

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2020

Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude
"Praeludium in C Major"
Dietrich Buxtehude
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 27

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

PEOPLE: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

LEADER: to behold the beauty of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **and to inquire in God's temple.**

LEADER: God will hide me and give me shelter in the day of trouble;

PEOPLE: **will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.**

LEADER: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

PEOPLE: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

The Invocation Leah Reed

*The Hymn of Praise, 20 ODE TO JOY
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Greeting of the Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 9:1-4 (p. 555)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p. 926)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 785)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 591 REST
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"A Time to Run from Danger and a Time to Face It"

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, 612 FOUNDATION
"How Firm a Foundation"

*The Offertory Prayer Barry Jones

The Offertory Anthem Claude Bass
"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
(The anthem text may be found at Hymn 121.)

*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 "Psalm 75" Emma Lou Diemer

*The congregation may stand.

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday After Epiphany, a season in which we celebrate the good news that God extends love to the whole world. Today's readings proclaim this sacred truth in specific ways. Isaiah envisions a day when light will shine in the darkness and this light will include Galilee of the nations, it will go far beyond the heart of Israel's national life. Matthew describes Jesus' ministry as the fulfillment of this vision, as he goes to Galilee to call disciples and begin his ministry. The Apostle Paul, then, tells the church in Corinth exactly how God's love for the world will be made clear – through the message of the cross. We celebrate this good news through glorious sacred music, we pray for light to shine on our world today, and we offer our gifts to help spread this light. The sermon, which is rooted primarily in the reading from Matthew, examines the presence of danger in Jesus' ministry and ours, naming the fact that there are times to run from danger and times to face it as we live as Christ's disciples in this world of many needs.

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

The Deacon on Call is Barry Jones. A seven-year member, Barry is chair of the Denominational Relations Committee and a member of the John Hiott Fellowship Sunday School class. Barry and his wife, Beth, have two children, Claire and Nate.

The acolytes today are Brayden and Christy Joyce.

The pulpit banner is given in loving memory of Minetta and Jimmy Newbold by their daughters, Margaret Newbold, Sara Turner, and Netta Moseley.

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.

Dr. Davis will preach next Sunday, February 2, when Dr. Chapman is away at a conference.

Be in prayer for the 78 people returning from the ski trip to Pipestem and Wintergreen today.

Do More, Serve More, Church More Stewardship Campaign: As of January 23, we have received 172 pledges totaling \$1,221,137 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/>).

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 \$9,951 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint, Wednesday, January 29:

- Mind Elective—Trey Davis will share about his dissertation project.
- Body Elective—Vance McDaniel will lead another session on square dancing. No experience needed; just come and have some fun while getting a little exercise.

Menu for January 29: Spaghetti, mixed veggies, salad, and garlic bread. Kids: Mac 'n cheese.

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.

“Parents’ Night Out,” free childcare for infants to fifth graders hosted by our high school seniors, will be held on Saturday, February 15, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Activities and games will be planned; please send dinner with your children. Children are welcome to stay the entire evening or drop-in at any time. Contact Catherine Carter (919-714-1565 or catherinecarter9@gmail.com) with the number of children participating and their names and ages.

We will kick off our annual Downtown Coalition Habitat build on Saturday, February 22, with a wall build. The day will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Habitat Wake Construction Facility at 2615 Westinghouse Boulevard. We need 5 volunteers to participate in this project since it is a collaborative effort with other downtown churches. If you are able to volunteer, email Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org).

And Also With 'Cue is hosting a BBQ School on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All students will learn to master smoking four different meats and will receive a class booklet with secret recipes and a souvenir. A delicious lunch with four meats and three sides is included. For more details and to register, go to cueyall.com/bbq-school.

Volunteers are needed to help host Family Promise families March 15–22. We will have up to 5 families that week and there are many ways you can help them have a safe and comfortable stay with us! Read the article in the Rose Window Weekly for more information and email Holly Ivel (hi2810@bellsouth.net) with your interest.

Our annual churchwide retreat at Fort Caswell will be April 17–19. Cost is \$70/person with a \$200 family max. Email Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) to reserve your spot!

Calendar Highlights January 26–February 2, 2020

Sun, Jan 26	9:00	Nominating Committee (CR)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227) Children’s Worship (224)
	12:00	Personnel Committee Meeting (CR)
Mon. Jan 27	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
	6:00	ITC Board Meeting (CR)
Tues, Jan 28	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, Jan 29	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	5:30	Children’s Missions Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies (301)
	5:45	Meal Served (FH)
	6:30	Prayer and Announcements (FH)
	6:45	Centerpoint Adult Programming (FH and 302) Children’s Music
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Jan 30	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	11:00	Clothing Ministry Open
	12:30	Library Committee (Library)
Fri, Jan 31	6:30	Freshman Boys Basketball (Bayleaf)
	7:30	Senior Boys Basketball (Hayes Barton)
Sat, Feb 1	5:00	High School Girls Basketball (FBC Cary)
Sun, Feb 2	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service/Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:00	And Also With 'Cue Board Meeting (CR)
	1:30	Middle School Girls Basketball (FBC Cary)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH and Blue Room)

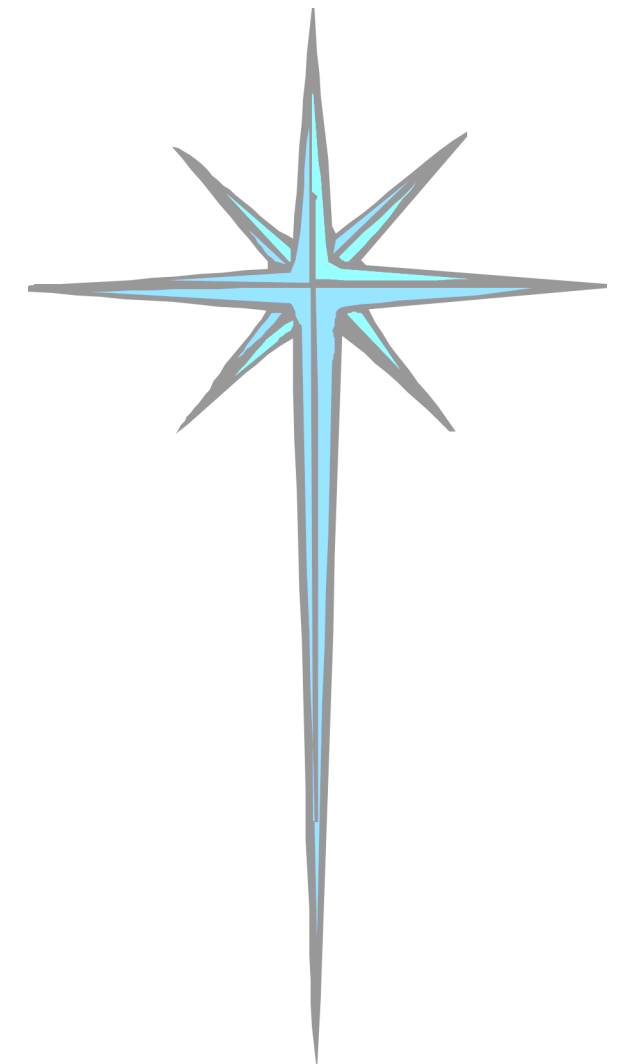
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