

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude
"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxtehude

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 29
LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
PEOPLE: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
LEADER: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
PEOPLE: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
LEADER: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.
PEOPLE: **May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace.**

The Invocation
Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 5 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Acts 19:1-7 (p. 903)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11 (p. 812)
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 578 BEACH SPRING
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

*The Offertory Prayer Hollis Yelverton

The Offertory "Voluntary in F Major" John Stanley

*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.**

The Homily Christopher Chapman
"Insight into the Nature of Christian Life and Ministry"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Call to Commitment (responsive)¹

(text omitted)

The Invitation to the Ritual

The Presentation of the Ordinands
Jay Carothers, Jen Foster, Wes Fulk, Holly Ivel,
Sarah Lingafelt, Will Poteat and Brad Pressley

The Laying on of Hands
(Any who wish to do so are invited to come forward and offer a brief sentence-prayer of blessing for each candidate.)

The Anthem "Beloved, God's Chosen"² Robert Hobby
Becky Mercer, flutist

(text omitted)

The Ordination Prayer Ann Rollins

The Presentation of Certificates

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, 651 MARYTON
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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 "In Thee Is Gladness" Paul Manz

*The congregation may stand.

¹Adapted from *The Worshiping Church*.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Audrey and Tom Bray by their children, Angela and Tommy Bray.

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.

DEACON ON CALL is Hollis Yelverton. A life-long member, Hollis serves as Deacon Secretary, Sunday School Director, and as accompanist for the Preschool Music Group. She is a member the Adult Education Council, the Evening Bells, and the Grains of Sand Sunday School Class. Hollis and her husband, Wyatt, have two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Eloise Sumerel** of OH, who died on January 2; and to the family of **Dot Perry**, who died on January 3.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the First Sunday after Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord in the Christian year. It is also the day we ordain first-time deacons. The texts connect these emphases. Though the focus is on baptism, especially Jesus' baptism, baptism is a ritual of blessing, like ordination, and Jesus' baptism provides insight into the nature of deacon ministry. Jesus is always providing an example for us. In baptism, he displays both incredible humility and firm obedience to God's intent, and he receives a word of blessing from God in addition to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. In all of these ways, he offers insight into what we need for faithful Christian service – humility, obedience, affirmation, and the Spirit's assistance. We embrace all of these realities as we offer a blessing upon those who have agreed to serve as deacons for the very first time and consider our own calling to service. We sing hymns that offer praise to God and create space for renewed commitment. We hear an anthem, rooted in a familiar passage from Colossians 3, which lifts up the place of love and compassion in Christian life. We are sent forth to live out the sacred truths we proclaim here as a way of offering daily worship and devotion to God.

GOD'S GIFTS! OUR RESPONSE? 169 stewardship cards totaling \$1,073,898.68 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.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$12,195 towards our goal of \$20,000.

2018 **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are available on the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations and cancellations by **noon on Mondays** on the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org) under the Food and Faith section, by email (firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the office (919-832-4485). Menu: Pot Roast and Gravy or Chicken and Dumplings, Cabbage, Vegetable Medley and Salad. Non-Meat option: Dumplings without chicken. Children's Menu: Noodles with Cheese Sauce.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: FBC member and NCSU Physics Professor, Divine Kumah from Ghana, will share about his spiritual and professional journey.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT: Mark your calendar for the churchwide retreat at Caswell on April 13-15, 2018. Details may be found in the November 24 *First Foundations*. Space is limited so contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by February 1.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION may be found by calling the church office at 919-832-4485 when uncertain about scheduled activities. Once a decision has been made, cancellation information will be noted on a recorded greeting. Information will be supplied to: WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church–Salisbury St.), www.fbcraleigh.org, Twitter: (@fbcraleigh), and Facebook.

Calendar Highlights • January 7-14, 2018

Sun, January 7	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Deacon ordination (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:30	Search Committee (FH)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)
Mon, January 8	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-Th)
	10:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Blanchards' home)
Tues, January 9	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	11:00	Dot Perry Service (Springmoor)
	2:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, January 10	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	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)
	6:20	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, January 11	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
	5:45	Finance Committee (CR)
Fri, January 12		Grains of Sand Retreat to Caswell (return 1/15)
	12:00	State Employees MLK Service (S) followed by a Reception (FH)
Sun, January 14	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	1:00	Japanese Church Baptism (S)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH)

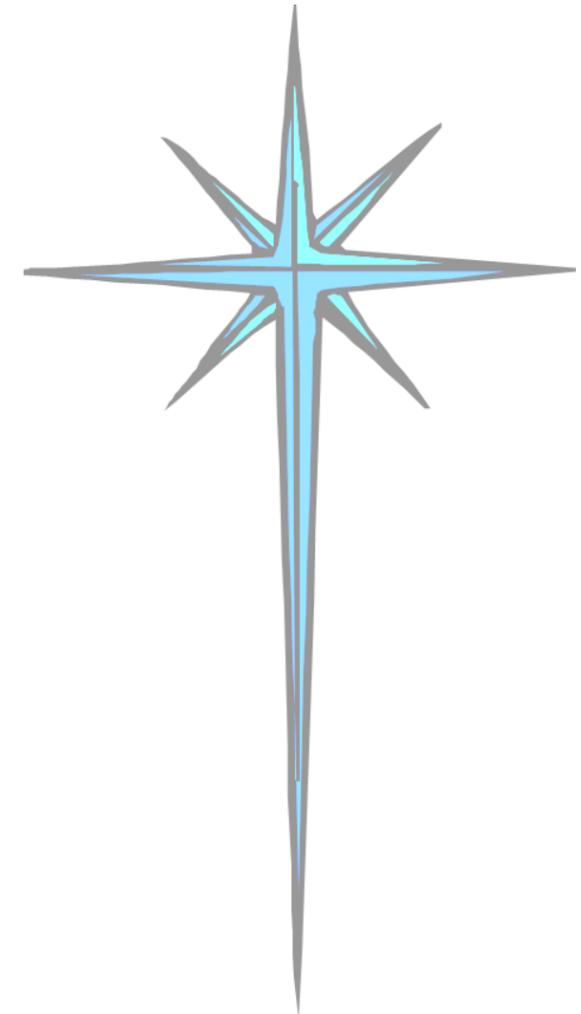
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