

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Andante from Organ Concerto in F Major" Handel

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 62

LEADER: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

PEOPLE: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

LEADER: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

PEOPLE: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is our refuge.

LEADER: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, Lord.

PEOPLE: For you repay to all according to their work.

The Invocation

Dennis Herman

\*The Hymn of Praise, 25

ANDREWS

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination, 314 (unison)

The Hebrew Bible

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (p. 753)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (p. 930)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20 (p. 812)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise be to you, O Christ.

\*The Hymn of Devotion

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"†

AURELIA

(text omitted)

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Why Scripture Has to Be Interpreted"

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, 315

BREAD OF LIFE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

\*The Offertory Prayer

Chuck Nichols

The Offertory Anthem

Paul Langston

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*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

"Toccata in F Major"

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation may stand.

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MANY THANKS to Paul Smith for conducting the choir today.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are John and Elaine Holley.

DEACON ON CALL is Chuck Nichols. A 35-year member of First Baptist, Chuck serves on the Board of Trustees and as chair of the Commission on Mission and Witness. He is also a teacher for the Pathfinders Sunday School class. Chuck and his wife Susan, have two adult children, Charlie and Patrick.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Bobby and Nancy Phillips in memory of his parents, Robert and Lillie Mae Phillips and in honor of their birthdays.

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany, a season of reflection on what it means for God's love in Christ to be revealed to the whole world. The readings from Jonah and Mark speak directly to this theme, pointing toward the universal nature of God's love, while the reading from 1 Corinthians contains Paul's counsel for the early church in view of Christ's imminent return. The hymn of praise picks up on the psalmist's claim that God is our refuge and salvation. The hymn of devotion explores the imagery of the Gospel reading while expressing the universal hope of the Hebrew Bible text as well. The hymn of discipleship picks up on the focus of the sermon - the revelation of God's love in Holy Scripture, which is sure and true, but which sometimes requires careful interpretation, as today's Christian Testament reading makes clear (How genuine is our response, "Thanks be to God," to this text today?). The anthem celebrates the boldness of the church's calling in light of the boldness of God's love.

SYPMATHY to the family of **Rachel Tucker**, who died on January 16.

TODAY, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

BE IN PRAYER for 64 students and chaperones as they return from their ski trip to Pipestem WV.

GUEST SPEAKER: Next Sunday, January 28, Dr. Dan Day, *Pastor Emeritus*, will be preaching in the absence of Dr. Chapman.

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](http://www.fbcraleigh.org)) under the Food and Faith section, by email ([firstbaptist@fbcraleigh.org](mailto: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.

CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT: Mark your calendar for the churchwide retreat at Caswell on April 13-15, 2018. Details may be found in the January 19 *First Foundations*. Space is limited so contact Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto: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!

FIRST FOUNDATIONS: If you don't already, please consider receiving this newsletter electronically rather than in hard copy via the US Postal Service. E-delivery is easy, you'll get the newsletter earlier, and it will save the church on the cost of printing and postage. Visit [www.fbcraleigh.org](http://www.fbcraleigh.org) and click on the FBC Newsletter Sign Up link. Once you complete the process, you'll begin receiving a notification via email each time a new issue of the newsletter is available.

### Calendar Highlights January 21-28, 2018

Sun, January 21	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship (S) Children's Worship (224) Japanese Worship (227)
Mon, January 22	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (Mon-Fri)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (FH)
<b>5:30</b>	<b>Deacons' Meeting (301)</b> Rachel Tucker Family Visitation (P)
6:30	High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)
Tues, January 23	
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
11:00	Rachel Tucker Memorial Service (S)
2:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, January 24	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
4:45	Children's Bells (307)
5:00	Meal Served (FH) Trustees' Meeting (CR)
5:30	Backpack Buddies packing (301)
6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Missions and Music Evening Bells (307)
6:20	Church Conference (FH)
7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, January 25	
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 (P)
3:00	Backpack Buddies delivery
Sun, January 28	
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship, Commissioning (S) Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH)

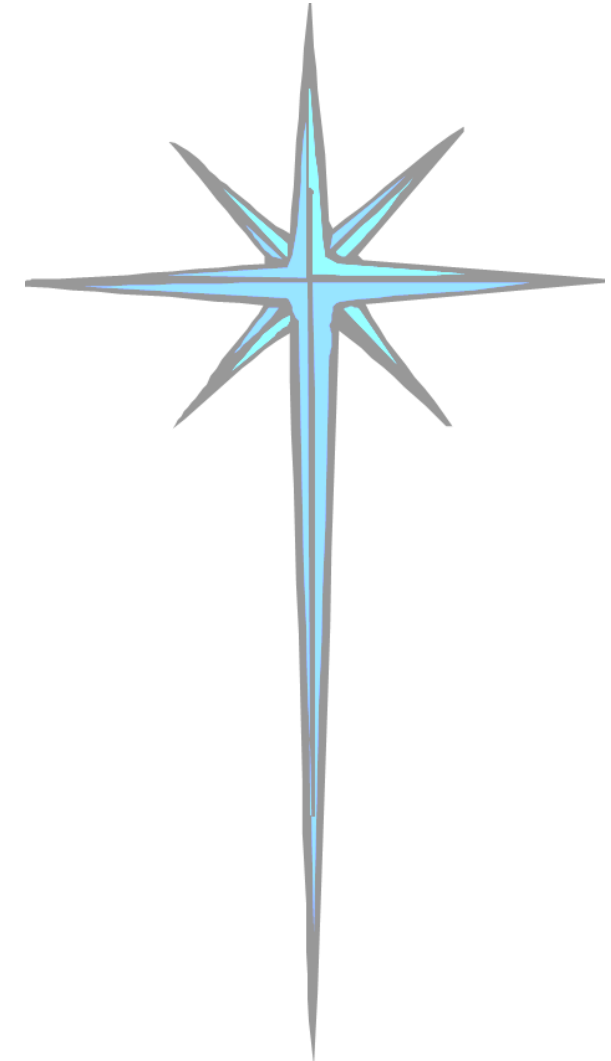
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