

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Felix Mendelssohn  
"Grave and Adagio from Second Sonata"

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 121  
LEADER: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
PEOPLE: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
LEADER: The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.  
PEOPLE: **The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
LEADER: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
PEOPLE: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
LEADER: The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.  
PEOPLE: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

The Invocation Daniel Ray  
\*The Hymn of Praise, 50 MIT FREUDEN ZART  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (unison)†

(text omitted)

The Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance (responsive) John 3:16-17  
LEADER: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
PEOPLE: **Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**"

The Act of Praise, 472 "Grace Greater than Our Sin" MOODY  
(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain only of Hymn 472.)

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)  
**Gracious and loving God, you know us through and through. Speak to us in the Word read and proclaimed, that in the shelter of your love we may find the courage to face the parched places in our lives and find life in your spring of living water. Amen.**

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 12:1-4 (p. 8)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (p. 916)  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 3:1-17 (p. 863)  
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 532 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"What Does It Mean to Be Born Again?"

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, 641 ALL THE WAY  
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"  
(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of Josalyn Peach.)

\*The Offertory Prayer Bob Bailey

The Offertory Anthem "O My Soul! What Love!" Lanny Allen

\*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

The Dedication of Josalyn Joyce Peach, daughter of Brandon and Angela Peach

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present Josalyn Joyce Peach to the church and dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, her parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about Josalyn?  
PEOPLE: **That she is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As Josalyn grows in her understanding of God and herself, how will we help her to learn about her true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give her our love and include her in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As Josalyn grows through different stages of life, what will we tell her about her story?

PEOPLE: **We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of Josalyn?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord's Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to her.**

LEADER: Brandon and Angela, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture Josalyn in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to her.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for Josalyn and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **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 "Fantasia in C Major" J.S. Bach

\*The congregation may stand.

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ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. We begin worship with a psalm which assures us of God's care throughout life and then sing a hymn of praise that echoes this sense of assurance. Once we realize we are in the presence of the God who made the whole world, we feel a need for confession, time to acknowledge our unworthiness yet also space to be assured of God's mercy and love. We listen, then, for God's voice speaking to us through three readings and the sermon which is rooted in the reading from John. It is the first of a series of lengthy Gospel stories where we learn a great deal about Jesus and ourselves. In this story, we will explore the familiar concept of being born again in the context of the larger narrative about Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. We respond to our hearing of God's word with an invitation to discipleship and renewal, an anthem which celebrates God's love in Christ, the giving of our tithes and offerings, and finally the dedication of Josalyn Peach. We go forth to ponder the meaning of our new life in Christ and all the possibilities it includes.

SYMPATHY to **Janie Carothers** on the March 7 death of her father, Robert Parker of Greensboro.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of our mother by William and Robyn Boyd, Patrick and Jennifer Diehl, Candice Diehl, and Matthew and Jenna Diehl.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Will and Cady Mercer.

DEACON ON CALL is Bob Bailey. A 4-year member and first-term deacon, Bob is a teacher for the John Hiott and Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School classes. He also serves on the Ministry to Internationals Committee and the Stewardship Committee. Bob and his wife Dolores have three children 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.

FRESH FLOWERS in our sanctuary for Sunday morning worship are a lovely addition. They are donated by family members in memory or honor of a special person's birthday or anniversary. If you would like to know open dates and be added to the list for flower donation, please contact Jamie Petty, Margaret Clary or Mary Alice Seals to make arrangements.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$18,262 towards our goal of \$22,000.

ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOKS for 2017 are available in the Lewis Building Lobby and on the website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)). One printed copy per family, please.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The second in a 3-week series, *Common Text Study: The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael*, led by Dr. Jason Staples, lecturer at NC State University and Duke Divinity School.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made on the church website ([www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)), by email ([jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:jgilbert@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

GREEN FABRIC: Have you turned in a piece of green fabric for our project to make a new set of green stoles for Ordinary Time? It can be any material, any shade of green at least 3"x 5". Place your fabric in the marked bin in the Lewis Building Lobby by March 31.

CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held at First Baptist Church, Hickory, on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. To register or for information, visit [www.cbfn.org](http://www.cbfn.org).

EASTER GIFTS in honor or memory of a loved one are being received through Monday, April 3. With your gift of \$10 or more an acknowledgement will be printed in an insert on Easter Sunday. Use the form in SS boxes or *First Foundations*.

A NIGHT OUT WITH FBC: The Outreach Committee is organizing an outing to see Burning Coal Theatre's production of *The Royale* on Saturday, April 8. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$15 each with a group of 10 or more. Look for sign-up sheets in SS boxes or contact Ryan Willis ([gryanwillis@gmail.com](mailto:gryanwillis@gmail.com)).

MEMBERS ONLY section of the FBC website is now available for FBC members and Sunday School members. To review guidelines and request access, visit [www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org) and look for MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS at the top of the toolbar.

#### Calendar Highlights • March 12-19, 2017

Sun, March 12	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
12:15	GA Tea (FH)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, March 13	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
6:00	Properties Committee (CR)
Tues, March 14	
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 (Yexas' home)
Wed, March 15	
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) Common Grounds (110) ITC Board (108)
6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, March 16	
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, March 17	
10:00	Japanese American Cultural Exchange (302)
Sun, March 19	
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)

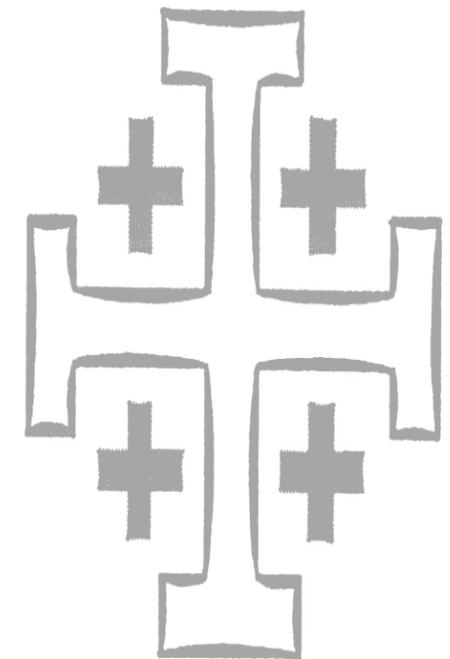
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