

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee" Georg Boehm

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)†

Lin Carter

(text omitted)

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise, 229 "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession (responsive)

from Psalm 32

LEADER: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

LEADER: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity.

PEOPLE: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

The Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance (responsive) from Psalm 32

LEADER: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.

PEOPLE: **Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

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.

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (p. 2)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 5:12-19 (p. 917)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 785)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 193 PUER NOBIS
"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

*The Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Barnes

The Offertory Anthem "Lonesome Valley" arr. Gilbert Martin

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings OLD HUNDREDTH

The Sermon "Confronting Temptation" Christopher Chapman

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 538

NEED

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction (responsive)

Church Covenant

*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

"Psalm XX"

Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation may stand.

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MANY THANKS to Paul Smith for conducting the choir today while Mary Alice Seals, the Youth Choir, and chaperones participate in Festival by the Sea.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by the Crocker Family in loving memory of Donna Lynn Crocker Toms.

DEACON ON CALL is Elizabeth Barnes. A 34-year member of First Baptist, Libby serves on the Pulpit Supply Committee. She and her husband Walt have two children, Liz Barnes and Cmdr. Chip Barnes, (Ret.) USN, and one granddaughter Hallie.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Today is the First Sunday in Lent ("in" and not "of" because each Sunday is a little Easter even in Lent, offering a glimpse of the resurrection hope that lies on the other side of the cross). It is a season of penitence and reflection, as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. Thus, we include time for confession, sing hymns which underscore the nature of this season, and wear purple stoles. The anthem presents a creative image of Jesus' journey to the cross, a lonely journey through a lonesome valley. The sermon, rooted in the traditional Lent 1 story of Jesus' temptations, explores the nature of all temptation, in testing our character and identity. The celebration of communion provides an opportunity for us to remember who we are and thus a great resource in confronting temptation. We conclude worship with the responsive reading of our church covenant because on Wednesday of this week First Baptist Church Raleigh celebrates its 205th anniversary.

SYMPATHY to **Sandra Turnage** and **Crystal Bacon** on the February 28 death of their father and grandfather, Lloyd Hardison of Greenville.

BE IN PRAYER for our 26 Youth Choir members and chaperones as they return from the Festival by the Sea.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: We have received \$18,157 towards our goal of \$22,000.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT: April 21-23 at Caswell. Cost is only \$70/person for the weekend! Payments are due to Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) **today**.

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

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The first in a 3-week series, *Common Text Study: The Binding of Isaac/Ishmael*, Eric Soloman, Rabbi at Beth Meyer Synagogue, will share a Jewish perspective on this familiar story.

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: Herb Roast Pork Loin, Homemade Applesauce, Creamy Cheese Grits, Garden Salad, Rolls 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 a scrap from a project, an old garment, or new material, any shade of green at least 3"x 5". Please place your pieces of green in the marked drawer 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.

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 evening, April 8. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$15 each with a group of 10 or more. You can read about the play at www.burningcoal.org/royale. Look for sign-up sheets in SS boxes or contact Ryan Willis (gryanwillis@gmail.com).

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 March 5 - 12, 2017

- Sun, March 5
8:30 Discipleship Committee (CR)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 RA Car Race (FH)
4:30 Finance Committee (CR)
- Mon, March 6
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (CR)
- Tues, March 7
7:30 Men's Bible Study (Metro Productions)
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
4:30 Church Council (CR)
- Wed, March 8
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 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, March 9
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
3:00 Backpack Buddies delivery
- Sun, March 12 **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
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)

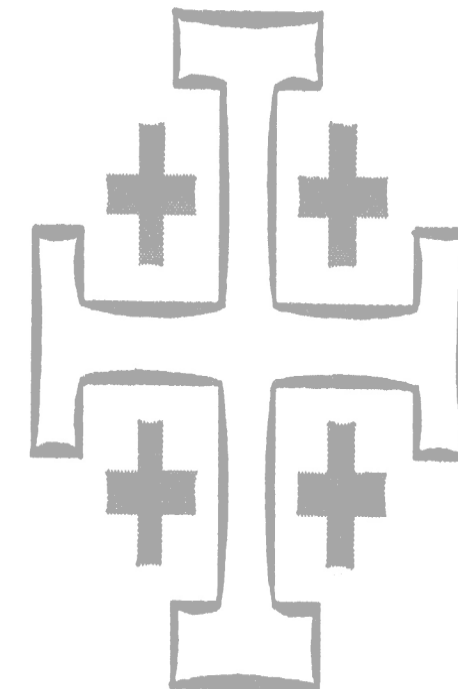
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