THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020 Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Herbert Sumsion

"Chorale Prelude on *Down Ampney*" Eddie Abernathy, guest organist

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 29

ITALIAN HYMN

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Lord glory and strength.

PEOPLE: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;

worship the Lord in holy splendor.

LEADER: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of

glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

PEOPLE: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the

Lord is full of majesty.

LEADER: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits

enthroned as sovereign forever.

PEOPLE: May the Lord give strength to God's people! May

the Lord bless God's people with peace.

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt

*The Hymn of Praise, 5

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 42:1–9 (p. 584)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Matthew 3:13–17 (p. 784)

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 AURELIA

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" 1

(text omitted)

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*The Offertory Prayer Dan Roberts

The Offertory "Prelude on *Now the Silence*"

*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 Homily Christopher Chapman "Doing away with Argument and Getting on with Celebration"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Call to Commitment (responsive) ²

(text omitted)

The Invitation to the Ritual

The Presentation of the Ordinands

Jennifer Bissette, Britt Cobb, Amy Galvan, Ron Maness, Allison Strickland, and Dawn Wade

The Laying on of Hands

(Any who wish to do so are invited to come forward and offer a brief sentence-prayer of blessing for each candidate.)

The Anthem

Walter Pelz

"Beloved, God's Chosen" Becky Mercer, flute Robert Hobby

The Ordination Prayer

Mary Nash Rusher

The Presentation of Certificates

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, 651

MARYTON

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Paul Manz

*The congregation may stand.

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- ² Adapted from *The Worshiping Church*.

About our Worship: Today is the First Sunday after Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord in the Christian year. It is also the day we ordain first-time deacons. Thus, the focus is upon ways in which we experience the blessing of God upon our lives, especially through rituals of blessing like baptism and ordination. The reading from Isaiah, one of the servant songs, describes God's servant as one who brings justice, offers light to the nations, opens the eyes of the blind, and delivers the prisoners. We see in Jesus a fulfillment of this vision, but since we seek to follow him, we also see a reflection of our calling. The reading from Matthew describes Jesus' baptism wherein he is affirmed as God's Beloved as he demonstrates his commitment to fulfill all demands of righteousness. The homily explores this text for the insight it provides into our baptism, for deacon ordination, and for Christian life as a whole. We are affirmed by God, blessed, embraced in love; and then we respond with commitment. Our commitment takes many forms, but it ultimately seeks the image of the servant Isaiah describes.

The Deacon on Call is Dan Roberts. A twelve-year member, Dan is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship Sunday School Class and helps with the Extended Session. He also volunteers in the Clothing Ministry and with Meals on Wheels. He is married to Linda Roberts and he has one daughter, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

We are grateful to Eddie Abernathy for serving as our guest organist today.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Audrey and Tom Bray by their children, Angela and Tommy Bray.

Sympathy to **Pat Davis** on the January 2 death of her son, Steve Davis; **Dale Riley** on the January 3 death of his mother, Faydene Riley; the family and friends of **Ione Knight**, who died on January 4; and **Rodger Skirvin** on the January 7 death of his mother, Mary Lou Skirvin.

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.

Do More, Serve More, Church More Stewardship Campaign: As of January 9, we have received **164 pledges** totaling **\$1,164,312** for the 2020 budget. Please help us to meet our budget goal by returning your pledge card to the church office (you may also pledge online at: https://fbcraleigh.org/2020-stewardship-emphasis/).

2020 Contribution Envelopes are available in the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry.

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 \$9,226 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint, Wednesday, January 15:

- Mind Elective—Austin Connors will lead us in looking at the biblical basis of why sabbath time is critically important even in modern culture. This session will be interactive and we will learn from each other.
- Body Elective—Vance McDaniel will lead a session on square dancing! No experience needed; just come and have some fun while getting a little exercise.

Menu for January 15: Pancakes, grits, eggs, and regular and non-meat sausage. Kids: French toast sticks.

The Defamation Experience: Saturday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This experience begins with a courtroom drama where the audience is the jury. Through facilitated discussion, we will discuss issues of race, class, and gender through the lens of the jury and then we will deliberate on the outcome of the trial. More information at defamationtheplay.com.

First Baptist's senior class is hosting a "Parent's Night Out" on February 15 from 4:00–7:00 p.m.! Free childcare for infants to fifth graders will be provided at the church so parents can have an afternoon to themselves. Activities and games will be planned for the children. We ask that parents send dinner with their children. Drop-in is fine or children are welcome to stay the entirety of the time. Please RSVP as soon as possible with the number of children participating and their names and ages to catherinecarter9@gmail.com or 919-714-1565.

Our annual churchwide retreat at Fort Caswell will be April 17–19. Cost is \$70/person with a \$200 family max. If you're ready to sign-up, please email Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to reserve your spot!

Inclement Weather: Cancellation information about scheduled activities will be noted on a recorded greeting obtained by calling the office at 919-832-4485. Information will also be supplied to: WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church–Salisbury St.), and posted on our home page and on social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram).

	Highlights January 12-19, 2020
Sun, Jan 12	
9:00	Nominating Committee (CR)
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship Service/Deacon Ordination (S)
	Japanese Worship (227)
4:00	Youth Bells (307)
5:00	Youth Choir (310)
6:00	Youth Group (FH & Blue Room)
Mon. Jan 13	round group (rif a Brae room)
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
5:30	Properties Committee Meeting (301)
6:15	Finance Committee Meeting (CR)
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10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
10:30	
	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
6:00 6:30	Theology on Tap (Trophy on Morgan)
	High School Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, Jan 15	Clathing Minister Committee (CD)
10:00	Clothing Ministry Committee (CR)
1:30	WMU Group 7 (P)
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
5:30	Children's Missions
	Evening Bells (307)
	Backpack Buddies Packing (301)
5:45	Meal Served (FH)
	ITC Board Meeting (110)
6:30	Prayer and announcements (FH)
6:45	Adult Programming (FH)
	Children's Music
7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Jan 16	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00	Clothing Ministry Open
12:30	Library Committee (Library)
Fri, Jan 17	
12:00	Martin Luther King Service (S/FH)
6:30	Freshman Boys Basketball (Hayes Barton)
8:30	Senior Boys Basketball (Hayes Barton)
Sat, Jan 18	, ,
2:00	Middle School Girls Basketball (FBC Cary)
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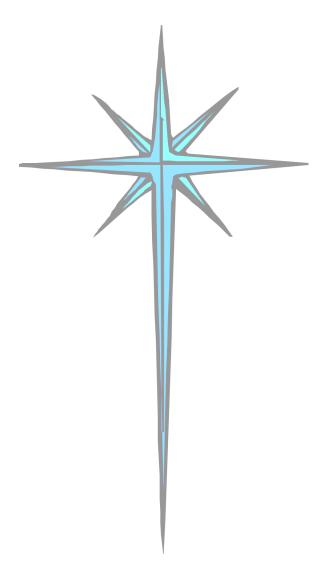
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