

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Charles-Marie Widor
“Andante cantabile from Symphony IV”

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 111

LEADER: Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

LEADER: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

PEOPLE: **Full of honor and majesty is God’s work, whose righteousness endures forever.**

LEADER: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy.

PEOPLE: **They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

LEADER: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

PEOPLE: **God’s praise endures forever.**

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 17 AUSTRIAN HYMN
“Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p. 930)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*The Hymn of Devotion, 127 “All Praise to Christ” ENGELBERG

The Gospel Mark 1:21-28 (p. 812)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon “Jesus and the Spirit of This Age” J. Daniel Day

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, 458 ELLERS
“Search Me, O God”

*The Offertory Prayer Zach Padget

The Offertory Anthem Mueller
“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”

*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 Commissioning of the Honduras Mission Team (responsive)

LEADER: Genuine faith is revealed in acts of service and love, a willingness to be vulnerable and participate in the way of the cross. Tomorrow members of our church family will travel to Honduras to reveal this kind of faith.

PEOPLE: **We pray God’s blessings upon John Baldwin, Joel Brown, Steve Brown, Tom Childrey, Alexis Dobbs, Dennis Ellis, Beau Jones, Keith Lewis, Ron McCollum, Jeremy Petty, Suzanne Sanford, and Tommy Stone. May they go in the power of God’s Spirit, may the people among whom they serve see Jesus in them, and may they discover something new about God’s purpose in their lives.**

LEADER: Not all of us will go on this journey but those who do represent not only Jesus but this community as well. They serve as an extension of this church family.

PEOPLE: **Therefore we pray for their work and witness, for the relationships they will build, for the ways in which our extended family will be enlarged and enriched.**

LEADER: May those who go realize that you are not alone on this journey. God is with you and so are we. May you also recognize your true identity as God’s hands and feet.

MISSIONARIES: ***In the words of Mother Teresa, we will be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in our faces, kindness in our eyes, kindness in our smiles, kindness in our warm greetings. In places of great need we will be the light of God’s kindness. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, we will always give a happy smile. We will give not only our care, but also our hearts.***

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 “Cortege” Gordon Young

*The congregation may stand.

WE WELCOME Dr. Dan Day, Pastor Emeritus, to the pulpit today in the absence of Dr. Chapman.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Joy Crutchfield Hager by the Crutchfield and Hager families.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Isaac and Olivia Poteat.

TODAY Hano Chan is our First Grade offering helper. As she 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.

DEACON ON CALL is Zach Padget. A 20-year member and first-term deacon, Zach serves on the Greeters and Ushers and Constitution and Bylaws committees, as well as a chaperone and basketball coach for the youth group. Zach is married to Alison Coppock.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, a season in which we focus on the revelation of God’s love in Christ. This season is one of two periods of Ordinary Time in the Christian Year, both represented by the color green. Some have asked why, if this season is represented by the color green, the ministers are not wearing the stoles created from fabric gathered from the church family. Those stoles were used in the season of Ordinary Time that began after Pentecost and ended with Advent, a time in which we focused on the spiritual growth of the individual believer and the Church. The variety of colors, textures, and stories represented in those fabrics offers a beautiful picture of the Church and the individuals that make up our church. In the period of Ordinary Time after Epiphany, the ministers are wearing green stoles with the Chi Rho symbol – Chi (X) and Rho (P) are the first two letters from the Greek word for Christ. This symbol provides a visual cue to our focus on the life and ministry of Christ. As we sing, pray, listen, and respond in worship today, may we each offer sincere gratitude for the depth and breadth of God’s love revealed to us in Christ.

SYMPATHY to **Walt Barnes** on the January 23 death of his sister, Nancy Barnes.

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.

GOD'S GIFTS! OUR RESPONSE? 172 stewardship cards totaling \$1,080,898.68 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 \$13,121 towards our goal of \$20,000.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for 12 members of the Honduras Mission Team as they travel and serve. Blog posts and/or photos will be shared at <https://fbchonduras2018.blogspot.com/>.

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: Chicken, Rice with Gravy, Vegetable Medley: Carrots, Broccoli, and Cauliflower, Bread, Salad. Non-Meat Option: Lemon Orzo with Peas. Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: On Wednesday, January 31, Marc and Kim Wyatt, CBF missionaries to internationals in the Triangle will share about their work.

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) by February 21.

DIRECTORY PICTURES will be taken on **February 2-4**. Sign up now to reserve a time to have your picture taken. A link may be found on the homepage of our website (www.fbcraleigh.org). Make up dates are scheduled for February 27-28 and sign up will be available **after** February 4.

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 this Wednesday. Come enjoy a night of jazz music, Mardi Gras crafts, games, and design-your-own pancakes with tons of topping options!

JANUARY MISSION PROJECT: Children's Clothing. Donations of jeans, athletic shoes, winter jackets and socks, in preschool and children's sizes for boys and girls, may be taken directly to the Clothing Ministry. Boxers for boys and toddler-size underwear are always needed. Please consider volunteering in the Clothing Ministry a few hours a week or month.

Calendar Highlights • January 28 – February 4, 2018

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)
Mon, January 29	9:30	Weekday Preschool (Mon-Fri)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home) Honduras Mission Team departs (return 2/5)
Tues, January 30	10:30	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR) WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, January 31	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, February 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, February 2	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301, 302) Directory Photographs (108, 110) (through 2/4)
Sun, February 4	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (Yerxas' home)

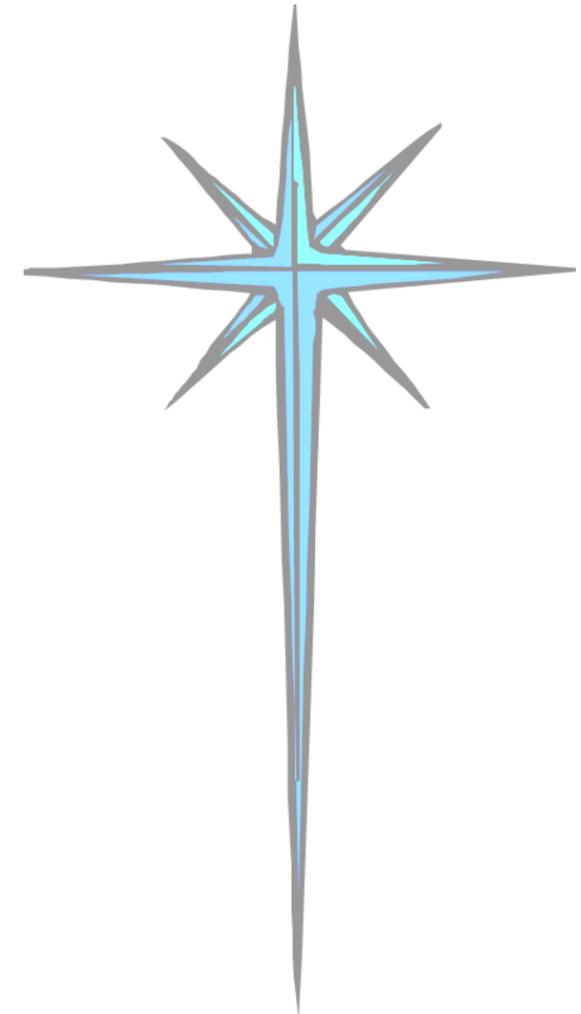
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