

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Adagio from First Sonata" Felix Mendelssohn

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 139

LEADER: O God, you have searched me and known me.

PEOPLE: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

LEADER: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

PEOPLE: **Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely.**

LEADER: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

PEOPLE: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

LEADER: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

PEOPLE: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

LEADER: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

PEOPLE: **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

LEADER: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

PEOPLE: **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

LEADER: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

PEOPLE: **See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

The Invocation Mary Alice Seals

*The Hymn of Praise, 52 ELLACOMBE
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (p. 215)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel John 1:43-51 (p. 863)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Litany for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (responsive)†

(text omitted)

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*The Hymn of Devotion, 574 CANONBURY
"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

The Sermon "The Last Prophet?" 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, 720 ODE TO JOY
"Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

*The Offertory Prayer Beth Jones

The Offertory Anthem David Schwoebel
"Speak, Lord, in the Stillness"
(The anthem text may be found at hymn 585.)

*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 "Choral Song" Samuel Wesley

*The congregation may stand.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Megan Archer and Caroline Davis.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Charles and Sallie Mae Brickhouse.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany, part of a season in which we reflect upon what it means for the light of God's love in Christ to be revealed to the whole world. This is also the weekend when our nation reflects upon the prophetic ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and considers ways in which we might continue his practice of shining the light of truth on injustice. This service weaves together these two themes as we sing hymns of praise to the God of all people, offer prayers of hope for a world in search of peace and justice, and consider our role in spreading God's word of grace and truth. The sermon explores the place of the prophetic in today's world in the context of the reading from 1 Samuel 3. In this familiar story about the calling of a prophet, the focus of the offertory anthem as well, we find many parallels to our time as well as a reminder of our need for the prophetic. Whom will God call in our time? What issues and concerns need a word from the Lord? And will we listen when God speaks? These are significant questions to ponder not just in worship today but every day of our lives.

SYMPATHY to the family of **Grace Swann** of Kernersville, who died on January 6.

DEACON ON CALL is Derek Foster. A 16-year member, Derek serves on the Wedding Committee. He is a member of The Journey Class. Derek and his wife Jen, have three children: Jay, Luke and Meg.

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.

BE IN PRAYER for 40 members and children of the Grains of Sand class returning from their retreat at Caswell.

NEW BOOK STUDY: During the Sunday School hour, in Rm 319, Sharing Thoughts will begin discussion of a new book, *Silent Conversations: Reading the Bible in Good Company* by William D. Apel. Contact Debbie Willmschen (dwillmschen@hotmail.com or 919-844-9161).

GOD'S GIFTS! OUR RESPONSE? 171 stewardship cards totaling \$1,079,098.68 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 \$12,432 towards our goal of \$20,000.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Please make or cancel reservations 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: Ground Turkey Spaghetti, Mixed Veggies, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Vegan Spaghetti. Children's Menu: Fruit Bowl.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: An international panel comprised of Erika Kumah (Ecuador), Hiromi Price (Japan), Ebele Saint Louis (Nigeria), and Sheeza Shamoon (Pakistan) will address how we can grow in our openness to our brothers and sisters from around the world. They will also help us see FBC from their eyes.

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.

DIRECTORY PICTURES will be taken on **February 2-4**. Mark your calendar and look for details coming soon!

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 will be available in the Lewis Building Lobby beginning January 31. Come enjoy a night of jazz music, Mardi Gras crafts, games, and design-your-own pancakes with tons of topping options!

Calendar Highlights • January 14-21, 2018

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)
Mon, January 15		Martin Luther King Jr Day Church office closed
Tues, January 16	9:30	Weekday Preschool (Tues-Fri)
	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:00	Minister with Community Search Committee (108)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, January 17	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	12:00	WMU Group 7 (P)
	3:45	Works in Progress (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, January 18	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, January 19		Churchwide Ski Trip to Winterplace WV (return 1/21)
	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (NC Museum Tour)
Sun, January 21	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Children's Worship (224) Japanese Worship (227)

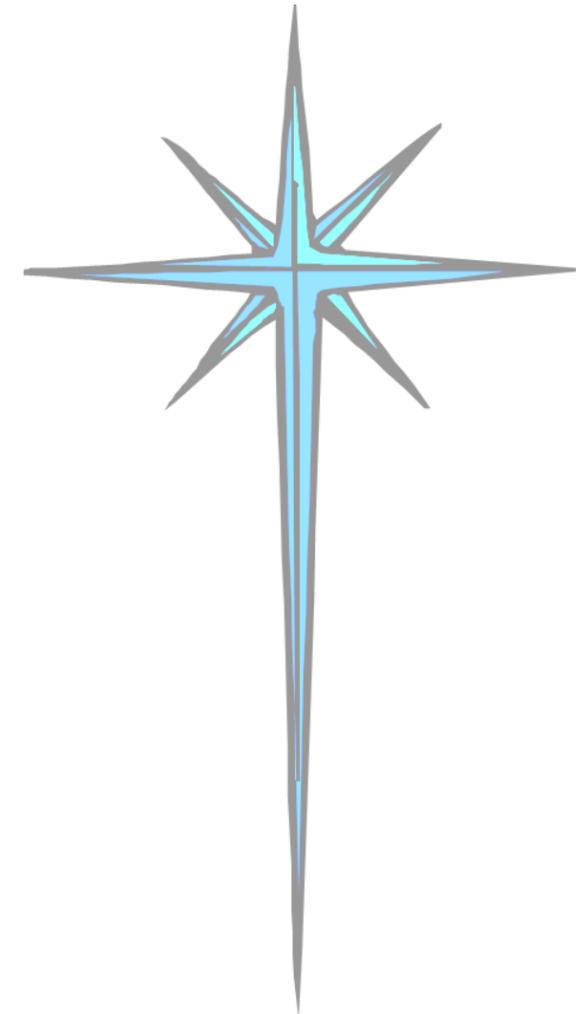
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