

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 25, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Partita on *Kremser*" Flor Peeters

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)¹
(The congregation will sing the response from "Now Thank We All Our God.")

(text and music omitted)

*The Hymn of Praise, 374 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
"Now Thank We All Our God"

The Greeting of Worshipers Lynn Lingafelt

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (p. 261)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Revelation 1:4b-8 (p. 994)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 18:33-38a (881)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 532 SLANE
"Be Thou My Vision"

The Sermon "A Different Kind of King" Leah Reed

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, 712 LYONS
"The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy"

*The Offertory Prayer Nancye Gaj

The Offertory Anthem "O God Beyond All Praising"² Robert Hobby

(text omitted)

*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 "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

*The congregation may stand.

¹By William Barclay, British Weekly, Feb. 6, 1958.

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The SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given in gratitude for and in loving memory of Janet Logan Barnes by her family.

The DEACON ON CALL is Nancye Gaj. A 14-year member, Nancye is chair of the Commission on Administration and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. Nancye and her husband Steve have a grown son, Carter.

The WORSHIP ASSISTANT is Cady Mercer.

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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Reign of Christ Sunday, the last Sunday in the Christian year, a day in which we celebrate the kingship of Christ over all of human history, indeed all of creation. The sermon explores the conversation recorded in John 18 between Jesus and Pilate about whether Jesus is a king, and if he is, what kind of king. The text explores the complex nature of Jesus' response to Pilate, defying the leadership trend of his day with a new standard of service to others that favors the poor and oppressed. As we follow the example of Christ as King, this will continually push us beyond what is comfortable, defying all the cultural norms of our day. The reign of Christ in our lives helps us view the world with a new lens, where the kingdom of God is advanced not through power and might, but through missions of grace, mercy, and humility. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we begin with liturgy and a hymn of praise reminding us of our collective sense of gratitude as we gather for worship. Though there are multiple themes woven through this service, they are all connected. There is nothing we are more grateful for than the reign of Christ in our lives and the world around us.

SYMPATHY TO **Jim Millen** on the November 20 death of his mother, Jewel Millen of Hartsville, SC.

Our FIRST GRADE OFFERING HELPER is Catherine Yelverton. As she presents the offering on behalf of our preschoolers, may we remember that God gives all of us opportunities to reach out in Christian service to others and reach up to honor God.

REACHING OUT FOR EACH OTHER; REACHING UP TO TOUCH GOD: Please prayerfully consider your 2019 financial commitment and return your pledge card to the church office as soon as possible. As of November 15, 68 pledge cards totaling \$381,204 have been received.

MEAL RESERVATIONS may be made 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), all by **noon on Mondays**. Menu: Fried and Grilled Fish Dinner, Creamy Grits, Mixed Greens, Corn on the Cob, Salad, and Bread. Non-meat option: Assortment of Vegetables. Children's Menu: Fish Sticks and Tartar Sauce.

The CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, November 28, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TOY JOY will take place on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Donations and volunteers are needed! Please sort and place your donations of new and gently-used toys in the labeled baskets (available today and Wednesday, November 28, in the hallway leading to the Preschool Suite). Financial donations are also being accepted. Make checks payable to First Baptist and mark TOY JOY in the memo line. To volunteer, contact Anne Cooke (cooke76@aol.com). For information, contact Carol Blanchard (artsyncgal@nc.rr.com) or Sabrina Tyndall (tyndalls@bellsouth.net).

INTERGENERATIONAL MORAVIAN STAR WORKSHOP will be held on **Saturday, December 15**, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Come create a beautiful, 3D Moravian Star out of paper and glue for your household and learn the origin of this beautiful tradition. Dinner will be provided (\$5.00 per person). Sign up with Lynn (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) **today!**

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE with a donation toward the purchase of holiday decorations for our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. Forms, found in Sunday School boxes or the November 9 edition of *First Foundations*, must be received with payment by Friday, November 30.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be held on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Please sign up if you can make 2-3 dozen cookies (sheets are located in SS boxes and the church office). Please bring the cookies to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 2.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR MEN'S SHELTER: If you are interested in volunteering (loading, serving, handing out gifts), please sign up on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). If you would like to donate toward the cost of breakfast or hooded sweatshirts, snacks, etc. given away in "goodie bags," turn in your donation marked "Christmas Morning Breakfast" to the financial administrator. Contact Leah Reed (lreed@fbcraleigh.org) or Dan Roberts (danrobs@gmail.com) for information.

CLOTHING MINISTRY is in need of full-size blankets and winter clothing, especially for children.

Calendar Highlights November 25 – December 2, 2018

- Sun, November 25
9:45 Adult Sunday School Assembly (FH)
11:00 Worship Service (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
- Mon, November 26
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)
5:30 Deacons' Meeting (301)
- Tues, November 27
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
- Wed, November 28
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)
All Music Night
6:15 Church Conference (FH)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (310)
- Thu, November 29
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
3:30 Backpack Buddies delivery
- Fri, November 30
10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange to
Country Doctor Museum, Bailey
- Sat, December 1
10:00 Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal (S)
11:30 Bell Rehearsal (S)
- Sun, December 2
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
6:00 Hanging of the Greens (S)
7:00 Hanging of the Greens Reception (FH)

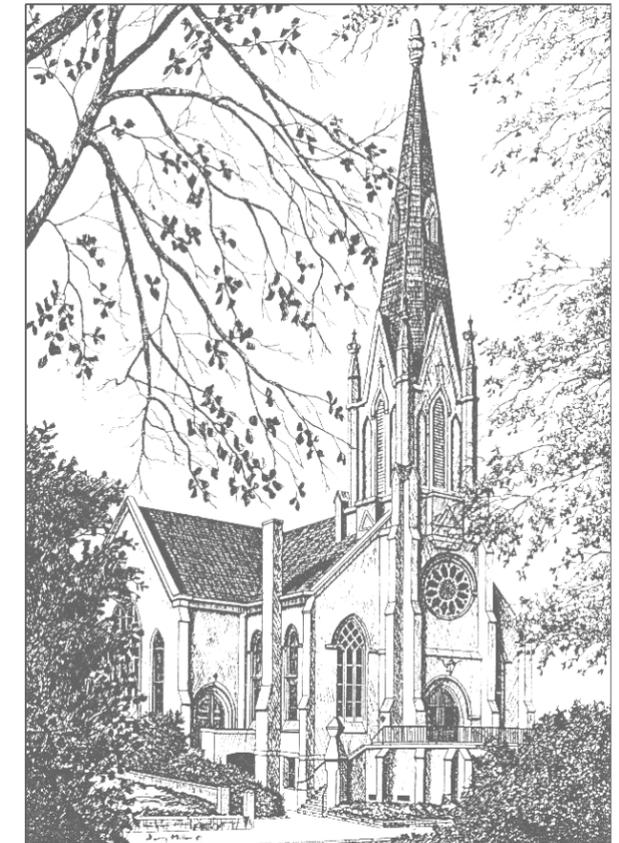
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