

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 23, 2020

Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude "The Peace May Be Exchanged" Dan Locklair
Tyler Schodt, 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 99

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

PEOPLE: **The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

LEADER: The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

PEOPLE: **Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!**

LEADER: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

PEOPLE: **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

LEADER: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called to God.

PEOPLE: **They cried to the Lord, and God answered them.**

LEADER: God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

PEOPLE: **they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that the Lord gave them.**

LEADER: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

PEOPLE: **Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

The Invocation Trey Davis

*The Hymn of Praise, 62 ST. DENIO
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 62)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament 2 Peter 1:16-21 (p. 987)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 798)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion, 532 SLANE
"Be Thou My Vision"

The Sermon Christopher Chapman
"A Time to Keep a Secret and a Time to Share 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 AUSTRIAN HYMN
"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" †

(text omitted)

*The Offertory Prayer Will Poteat

The Offertory Anthem Michael Helman
"Go Up to the Mountain of God"
Becky Mercer, flute

*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 "March" Bruce Steane

*The congregation may stand.

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About our Worship: Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the day we remember the story about the experience three disciples had on a mountain with Jesus wherein he was transformed and a voice spoke to them from a cloud. It is the last Sunday before Lent begins, a last glimpse of glory before a season of penitence and reflection as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. All of today's texts help develop this theme as the reading from Matthew presents one account of the transfiguration, the reading from 2 Peter refers to this very same event, and the reading from Exodus describes a similar mystical encounter with God Moses had on a mountain. The hymns and anthem all point to holy mystery in one way or another, our prayers express a longing for an intimate encounter with God, and each part of this service — from the brief moments of silence to the times of celebration — creates space for us to encounter the Holy. The sermon explores one small detail found near the end of the Gospel reading wherein Jesus instructs Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone about their experience with him on the mountain until after he has been raised from the dead. Like those first disciples, we are often asked to keep secrets for a time and then allowed to share them. How we manage these tasks, especially in regard to sacred secrets, is a matter of some significance for our faith and the faith of others.

We are grateful to Tyler Schodt for serving as today's guest organist.

The Deacon on Call is Will Poteat. A 23-year member, Will is a member of the Formations Class. He and his wife, Karen, have three sons: Zachary, Jacob and Isaac; and one daughter, Olivia.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Ione Kemp Knight by her nephew Thomas Nelson and his wife Corinne O'Brien-Nelson.

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 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 \$11,364 toward our goal of \$20,000.

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 today after church.

Due to the pancake supper, Theology on Tap will not meet this week.

The Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 26 at 6:40 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu for February 26: chicken and rice, veggies, salad bar. Non-meat: mock chicken and rice. Kids: chicken tenders.

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 for one day or a whole month!

Join us on Sunday, March 15, immediately following worship, for the Pinewood Derby races in the Fellowship Hall. This race is open to anyone with an old pinewood car and will happen after our current RAs race their newly made cars. We'll also have a hot dog lunch for \$5 per person, with a family max of \$10. To sign-up for the derby and lunch, email Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) by March 8.

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.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC will have its annual gathering at Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, from March 19–21. Come for worship and workshops exploring the theme of “Embracing Kingdom Community,” and enjoy supper catered by *And Also With 'Cue*. Read more details in the *Rose Window Weekly* and register at www.cbfncc.org.

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) if you'd like to help.

Calendar Highlights February 23–March 1, 2020

Sun, Feb 23	9:00	Nominating Committee Meeting (CR) Worship Committee Meeting (P)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (FH and Blue Room)
Mon, Feb 24	10:00	Clothing Ministry Open
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
	6:00	ITC Board Meeting (CR)
Tues, Feb 25	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)
Wed, Feb 26		ASH WEDNESDAY
	3:45	Works in Progress (P)
	5:30	Backpack Buddies (301)
	5:45	Meal Served (FH)
	6:40	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Feb 27	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	11:30	Weekday Preschool Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon (301)
	12:30	Library Committee (Library)
	6:00	Youth/College Minister Search Committee Mtg (CR)
Fri, Feb 28	10:00	Japanese-American Cultural Exchange (301)
Sun, Mar 1	9:00	Nominating Committee Meeting (CR)
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service/Communion (S) Japanese Worship (227)
	12:15	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (P)
	4:00	Youth Bells (307)
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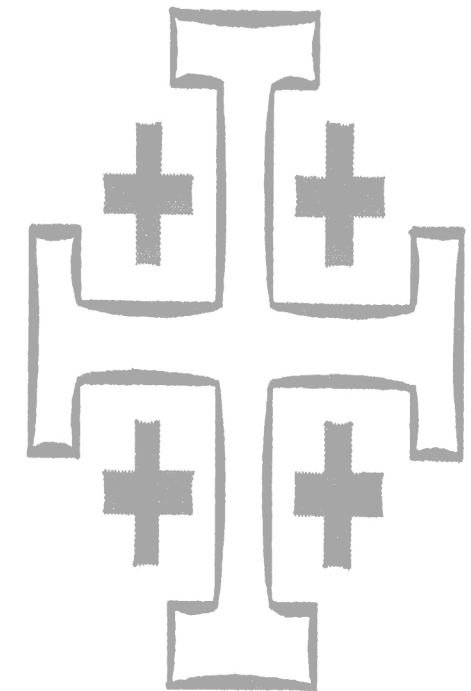
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