

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2017 Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Michael Helman  
Evening Bells

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)<sup>1</sup> from Psalm 95

(text omitted)

The Invocation Anna Moxley

\*The Hymn of Praise, 16 DUKE STREET  
"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (unison)<sup>2</sup>

(text omitted)

The Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance (responsive)<sup>3</sup>

(text omitted)

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 Mary Alice Seals

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 Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 56)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 5:1-11 (p. 917)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Musical Meditation "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Michael Glasgow  
Evening Bells and Youth Bells  
Anna Moxley, director

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 4:5-42 (p. 864)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 634 CWM RHONDDA  
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"The Powerful Symbolism of Water"

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, 477 EBENEZER  
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

\*The Offertory Prayer Kay Taylor

The Offertory Anthem David Schwoebel  
"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"  
Becky Mercer, flute  
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 531.)

\*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 "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

\*The congregation may stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Gertrude and William Lassiter by sons, John and Charles Lassiter.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Abby and Hannah Hinson.

GOSPEL READERS are Zach Padget, Sarah Catherine Rhodes, and Leah Shell.

DEACON ON CALL is Kay Taylor. A 24-year member, Kay serves as Baptist Women President and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Prayer Shawl Ministry Group, and the Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School Class. Kay and her husband Stan have two children, Jamie and Laura, and two 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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. We worship around the theme of water, as it is explored in two of the biblical texts we read. In the reading from Exodus, the Israelites express anxiety over the lack of water in the wilderness, Moses grows weary with their complaints, but God eventually provides water for them. In the reading from John, Jesus at first needs help from a Samaritan woman to get water, then offers her the water of life, and a fascinating conversation proceeds. The confession and assurance liturgy is shaped by these texts, the hymns are chosen to echo their themes, and both the musical meditation and the offertory anthem point us toward the love of God in Christ, which is what the water of life Jesus speaks of really is. The sermon explores the different ways in which this powerful kind of water transforms life for the Samaritan woman, her community and us. Then, we are invited to respond to this transformation with the dedication of our lives, all that we have and are.

SYMPATHY to **Glenn Robbins** on the March 10 death of his mother, Tula Robbins; and to **Steve and Michael Sledge** on the March 15 death of their brother, David Sledge of Emporia VA.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the March 11 birth of **Samuel Colt Phillips** to Brett and Hope Phillips and big sisters, Charlotte, June and Remington.

TODAY, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 \$18,317 towards our goal of \$22,000.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The last in a 3-week series, *Common Text Study: The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael*, led by Chaplain Fatma Kaya of the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies in Cary.

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: Lemon Herb Baked Fish, Asparagus, Rice Medley, Bread, Salad 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).

CLOTHING MINISTRY: Turn-Around Day, April 1. Afternoon volunteers are needed from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. for sorting and hanging, not heavy lifting. For additional information, contact Mary A. Tetro (919-271-0708 or [matetro@gmail.com](mailto:matetro@gmail.com)).

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)).

#### Calendar Highlights • March 19–26, 2017

Sun, March 19	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227) Children's Worship (224)
	12:15	Nominating Committee (301)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, March 20	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
	7:00	Grades 8-12 Third Monday Meeting (Lucky Tree, Hillsborough St.)
Tues, March 21	7:30	Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
	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, March 22	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) Common Grounds (110)
	6:15	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, March 23	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 24		High School Retreat to Ridgecrest (return 3/26)
Sun, March 26	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Deacons' Meeting (220)
	5:00	Pathfinders Soup 'n Supper (301/302)
	5:00	MS Choir (310)
	6:00	MS Youth Group (FH)

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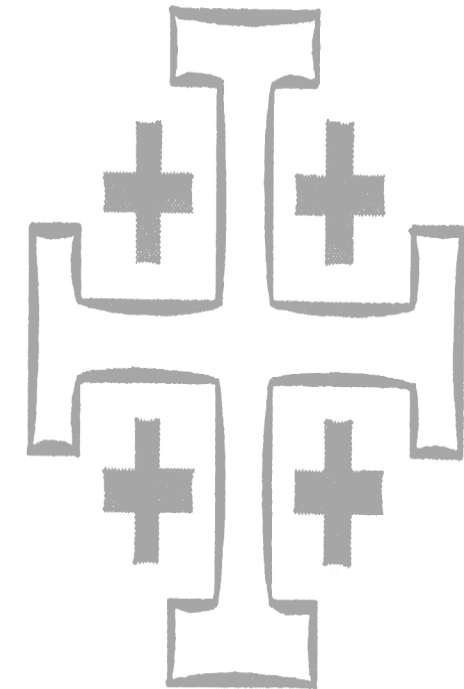
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