

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Fantasia in G Major" J.S. Bach

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)

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed!**

LEADER: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

PEOPLE: **God has swallowed up death forever and wiped away the tears from all faces.**

LEADER: And so, we set our minds on things that are above.

PEOPLE: **We rejoice in the marvelous things God is doing.**

LEADER: For we have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in our salvation!**

The Celebration of Baptism Trey Davis
Candidate: John Holley

The Prayer of Blessing

*The Hymn of Praise, 234 EASTER HYMN
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 25:6-9 (p. 568)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p. 935)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 20:1-18 (p. 882)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 247 LANCASHIRE
"The Day of Resurrection"

The Sermon "Questions We Ask" Christopher Chapman

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, 243 TRURO
"Christ Is Alive!"

*The Offertory Prayer Marchelle Flowers

The Offertory Anthem "Easter Celebration!" Don Besig

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 Alexandre Guilmant
"Final: Allegro assai from First Sonata"

*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Anna and Daniel Yerxa.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. Burke Koonce, Calvin B Koonce, and Marvin B. Koonce by Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Bell III and Mr. and Mrs. C. Battle Koonce Jr.

DEACON ON CALL is Marchelle Flowers. A 43-year member, Marchelle serves as a teacher for the Grade 3 Sunday School Class and as the Social Committee chair. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Marchelle is married to Greg Flowers.

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 Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and all that this sacred event implies – the victory of life over death, love over fear, hope over despair. Thus, we begin with the celebration of baptism through which we identify with Christ both in death and resurrection. We sing hymns which celebrate the hope of eternal life, hear texts which proclaim the good news, and offer prayers of gratitude for the gift of salvation. The sermon explores the questions we ask not only on Easter, but every day of our lives, questions about the truthfulness of our faith claims and their meaning. The anthem offers space for further reflection and celebration. We are sent forth, then, to proclaim the good news of this day with Mary Magdalene, to give witness to everything we have heard and seen.

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.

CENTERPOINT: There will be no evening meal or activities this Wednesday, April 4.

CLOTHING MINISTRY will be closed on Wednesday, April 4, and Thursday, April 5, in accordance with our policy to close when Wake County Schools are closed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CANCELLED ON APRIL 8: Due to new street closures related to the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, April 8. We will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m.

DASH PASSES: On April 8, inserted dashboard passes will be needed to allow movement through stops monitored by the Raleigh Police Department. Dashboard passes are also available on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). A map and road closures can be found at <http://www.runrocknroll.com/raleigh/the-races/road-closures>.

KAY HUGGINS GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Friday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. at River Ridge Golf Course. Information and registration may be found at <https://fbcraleigh.org/kayhugginsgolfclassic/>.

SUNDAY VESPERS SERVICE will take place at 6:00 p.m. on April 29 at the Pollinator Garden of the Gregg Museum of Art and Design, 1903 Hillsborough Street. We invite you to join us for this special Celtic service and bring a guest for this time of joyful and reflective worship.

APRIL MISSION PROJECT: We will support the second annual FBC Clothing Ministry KIND (Kidz in Need of Diapers). Donations of diapers and pull-ups (all brands and sizes) and sensitive diaper wipes may be placed in the drawer in the Lewis Building Lobby. Please contact Catharine Dudeck (thedudecks@gmail.com or 919-608-4353) for questions or pick up assistance.

SILENT AUCTION: The auction to benefit student mission teams begins on Wednesday, May 2, and will conclude at the Music Celebration on Sunday, May 6. If you would like to make a donation of local restaurant gift cards, vacation home rentals, tickets for sporting events, plays and concerts, hand-crafted items or a service, contact Trey Davis (tdavis@fbcraleigh.org or 919-832-4485, ext. 208).

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of May 20-27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net) to volunteer.

20TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS have arrived and are available on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. This book will be \$15.00. Reprints of the 1997 cookbook are available for \$10.00. Both may be bought as a set for \$20.00.

Calendar Highlights April 1-8, 2018

Sun, April 1	<i>Easter</i>
6:30	Sunrise Service (Capitol)
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship, Baptism (S) Japanese Worship (227)
1:00	Japanese Church Baptism (S)
Mon, April 2	
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
Tues, April 3	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
Wed, April 4	
10:00	Clothing Ministry closed
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
Thu, April 5	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
9:40	Thirty-Niners: Sonoco Recycling Plant and lunch at Mayflower
11:00	Library Committee (L)
1:00	Clothing Ministry closed
Sun, April 8	<i>Rock 'n' Roll Marathon</i>
9:45	NO Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)



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