

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2020 Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Be Still, My Soul" arr. Albin C. Whitworth  
Danny Thomerson, 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 40

LEADER: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry,

PEOPLE: **who drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure,**

LEADER: who put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

PEOPLE: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

LEADER: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

PEOPLE: **see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God.**

LEADER: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

PEOPLE: **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

LEADER: Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;

PEOPLE: **let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

\*The Hymn of Praise, 60 FAITHFULNESS  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The Greeting of the Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 49:1-7 (p. 592)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (p. 926)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Litany for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (responsive) †

(text omitted)

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel John 1:29-42 (p. 862)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 720 ODE TO JOY  
"Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"A Model of Faith in a Time of Change"

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 foyer so they may participate in the dedication of Charley and Finley Teague.)

\*The Offertory Prayer Wes Fulk

The Offertory Anthem Paul Manz  
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 539.)

\*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 Dedication of Charleston Eloise and Finley Patterson Teague, daughter and son of Anna and Logan Teague

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 Charleston Eloise and Finley Patterson Teague 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 Charley and Finley?

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

LEADER: As Charley and Finley 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 Charley and Finley grow through different stages of life, what will we tell them about their story?

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 Charley and Finley?

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: Anna and Logan, 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 Charley and Finley 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 Douglas E. Wagner  
 "Trumpet Tune to Psalm 81:3"

\*The congregation may stand.

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About our Worship: Today is the Second Sunday after Epiphany in the Christian year, a season in which we celebrate Christ's mission of sharing light with the whole world and consider the implications of this mission for us. It is also the weekend our nation honors the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The details of this service blend these two emphases which are naturally linked in many ways, as we pray for the legacy of Dr. King to continue, sing about the various forms our mission of justice and love might take in this day, and consider our calling to spread light in this world darkened by hatred and division. The sermon, which is rooted in the reading from John, examines the life of John the Baptist as a model of faithfulness in a time of change. As John honored his tradition while embracing God's new work in Christ, we are provoked to consider how we might hold on to our heritage while remaining open to God's new word. We conclude the service with the dedication of Charley and Finley Teague, noting that our calling to share the light of Christ with the world begins with our own children.

We are grateful to Danny Thomerson for serving as today's guest organist.

The Deacon on Call is Wes Fulk. A 25-year member, Wes is a substitute teacher for the older elementary Sunday School class and is a member of the Sharing Thoughts Sunday School class. He and his wife Renee have two children, Owen and Chloe.

The pulpit banner is given by Bobby Phillips and Nancy Moore Phillips in memory of their parents, Robert and Lillie Mae Phillips and Jack and Zua Moore.

#### Calendar Highlights January 19–26, 2020

Sun, Jan 19  
 9:00 Nominating Committee (CR)  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service (S)  
 Japanese Worship (227)  
 1:30 Middle School Girls Basketball (Trinity)  
 2:30 High School Girls Basketball (Trinity)  
 4:00 Youth Bells (307)  
 5:00 Youth Choir (310)  
 5:30 Toy Joy 2019 Wrap-up Meeting (301)  
 6:00 Youth Group (FH & Blue Room)

Mon. Jan 20  
 Office and Weekday Preschool Closed

Tues, Jan 21  
 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)  
 10:30 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)  
 5:30 Deacons' Meeting (301/302)  
 6:00 Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)  
 6:30 High School Bible Study (Helms' home)

Wed, Jan 22  
 3:45 Works in Progress (P)  
 5:30 Children's Missions  
 Evening Bells (307)  
 5:45 Meal Served (FH)  
 6:30 Prayer Time (FH)  
 6:45 Church Conference (FH)  
 Children's Music  
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal (310)

Thurs, Jan 23  
 7:00 Band of Brothers (CR)  
 10:30 Thirty-Niners (FH)  
 11:00 Clothing Ministry Open  
 12:30 Library Committee (Library)

Fri, Jan 24–Sun, Jan 26  
 Ski Trip to Pipestem/Winterplace

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 10:00 Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)

Sun, Jan 26  
 9:00 Nominating Committee (CR)  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service (S)  
 Japanese Worship (227)  
 Children's Worship (224)

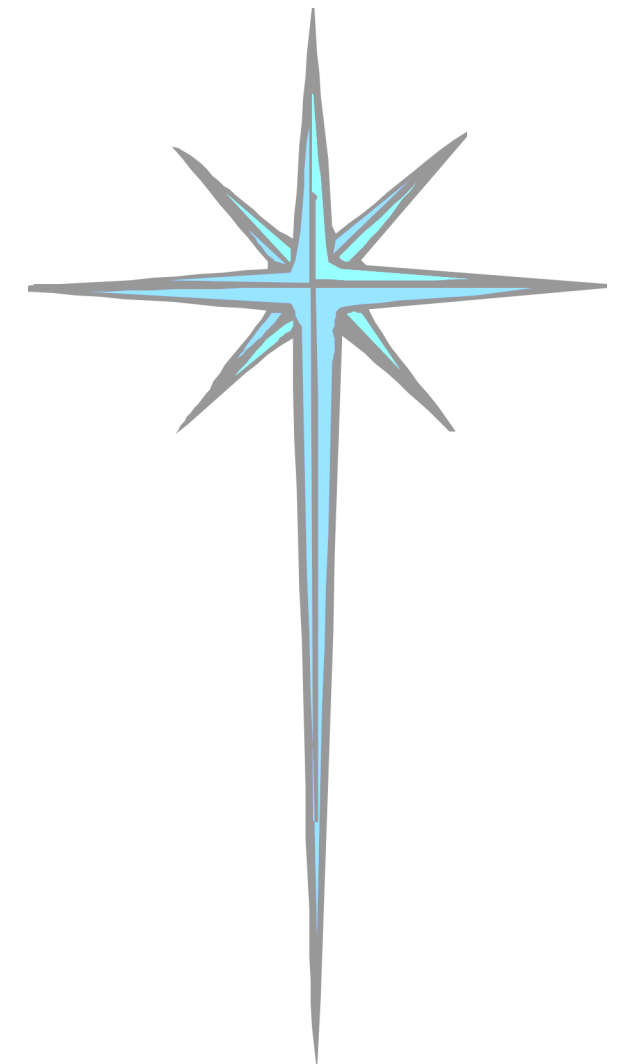
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