

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020

Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "Aria" Flor Peeters  
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 Choral Introit "Enter Now This Place" Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship (responsive) from Psalm 119

LEADER: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of God.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart,**

LEADER: who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

PEOPLE: **You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

LEADER: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

PEOPLE: **Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

LEADER: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

PEOPLE: **I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

The Invocation Leah Reed

\*The Hymn of Praise, 802 HOLY MANNA  
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 163)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (p. 927)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 5:21-37 (p. 786)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

\*The Hymn of Devotion, 593 GIFT OF LOVE  
"The Gift of Love"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman  
"Struggling to Hear Jesus"

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, 559 KINGSFOLD  
"Make Room within My Heart, O God"

\*The Offertory Prayer Holly Ivel

The Offertory Solo "Spirit of God" Donald Hustad  
(The text may be found at Hymn 290.)  
Mary Alice Seals, soloist

\*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 Helmut Walcha  
"Chorale Prelude on *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*"

\*The congregation may stand.

About our Worship: Today is the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, a season in which we celebrate the revelation of God's love for the whole world. As part of this celebration, we sing hymns of praise, offer prayers for the world, and consider sacred texts which point to the nature of God's love. Today's Gospel reading, one in a series of readings from the Sermon on the Mount, underscores the reality that God's love does not do away with our responsibility. In last week's reading, Jesus says he has come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. Now in a series of contrast sayings, he describes in more detail what he means. "You have heard that it was said... but I say to you..." he says repeatedly. Each saying sheds light on Jesus' understanding of faithfulness, yet each saying requires insight and interpretation. At times we struggle for many different reasons to get his point, but the struggle is important. Understanding what Jesus asks is essential if we are to follow him. Thus, we ask for the Spirit's guidance as we seek understanding and trust in God's grace where we fall short. We offer to God our best in worship and praise, in study and discernment, in faithfulness and devotion, in service and love.

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

The Deacon on Call is Holly Ivel. An 18-year member, Holly coordinates the Family Promise Program, is a Sunday shuttle driver, and is a member of the Properties Committee. She is also the Sunday School Director and a member of the Journey Class.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in honor of our 2020 Mission Teams by Charles and Jamie Petty.

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.

Today, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are remaining in the children's suite, experiencing worship by reflecting on and responding to our scripture lesson through different art mediums. Visiting children may join us in Room 224.

*Do More, Serve More, Church More* Stewardship Campaign: As of February 10, we have received 174 pledges totaling \$1,230,137. 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 \$10,963 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Church conference will be held at 6:45 p.m. this Wednesday.

Menu for February 19: cold cuts, tuna, sub bar. Non-Meat: veggie subs. Kids: peanut butter and jelly subs.

The FBC Sanctuary Choir will join 10 local church choirs to sing with the National Lutheran Choir on Friday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral (715 Nazareth St.). The program will include a wide range of choral music sung by the 60-voice National Lutheran Choir as well as 3 pieces sung by the massed choir. Please join us for this free concert.

The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held on February 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5 per person with a \$20 per family max and can be purchased Sundays after church and on Wednesday nights. Childcare will be provided for children 3 years old and younger; contact Lynn Lingafelt ([llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org)) by Wednesday, February 19. See the article in the *Rose Window Weekly* if you have a griddle you could loan us that evening or if you'd like to volunteer to sell tickets or to help that night.

The Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 26 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For the February mission project, we are collecting the following cleaning supplies for InterAct of Raleigh: laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, window cleaner, and bathroom cleaners. Some of these supplies will be used at their shelter location and some will be sent with their clients as they move to new housing. Place your donations in the marked drawer in the Lewis Lobby cabinet.

Volunteers are needed to greet people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings. Slots are available from March through May; sign-up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a8ac2ca1f49-fbcwelcome](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a8ac2ca1f49-fbcwelcome) for one day or a whole month!

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](mailto:hi2810@bellsouth.net)) with your interest.

The 2020 growing season is quickly approaching, and we're looking for volunteers (all ages and experience levels) to participate in Saturday morning workdays at the Cedar Point Apartments community garden! Read more about this in *Rose Window Weekly* and email Libby Barnes ([ebarnes0627@gmail.com](mailto:ebarnes0627@gmail.com)) if you'd like to help.

### Calendar Highlights February 16-23, 2020

Sun, Feb 16	9:00	Hospitality Committee Meeting (CR) Prayer Planning Group Meeting (P)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227) Children's Worship (224)
	12:15	Deacons' Meeting (220)
	12:30	Unity Chili Cook-off (FH)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH and Blue Room)
Mon. Feb 17		Weekday Preschool Closed
	10:00	Clothing Ministry Open
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
	6:15	CROP Walk Meeting (CR)
	7:00	Hook & Needle Club (P)
Tues, Feb 18		Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:00	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	High School Bible Study (Helms' home)
Wed, Feb 19		WMU Group 7 (P)
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	5:30	Children's Missions Evening Bells (307)
	5:45	Meal Served (FH) ITC Board Meeting (110)
	6:30	Prayer Time (FH)
	6:45	Church Conference (FH) Children's Music
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Feb 20		Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners Outing (Temple Theatre)
	12:30	Library Committee (Library)
Sat, Feb 22		Downtown Habitat Build Kick-off (Habitat Construction Facility)
	11:00	Memorial Service and Reception for Ione Knight (S)
Sun, Feb 23		Nominating Committee Meeting (CR) Worship Committee Meeting (P)
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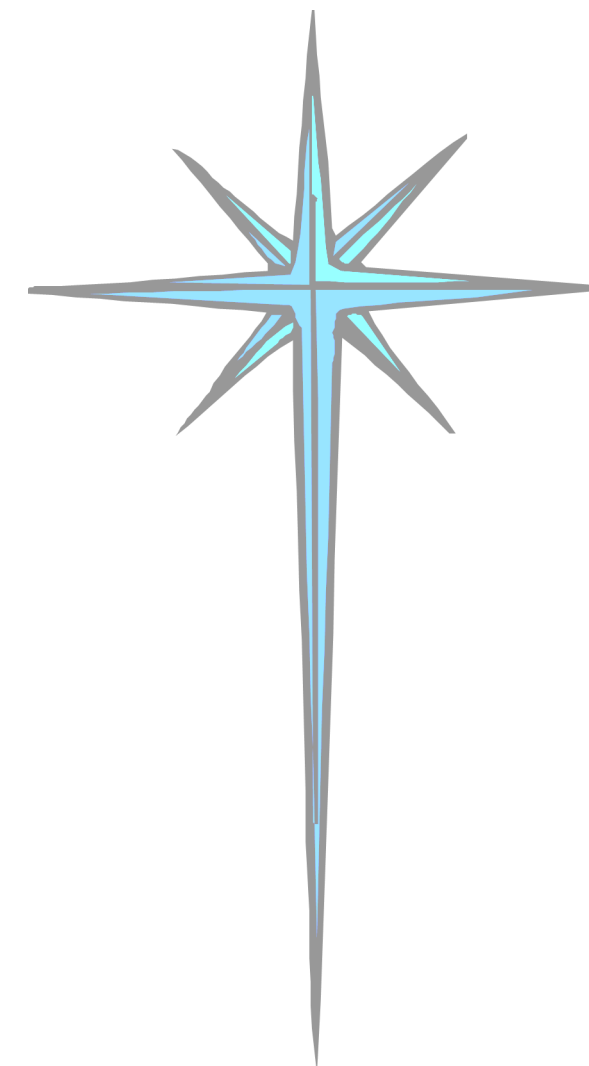
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