

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

Eleven O'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Noel" Louis-Claude Daquin

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 Lighting of the Advent Candle¹ Rae Moorhead and Family

(text omitted)

(The second candle is lit.)

The Invocation²

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*The Hymn of Praise, 135 HYFRYDOL
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession Christopher Chapman

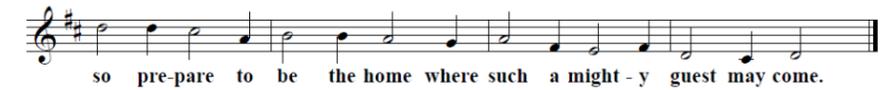
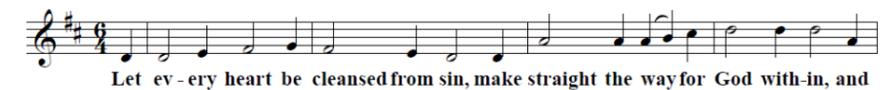
The Prayer of Confession (unison)³

(text omitted)

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Act of Praise PUER NOBIS



The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 796)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*The Hymn of Devotion, 170 CAROL
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

The Sermon "Taking a Walk with Peter" Ralph and Tammy Stocks

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, 669 CWM RHONDDA
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

(Children are asked to join Susan Stevens in the narthex so they may participate in the dedication of George Maloney and Harris Robbins.)

*The Offertory Prayer Anthony Petty

The Offertory Anthem "People, Look East" Zebulon Highben
Becky Mercer, flute

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings PUER NOBIS
To you, O Christ, all praises be whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

The Dedication of George Maloney, son of Annie and Dan Maloney, and Harris Robbins, daughter of Michelle and Bryan Robbins

LEADER: The nurture of children in faith is a sacred privilege and awesome responsibility. It begins with the commitment of parents and includes the love of the whole congregation. Today we present George Cahill Maloney and Harris Wray Robbins to the church and dedicate them to God. Who brings these children for this holy purpose?

PARENTS: *We, their parents, do.*

LEADER: What can we affirm about George and Harris?

PEOPLE: **That each is a child of God by creation, made in the image of God.**

LEADER: As George and Harris grow in their understanding of God and themselves, how will we help them to learn about their true status as beloved?

PEOPLE: **We will give them our love and include them in the life of the congregation.**

LEADER: As George and Harris grow through different stages of life, what will we tell them about their stories?

PEOPLE: **We will tell them about Abraham and Sarah, about Mary and Joseph, about Jesus and the people who have sought to follow him in this place.**

LEADER: What will we expect of George and Harris?

PEOPLE: **We will look to the day when they will sit with us at the Lord's Table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and confirm the heritage we seek to pass on to them.**

LEADER: Annie and Dan and Michelle and Bryan, do you, as parents, embrace your primary responsibility to nurture your children in faith?

PARENTS: *Yes, we do, for we long to pass on our heritage to them.*

LEADER: Do you, the members of First Baptist Church, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing environment for George and Harris and all the children God entrusts to our care?

PEOPLE: **Yes, we do, for these children belong to us as well.**

LEADER: Then may God be with us and help us.

ALL: **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 on *Adeste Fideles*" Thomas Richter

*The congregation may stand.

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The DEACON ON CALL is Anthony Petty. A 40-year member, Anthony serves on the Board of Trustees, chairs the Deacon Officers Nominating Committee, and is a member of the Scriptural Serendipity class. He and his wife Carolyn have two children, Allie and Tom.

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.

SYMPATHY to **Beth McCollum** on the November 30 death of her mother, Polly McCollum of Burlington.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and the day we focus on the Global Missions Offering and the sacred work around the world it supports through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We begin with the lighting of the Advent candle and the singing of a familiar Advent hymn. We take time for confession as we seek to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ and our lives for service in his realm. We welcome to the pulpit then Tammy and Ralph Stocks who served as CBF Field Personnel among the Romany in Eastern Europe for 22 years before transitioning in 2016. They lived and ministered in Bucharest, Romania following 15 and a half years in Hungary. Tammy was born in Hopkinsville, KY and earned her nursing degree from Murray State University. She served as a Journeyman for two years in Zimbabwe working at a mission hospital. Ralph was an MK in Zambia and had two years of Journeyman service in Uruguay, South America. He became a high school math teacher and coach for 10 years. They raised two children in Hungary. Their daughter Amy attended Campbell University and Campbell Divinity School and works part-time as a chaplain. Amy and Tyler parent their first grandchild – named JT! Their son Joshua is a policeman at the Greensboro airport. We hear Tammy and Ralph today with gratitude for their ministry and hope for the future of CBF.

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 of December 6, 133 pledge cards totaling \$843,984 have been received.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider your support of these missionaries. We have received \$3,321 toward our goal of \$20,000.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the Gathering Room. An usher can provide a device for you.

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: Hamburger Steak in Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Fried Apples, Salad, and Bread. Non-meat option: Veggie Burger Patty. Children's Menu: Pizza Rolls.

LET'S GO CAROLING on Wednesday, December 12, following the 5:00 p.m. meal. All ages are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, December 16, our Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by organ and an 8-member brass ensemble, will present John Rutter's *Gloria*.

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT: We are collecting money to purchase sweatshirts to be given out at the Raleigh Men's Shelter on Christmas morning. Make checks payable to FBC and indicate "Christmas Morning Breakfast" on the memo line. Place monetary donations in the offering plate or send to the church office. Volunteers are also needed on Christmas morning to help load, serve, and hand out gifts. To volunteer, please sign up on the website (www.fbcraleigh.org). For information, contact Leah Reed (lreed@fbcraleigh.org) or Dan Roberts (danrobts@gmail.com).

Calendar Highlights December 9-16, 2018

Sun, December 9
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service (S)
Japanese Worship (227)
5:00 Youth Christmas Parties

Mon, December 10
9:30 Weekday Preschool (M-Fri)
11:00 Sisters in Grace (P)
5:15 Finance Committee (CR)

Tues, December 11
10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
12:00 Staff Luncheon
6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
7:30 High School Bible Study (Helms' home)

Wed, December 12
10:00 Clothing Ministry open
5:00 Meal served (FH)
6:00 Announcements and Prayer Time (FH)
Intergenerational Christmas Caroling
7:00 Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (S)
7:30 Sanctuary Choir (S)

Thu, December 13
7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00 Library Committee (L)
12:00 Denominational Relations Committee (CR)
1:00 Clothing Ministry open
2:30 Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)

Fri, December 14
10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (302)

Sat, December 15
4:00 Moravian Star Workshop (FH)

Sun, December 16
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service (S)
Children's Worship (224)
Japanese Worship (227)
12:15 Deacons' Meeting (220)
5:00 Youth Group (Blue Rm)

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Wayne Hager, Church Administrator	Mary Alice Seals, Music/Senior Adults
Donna G. Jolly, Organist	

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*"I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

Revelation 1:8