

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 5, 2020

Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude arr. David Cherwien
"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"
Elizabeth Davis, 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 72

LEADER: Give the anointed one your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

PEOPLE: **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

LEADER: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

PEOPLE: **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

LEADER: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

PEOPLE: **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

LEADER: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

PEOPLE: **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

LEADER: May all rulers fall down before him, all nations give him service.

PEOPLE: **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

LEADER: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

PEOPLE: **From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

The Invocation Leah Reed

*The Hymn of Praise, 181 DIX
"As with Gladness Men of Old"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 602)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 950)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 783)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 186 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
"Wise Men, They Came to Look"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Warning Labels, Truth in Advertising, and Discipleship"

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, 150 GREENSLEEVES
"What Child Is This?"

*The Offertory Prayer Nancy Hunter

The Offertory Anthem K. Lee Scott
"Exult, O Morning Stars Aflame"†

(text omitted)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings LLANFAIR

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; Alleluia!
Praise to Christ, our newborn King, Alleluia!
With the Father, Spirit, one, Alleluia!
Let your lasting kingdom come, Alleluia!

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 "Fantasy on *We Three Kings*" Gordon Young

*The congregation may stand.

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About our Worship: Today we celebrate Epiphany (technically January 6), the oldest traditional recognition of the incarnation. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia* which means "appearance" or "manifestation" and refers to the manifestation of the Christ to the whole world, beginning with travelers from the East called Magi. Thus, we read the familiar text from Matthew 2, along with texts that point to the meaning of this day. We sing hymns which reflect upon the Magi's journey and celebrate the good news of incarnation. And we consider the implications of this story for our lives—the fact that faith involves a journey for all of us, not simply one moment of decision; and the reality that faith involves risk of some kind for all who seek to honor this special child who is born.

The Deacon on Call is Nancy Hunter. A twenty-five year member, Nancy is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. She and her husband Al have two daughters, Leslie and Alexis, and four grandchildren.

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.

We are grateful to Elizabeth Davis for serving as our guest organist today.

An offering for the Mike Morris Fellowship Fund is received the first Sunday of each month. This fund helps persons seeking emergency aid. Collection baskets are at each exit.

Do More, Serve More, Church More Stewardship Campaign: As of January 2, we have received **160 pledges** totaling **\$1,094,912** 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 \$8,476 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint resumes on Wednesday, January 8, with children's missions at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., and an intergenerational program at 6:45 p.m.

Centerpoint intergenerational program: Greg Flowers will be "MC-ing" this Wednesday evening, January 8, and giving folks the opportunity to talk about funny Christmas stories. Think about a story you can share!

Menu for January 8: Beef and chicken tacos, rice, beans, and veggies, salad, and bread. Non-Meat: Veggie-beef. Kids: taquitos.

Deacon Ordination will be held on Sunday, January 12, during morning worship.

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!

Calendar Highlights January 5-12, 2020

Sun, Jan 5	
9:00	Nominating Committee (CR)
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227)
1:30	Middle School Girls Basketball (Trinity)
5:00	Youth Group (FH & Blue Room)
Mon. Jan 6	
11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
6:00	Youth/College Minister Search Comm Mtg (CR)
6:15	CROP Meeting (P)
Tues, Jan 7	
10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
5:30	Organist Search Committee Meeting (CR)
6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
6:30	High School Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, Jan 8	
3:45	Works in Progress (P)
5:30	Children's Missions Evening Bells (307) Backpack Buddies Packing (301)
5:45	Meal Served (FH)
6:30	Prayer for all (FH)
6:45	Intergenerational Program (FH)
7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Jan 9	
7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
11:00	Clothing Ministry Open
12:30	Library Committee (Library)
Fri, Jan 10	
10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange
6:30	Freshman Boys Basketball (Trinity)
8:30	Senior Boys Basketball (Trinity)
Sat, Jan 11	
2:00	High School Girls Basketball (Hayes Barton)
3:30	Middle School Girls Basketball (Trinity)
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)

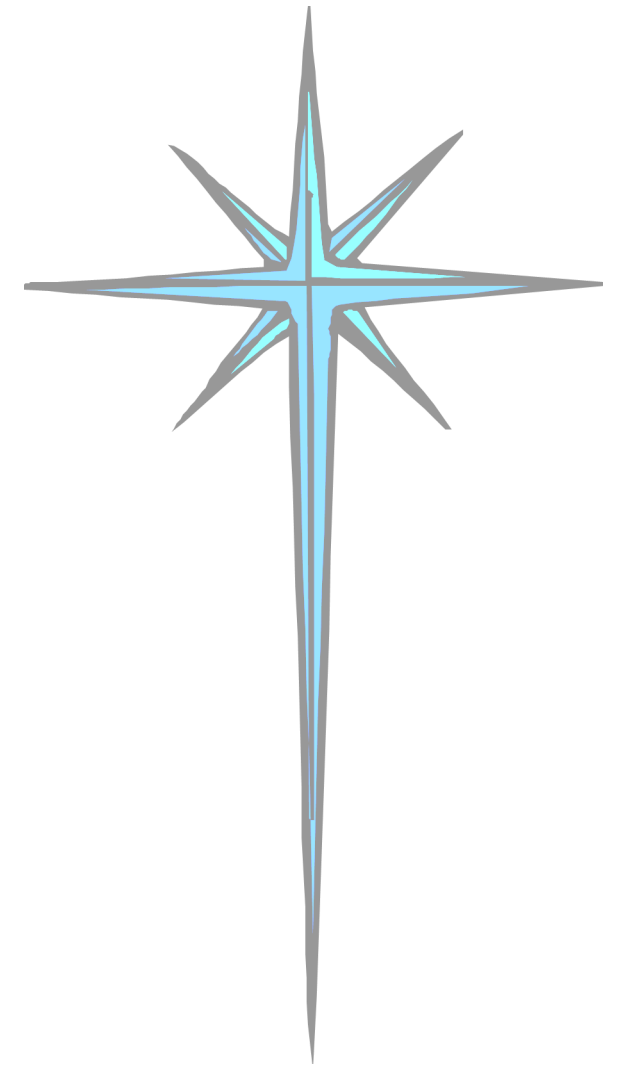
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