

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Passacaglia in C Minor" Gramann
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Lamb
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) from Psalm 22

LEADER: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

PEOPLE: **my vows I will pay before those who fear God.**

LEADER: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

PEOPLE: **those who seek the Lord shall sing praise. May your hearts live forever!**

LEADER: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

PEOPLE: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.**

LEADER: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

PEOPLE: **who rules over the nations.**

LEADER: To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

PEOPLE: **before God shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for the Lord.**

LEADER: Posterity will serve the Lord; future generations will be told about the Lord,

PEOPLE: **and proclaim deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.**

The Invocation Dennis Herman

*The Hymn of Praise, 45 NETTLETON
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CONFESSIO AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" ARISE
Catherine Carter, Emily Taylor, and Emma Tyndall
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

The Search Committee Update Jen Foster

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (p. 11)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 4:13-25 (p. 916)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38 (p. 820)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 215 ST. CHRISTOPHER
"Before the Cross of Jesus"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Acknowledging Our Resistance and Overcoming It"

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, 563 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*The Offertory Prayer Holly Ivel

The Offertory Anthem Jonathan Crutchfield
"Make Our Church One Joyful Choir"†

(text omitted)

*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 "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" J.S. Bach

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Charlotte and June Phillips.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Peggy Frisbie and her children, Penny and Jim, in loving memory of her husband and their dad, Jim, on Peggy and Jim's wedding anniversary.

DEACON ON CALL is Holly Ivel. A 16-year member and first-term deacon, Holly serves as chair of the Nominating Committee and the Shelter Ministries Coordinators. She is also the Sunday School Assistant Director. Holly is a member of The Journey Class.

TODAY Macon David is our First Grade offering helper. As he presents the offering on behalf of our preschoolers, may we remember that, like the loaves and fish, tiny gifts grow into big gifts when given to God.

SYMPATHY to **Linville Roach** on the February 16 death of his sister, Alease Roach Sherron of VA; and to **Pat Stumpf** on the February 21 death of her husband, **Dale Stumpf**.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Second Sunday in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection. We continue with time for confession and hymns that focus on the way of the cross. The sermon, rooted in the reading from Mark, offers a more in-depth consideration of this distinctive way, our resistance to it, and some ways we might overcome our resistance. The anthem echoes this very same theme and sends us forth to live as those who find joy in bearing the cross.

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.

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: Salmon, Herbed Rice, Vegetables. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Chicken Patties. Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of May 20-27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Mark your calendar and watch for more details. Please contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net) to volunteer.

Calendar Highlights ♥ February 25-March 4

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)

Mon, February 26
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-F)
6:30 High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)

Tues, February 27
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
3:00 Directory Photos (108, 110)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30 High School Bible Study (Helms' Home)

Wed, February 28
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:00 Directory Photos (108, 110)
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
6:20 Church Conference (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)

Thu, March 1
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 2
Youth Choir Festival by the Sea
(returning 3/4)

Sun, March 4
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Communion (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 RA Car Race (FH)

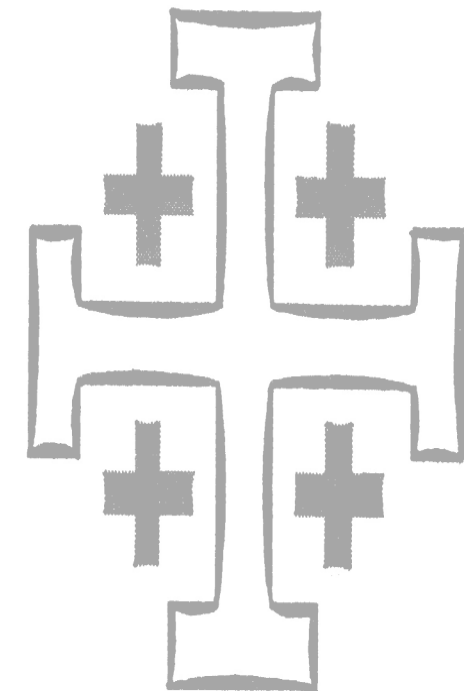
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