

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Ralph Vaughan Williams
"Prelude on *Rhosymedre*"

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)

from Psalm 25

LEADER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

PEOPLE: **O my God, in you I trust;**

LEADER: do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

PEOPLE: **Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.**

LEADER: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

PEOPLE: **Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

The Invocation

Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 8

MIT FREUDEN ZART

"All Glory Be to God on High"

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" ARISE

As directed, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

LEADER: The truth is this: God's love and mercy are never-ending. God knows us in our inward being; God cleanses us from our sins and shortcomings, and restores to us the joy of salvation.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Genesis 9:8-17 (p. 6)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Peter 3:18-22 (p. 985)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15 (p. 812)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 107

SLANE

"Christ Be My Leader"

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Some Surprising Aspects of Temptation"

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, 612

FOUNDATION

"How Firm a Foundation"

*The Offertory Prayer

Sam Ewell

The Offertory Anthem

"A Lenten Prayer"

Hal Hopson

Bell Ringers: Amy Galvan, Pam Powell, Jeanie Scott,
and Sabrina Tyndall

*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

arr. Piet Post

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Hiromu Koyama and Cameron Reynolds.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in honor of our 2018 Mission Teams by Charles and Jamie Petty.

DEACON ON CALL is Sam Ewell. A 5-year member and first-term deacon, Sam is a member of the Pulpit Supply and Denominational Relations committees. He also serves as chair of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship class. Sam and his wife Kay have two children and three 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.

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, hear an anthem and sing hymns which underscore the nature of this season, and wear purple stoles. The sermon, rooted in the traditional Lent 1 story of Jesus' temptations, explores several surprising aspects of his temptations, which may give us insight into the kind of surprises we might experience. We are invited to face all our frailties in this holy season as a means of taking inventory of our lives and pursuing wholeness. Thus, we ponder our temptations and are sent forth to grow in our awareness and faithfulness.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Minetta Newbold** who died on February 11.

TODAY, 1st-5th 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.

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!

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: Chicken Pot Pie, Fried Apples, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Pot Pie. Children's Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwiches.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: The Reverend Paul Anderson, pastor of The Fountain of Raleigh and volunteer chaplain for the Raleigh Police Department, will speak to current realities of racial division.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT is at Caswell on April 13-15, 2018. Details may be found in the February 16 *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 one week 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 SERVICES 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 18-25

- Sun, February 18
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Children's Worship (224)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Commission on Community Ministries and
Commission on Christian Education (301)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH)
- Mon, February 19
6:30 High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)
- Tues, February 20
9:30 Weekday Preschool (Tue-Fri)
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 (Helms' Home)
- Wed, February 21
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
12:00 WMU Group 7 (P)
4:45 Children's Bells (307)
5:00 Meal Served (FH)
5:30 Backpack Buddies packing (301)
5:45 ITC Board (108)
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
Missions and Music
Evening Bells (307)
6:20 Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, February 22
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
- Sun, February 25
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220)
4:00 Youth Bells (307)
5:00 Youth Choir (310)
6:00 Youth Group (FH)

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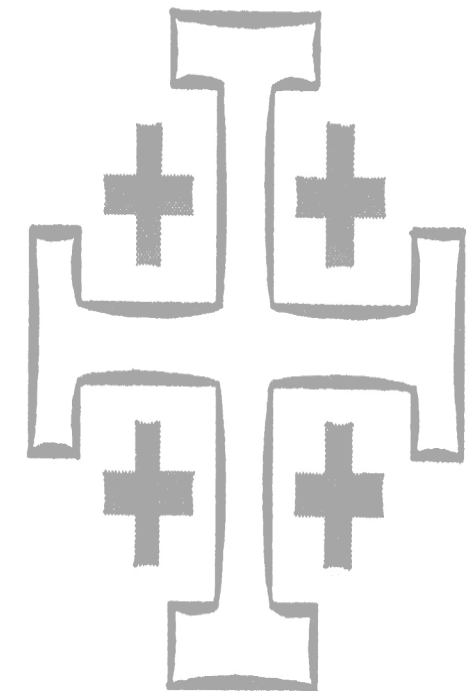
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Wayne Hager, Church Administrator	Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults

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