

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Felix Mendelssohn

“Grave and Adagio from Second Sonata”

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 19

LEADER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

PEOPLE: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

LEADER: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and runs its course with joy and strength.

PEOPLE: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

PEOPLE: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

PEOPLE: **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

The Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 20

ODE TO JOY

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

ARISE

Tonya Carter, soprano

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. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 58)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 926)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Gospel

John 2:13-22 (p. 863)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion (see insert)

KINGSFOLD

“You Strode within the Temple, Lord”

*The Offertory Prayer

Jen Foster

The Offertory Anthem

Gilbert Martin

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*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 Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Confronting the Frailty of the Institution”

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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, 702

ST. THOMAS

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

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

“Psalm XX”

Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation may stand.

MANY THANKS to Paul Smith for conducting the choir today.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given by Dot Broughton in loving memory of her husband, Tom Broughton.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the February 25 birth of **Garrett Franklin Hawks** to Michael and Erin Hawks.

DEACON ON CALL is Jen Foster. A 17-year member and first-term deacon, Jen is a member of The Journey class and serves on a number of committees. She is currently chair of the Minister with Community Search Committee and is organizing our new photo directory. Jen and her husband, Derek, have three children: Jay, Luke and Meg.

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 in Lent, a season of penitence and reflection. As we continue to examine our frailties in the light of the cross, we make time for confession, ever opening our lives to the grace of God. The sermon, which is rooted in the reading from John 2, examines the frailty of the church as an institution. Not only are our individual lives flawed, but so is our shared life in the church. For it is a human institution, though one with a divine purpose, which needs constant renewal. The story of Jesus cleansing the temple, which is found in all four Gospels, underscores this reality. Yet, when we examine the church’s flaws, we do so out of love and with deep gratitude for the blessings we receive through the church. The offertory anthem reminds us that all of these blessings are linked to the cross, a reality we recognize every time we celebrate communion.

BE IN PRAYER for our 22 Youth Choir members and chaperones as they return from the Festival by the Sea.

AN OFFERING for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

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: Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Cabbage, Fried Apples, Salad and Bread. Non-Meat Option: Veggie Salisbury Steak. Children's Menu: Mac-n-Cheese.

CENTERPOINT SEMINAR: *Spirituality In the Lenten Season*, led by Dr. Tim Brock.

CBFNC GATHERING will be held on Thursday, March 15, through Saturday, March 17, at Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Visit www.cbfnc.org for information and to register.

EASTER GIFTS in honor or memory of a loved one are being received through Wednesday, March 21. With your gift of \$10 or more, an acknowledgement will be printed in an insert on Easter Sunday. Use the form in SS boxes or *First Foundations*.

FOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE is looking for Coffee Team members for June and July to assist with the coffee station prior to Sunday School, from 9:20 a.m. until 9:50 a.m. The duty is simple, enjoyable, and a great way to meet everyone. If interested, please contact Brad Harvey at bharvey@poolprofessionals.com.

MINISTER WITH COMMUNITY position has recently been listed on CBF and divinity school job boards throughout the southeast. If you know of someone whose passion and gifts line up with those described in the March 2 edition of *First Foundations*, encourage them to visit www.fbcraleigh.org/fbcsearch.

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.

DRUGS UNCOVERED WORKSHOP, cohosted by FBC Youth Ministry and the Poe Center, will be held on Sunday, March 25, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This program is designed for parents of students and is open to the community. Registration is required (space is limited) at <http://bit.ly/2A3VUOm>.

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.

MISSION PROJECTS: Applications for funding for mission projects are being accepted through **March 14**. Written proposals may be submitted to the church office or email Denise Arnold (darnold@fbcraleigh.org). For information and applications, visit <https://fbcraleigh.org/fbc-mission-projects/>.

Calendar Highlights March 4-11, 2018

Sun, March 4	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship, Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	RA Car Race (FH)
Mon, March 5	9:30	Weekday Preschool (M-F)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (P)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Blanchards' Home)
Tues, March 6	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 7	10:00	Clothing Ministry open
	3:45	Works in Progress (CR)
	4:45	Children's Bells (307)
	5:00	Meal Served (FH) WMU Group 6 (108)
	5:30	Backpack Buddies packing (301)
	6:00	Announcements and Prayer Time (FH) Missions and Music
	6:20	Centerpoint Seminar (FH)
	7:30	Sanctuary Choir (310)
Thu, March 8	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
Fri, March 9	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (302)
Sun, March 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	GA Tea (FH)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH) Pathfinders' Soup Supper (Wilson's' home)

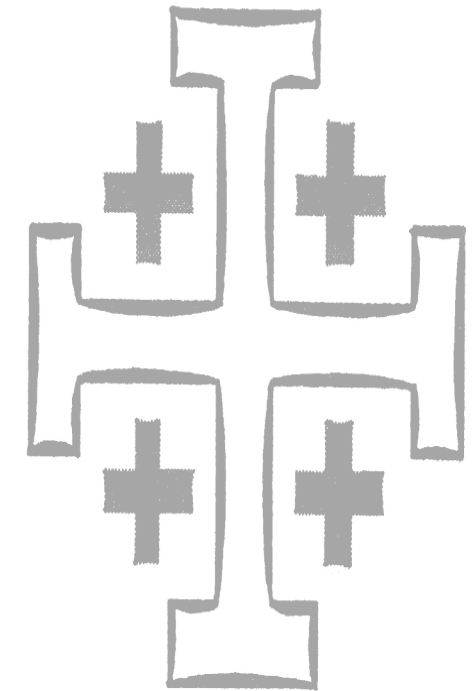
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