Up" Lin Carter

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, 507 FINLANDIA
"I Then Shall Live"

*The Offertory Prayer Jamie Vogel

The Offertory Anthem "Blest Are They"† David Haas
(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain as directed.)

(music 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.**

The Blessing of the Teachers (responsive) Pam Powell

ALL: **We, the family of First Baptist Church, are on mission together, striving to continue the work of Christ. Building upon a distinguished heritage, we actively seek to minister to the changing needs of our community of faith and our world through Bible Study.**

LEADER: We recognize that every member of this church family is called to ministry. Each plays a unique part in our mission. We also acknowledge that God has uniquely gifted each member of this church family. Today, we come to affirm those persons who have been called and gifted to lead the congregation through Sunday School.

SS LEADERS: We are grateful for this calling and for the unique gifts which God has given to each of us.

CONGREGATION: *We affirm your calling and your giftedness for ministry.*

LEADER: Through Sunday School, we come together to explore God's revelation to us through the Holy Scriptures.

SS LEADERS: We thank God for the opportunity to lead this family of faith as we explore the Scriptures.

CONGREGATION: *We commit ourselves to the diligent study and honest interpretation of the Scriptures.*

LEADER: As Sunday School Leaders, we are called to remind ourselves and the members of First Baptist Church who we are and what we are about as people of faith.

SS LEADERS: We recognize this responsibility and commit ourselves to be faithful in it.

CONGREGATION: *We affirm your leadership and serve with you.*

ALL: **With God's guidance and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we are becoming disciples and making disciples in the name of Jesus Christ.**

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 "Prelude in C Minor" Felix Mendelssohn

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Dennis and Betsy Herman.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Audrey and Tom Bray by their children, Angela and Tommy Bray.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the January 17 birth of **Caroline Willow Gora** to David and Margaret Millen Gora and big brother Graham.

DEACON ON CALL is Jamie Vogel. A 22-year member of First Baptist, Jamie serves on the Information Management Committee and sings in the Sanctuary Choir. He is a member of The Journey Sunday School class. Jamie and his wife Cara Lynn have one son, Jesse.

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 **Alan Mullins** on the January 23 death of his mother, Linda Mullins of TN.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the fourth Sunday after Epiphany. The service centers on the Beatitudes and the high calling that Jesus' teachings place on our lives. All of the scripture passages today support this message. Our call to worship from Psalm 15 speaks of "walking blamelessly." Scripture from Micah and I Corinthians challenges us to walk with God according to God's wisdom, not our own. We will interact with scripture differently today, through music and responsive reading, as well as hearing it read. The music throughout the service echoes the idea of God's higher ways becoming our ways. Lin Carter preaches today while Dr. Chapman attends conferences out of town. His sermon explores the common threads through these scripture passages, especially the Beatitudes, and how we might respond to the difficult task of living up to God's expectations. Thankfully, we have Sunday School teachers to help us with this holy endeavor, so today we recognize them and thank them for their service to our congregation.

BE IN PRAYER for the Honduras Mission Team as they serve in a village near Choluteca through February 2. Blog posts and photos will be shared (<http://fbchonduras2017.blogspot.com/>) as internet service is available.

5TH SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will be held tonight at 6:00 p.m. Stations will be set up throughout the sanctuary, each one with an interactive element addressing a specific theme or aspect of Christian growth and discipleship. We look forward to your participation and hope this service will be meaningful to you and our congregation.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$15,487 towards our goal of \$22,000.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: As of January 26, we have received 196 commitment cards totaling \$1,110,932.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The first 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: Assorted Quiche, Salad, Fruit, Bread and Dessert.

THANK YOU from all of the Clothing Ministry volunteers and the hundreds of families we serve for your thoughtfully organized and generous donations.

VOLUNTEERS are needed in the Clothing Ministry on Monday and Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons to help sort and hang up clothes.

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.

Calendar Highlights • January 29–February 5, 2017

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)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	5 th Sunday Vespers (S)
Mon, January 30	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
Tues, January 31	7:30	Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:00	Personnel Committee (CR)
	6:00	Commission on Mission and Witness (301/302) Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Yexas' home)
Wed, February 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)
	6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, February 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, February 3	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (302)
Sun, February 5	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion, Baptism (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	4:00	Youth Bells (407)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)

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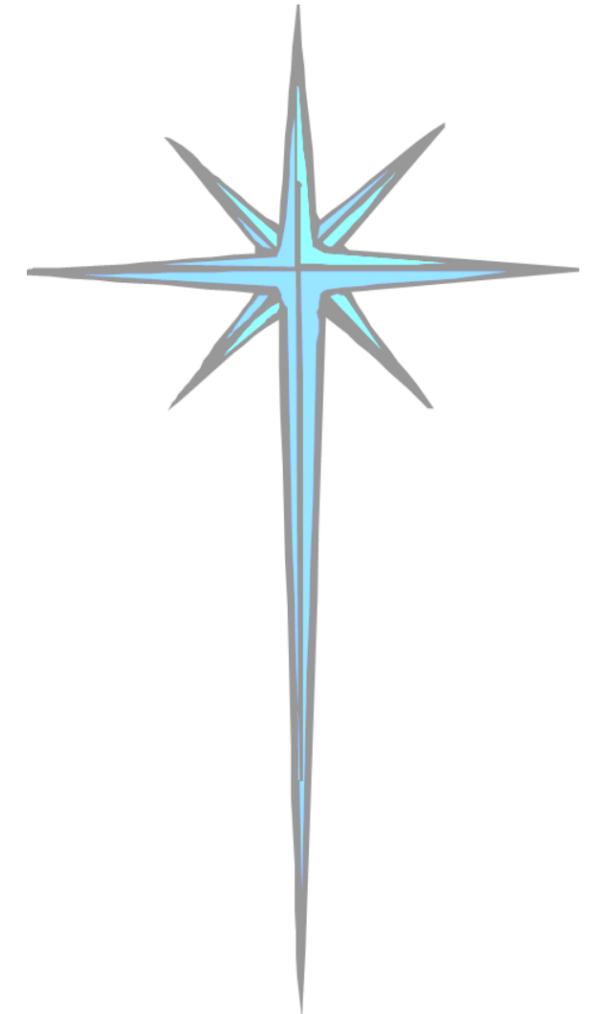
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