

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 11, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Largo from Sonata V" 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 Baptismal Prayer of Praise (responsive)1

(text omitted)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Kings 2:1-12 (p. 300)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Christian Testament 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p. 939)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 9:2-9 (p. 820)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*The Hymn of Devotion BEECHER

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"2

(text omitted)

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, 562 DIX

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

The Offertory Prayer Nancye Gaj

The Offertory Anthem Paul Manz

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Becky Mercer, flute

(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 539.)

The Baptism of Lily Davis Horne Christopher Chapman

The Prayer of Devotion Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 62 ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Greeting of Worshipers Mary Alice Seals

*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 "Toccatina in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Carter Pegram and Cady Mercer.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Sterling and Myra Brickell in honor of the Lay Leaders within the Youth Department.

DEACON ON CALL is Nancye Gaj. A 13-year member, Nancye is chair of the Commission on Administration and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. She and her husband Steve have a grown son, Carter.

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 Transfiguration Sunday, the day we remember the story about the experience three disciples had on a mountain with Jesus wherein he was transformed and a voice spoke to them from a cloud. It is the last Sunday before Lent begins, a last glimpse of the coming glory before a season of penitence and reflection as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. We begin worship with the celebration of baptism, a kind of transfiguration experience in the life of Christians. We sing hymns and hear an anthem which reflect themes from the transfiguration narrative – themes of light and glory, mystery and awe. We hear texts which speak of these very same themes, including Mark's transfiguration account. The sermon explores the mysterious nature of this familiar story and all authentic encounters with the Holy. We are invited, then, to ponder our response to God's revelation in Christ and sent forth to live as people who have been transformed.

SYMPATHY to **Nancy Hunter** on the February 7 death of her mother, Dorothy Veatch of KY.

GOD'S GIFTS! OUR RESPONSE? 178 stewardship cards totaling \$1,118,818.68 have been received. Your gift matters! Please return your stewardship card to the church, or you may pledge online (<http://fbcraleigh.org/give/2018-pledge-form/>). We ask that those who give via VANCO also submit a stewardship card via this link.

FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. A list of suggestions may be found in the Lewis Building lobby, in the church office, and on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). Write down your deeds and post on the glass wall in the lobby. Let's get inspired to share the love of Jesus with everyone we meet!

SHROVE TUESDAY pancake supper will be held on February 13 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person/\$20 max per family. Tickets are available in the Lewis Building Lobby. Come enjoy a night of jazz music, Mardi Gras crafts, games, and pancakes with toppings!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on February 14 at **6:45 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. A meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to make meal reservations.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make or cancel reservations by **noon on Mondays** on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485). Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Patty with Gravy and Sides. Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT is at Caswell on April 13-15, 2018. Details may be found in the February 2 *First Foundations*. Please contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by February 21.

DIRECTORY PICTURES: Make up dates are February 27-28, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Sign up is available on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org).

LOST & FOUND ITEMS are in the Lewis Building Lobby; anything remaining in two weeks will be donated to the Clothing Ministry.

CBFNC GATHERING will be held on Thursday, March 15, through Saturday, March 17, at Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Visit www.cbfnc.org for information and to register.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE is looking for Coffee Team members to assist with the coffee station prior to Sunday School, from 9:20 a.m. until 9:50 a.m. No experience is needed. We are creating a cadre to serve just one month at a time and just once a year. The duty is simple, enjoyable, and a great way to meet everyone. Once the team is established, we will develop a schedule based on availability and set up training for all. If interested, please contact Brad Harvey at bharvey@poolprofessionals.com.

Calendar Highlights ♥ February 11-18

Sun, February 11	8:45	Commission on Worship (S)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Baptism (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Unity Class Chili Cookoff (K, FH) Commission on Mission and Witness (301/302) Discipleship Training Committee (CR)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, February 12	9:30	Weekday Preschool (Mon-Fri)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)
Tues, February 13	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR) WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)
Wed, February 14	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	4:45	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH)
	5:30	Backpack Buddies packing (301)
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Missions and Music Evening Bells (307)
	6:45	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, February 15	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
	5:45	Finance Committee (CR)
	7:00	Minister with Community Search Committee (P)
Fri, February 16	10:30	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (Duke Chapel)
Sun, February 18	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Children's Worship (224) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Commission on Community Ministries (301)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)

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