

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Crown Imperial" William Walton

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 Choral Introit Glenn and Susan Eernisse
"Hosanna We Sing"
The Elementary Children's Choir
Rhonda Lowe, pianist

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: We gather today like the people in the Palm Sunday crowd in ancient Jerusalem to offer praise and adoration to Jesus.

PEOPLE: **Like them, we come with genuine affection, but limited understanding.**

LEADER: Like them, we want to follow Jesus and have the same mind that was in him.

PEOPLE: **But like them, we struggle when faithfulness leads to insult and spitting, when following Jesus leads to suffering and sacrifice.**

LEADER: And yet, we are here, offering the best we have amidst all our inadequacies, renewing our commitment as we witness the celebration of baptism.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord and blessed are all who seek to follow him! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

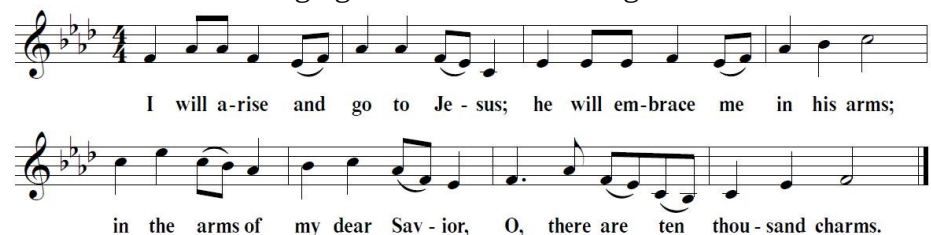
The Celebration of Baptism Trey Davis
Candidate: Ann Childrey

The Prayer of Blessing

*The Hymn of Praise, 204 ST. THEODULPH
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" ARISE
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. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 50:4-9a (p. 594)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 954)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Mark 11:1-11 (p. 823)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 203 ELLACOMBE
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Backing up and Taking in the Whole Story"

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, 221 PASSION CHORALE
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*The Offertory Prayer Will Poteat

The Offertory Anthem "My Eternal King" Jane Marshall

*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 "Trumpet Tune in A Major" David N. Johnson

*The congregation may stand.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS are Walker and Andrew Neal.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Betty Purser and her daughters in loving memory of her husband, Jim Purser.

DEACON ON CALL is Will Poteat. A 21-year member and first-term deacon, Will is a member of the Formations Class. He and his wife, Karen, have three sons: Zachary, Jacob and Isaac; and one daughter, Olivia.

TODAY Campbell Jackson 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.

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 Palm Sunday, the day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. There is tension between the joy of this day and the shadow that is cast upon it by the cross that is sure to come. Thus, we begin with children singing "Hosanna We Sing" and all of us waving palms, but we end by singing "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." We celebrate Christian baptism and remember the commitment we made to Christ years ago, but we also confess our frailty and sin, acknowledging the ways in which we fail to honor our commitment. The sermon explores the central narrative for this day as it fits into the larger story of this week and the anthem offers praise to the God who shapes this entire story of life, death and resurrection.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: A program on prayer and meditation practices during Lent.

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: Breakfast for Dinner! Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Grits, Potatoes, Yogurt with Granola. Children's Menu: Pancakes, Fruit and Oatmeal.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for Holy Week, created by and for our First Baptist family, are available today, before and after worship.

ORGANIZATIONAL HANDBOOKS for 2018 are available in the Lewis Building Lobby and on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). One printed copy per family, please.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE will be held on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, March 30.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 a.m. at the eastern portico of the Capitol. Join the downtown Raleigh community as we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

CLOTHING MINISTRY will be closed on Wednesday, April 4, and Thursday, April 5, in accordance with our policy to close when Wake County Schools are closed.

KAY HUGGINS GOLF CLASSIC will be held on Friday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. at River Ridge Golf Course. Information and registration may be found at <https://fbcraleigh.org/kayhugginsgolfclassic/>.

FAMILY PROMISE: Working with Family Promise the week of May 20-27, FBC will be hosting families experiencing homelessness. Contact Holly Ivel (919-628-9850 or hi2810@bellsouth.net) to volunteer.

20TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS have arrived and will be available on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. This book will be \$15.00. Reprints of the 1997 cookbook are available for \$10.00. Both may be bought as a set for \$20.00.

MARCH MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting Bibles and Christian books (new and gently used) to be donated to Christian Library International which distributes literature to prisons in all 50 states. Place donations in the Lewis Building Lobby cabinet drawer.

MINISTER WITH COMMUNITY position has recently been listed on CBF and divinity school job boards throughout the southeast. If you know of someone interested in this ministry position, encourage them to visit www.fbcraleigh.org/fbcsearch.



Calendar Highlights † March 25–April 1, 2018

Sun, March 25	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship, Baptism (S) Japanese Worship (227)
12:15	Deacons' Meeting (220)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (Blue Room) Drugs Uncovered Workshop (FH)
Mon, March 26	
9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-TH)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
6:30	High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)
Tues, March 27	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30	High School Bible Study (Helms' Home)
Wed, March 28	
10:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:00	Directory Photos Make-up Session (108)
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, March 29	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners: Clothing Ministry Service Project
11:00	Library Committee (L)
1:00	Clothing Ministry open
3:00	Backpack Buddies delivery
7:00	Maundy Thursday service (S)
Fri, March 30	<i>Good Friday</i> Office closed
Sun, April 1	<i>Easter</i>
6:30	Sunrise Service (Capitol)
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1:00	Japanese Church Baptism (S)

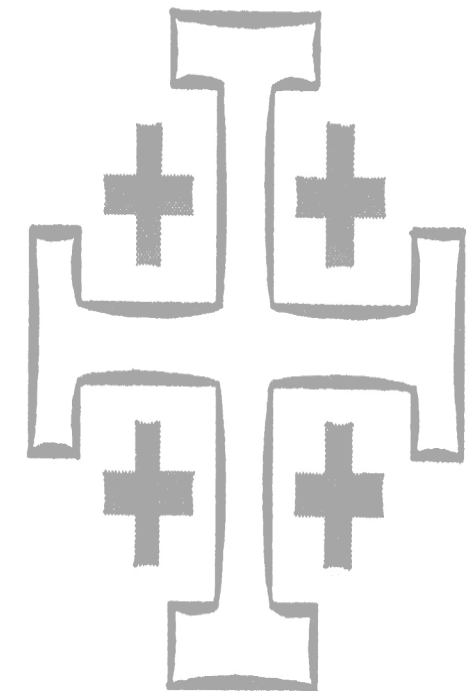
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