

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020 Eleven o'clock

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude Michael Burkhardt
"Love Consecrates the Humblest Acts"
Sue Crocker, 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)†

(text omitted)

The Invocation Lynn Lingafelt
*The Hymn of Praise, 229 CRUCIFER
"Lift High the Cross"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession (responsive) from Psalm 32
LEADER: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
PEOPLE: **Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
LEADER: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through
my groaning all day long.
PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
LEADER: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not
hide my iniquity.
PEOPLE: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

The Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance (responsive) from Psalm 32
LEADER: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast
love surrounds those who trust in God.
PEOPLE: **Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous, and shout
for joy, all you upright in heart.**

The Act of Praise, 507 "I Then Shall Live" FINLANDIA
(The congregation is invited to sing the first stanza of Hymn 507.)

The Greeting of Worshipers

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)
**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word
through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy
Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Hebrew Bible Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7 (p. 2)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament Romans 5:12–19 (p. 917)
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Gospel Matthew 4:1–11 (p. 785)
LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.
PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn of Devotion, 622 CONVERSE
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*The Offertory Prayer Jen Foster
The Offertory Anthem arr. Gilbert Martin
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*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 Sermon Christopher Chapman
"Responding to Temptation Faithfully"

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Bread Is Broken
The Cup Is Shared

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, 648 ANGEL'S STORY
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

The Recognition of Lynn Lingafelt

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 "Toccata Festiva" Gordon Young
*The congregation may stand.

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*Please note that all of the communion bread served today is gluten free.

About our Worship: Today is the First Sunday in Lent ("in" and not "of" because each Sunday is a little Easter even in Lent, offering a glimpse of the resurrection hope that lies on the other side of the cross). It is a season of penitence and reflection, as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. Thus, we include time for confession, sing hymns and hear an anthem which underscore the nature of this season, and wear purple stoles. The sermon, which is rooted in the traditional Lent 1 story about Jesus' temptations, examines Jesus' response to testing in an effort to identify resources that might help us respond faithfully to our temptations. As we celebrate communion, we experience one of these resources, as we link our lives more intimately to God.

We are grateful to Sue Crocker for serving as today's guest organist.

The Deacon on Call is Jen Foster. A 19-year member, Jen is a member of the Journey class and serves on the Personnel Committee and the ministry team that publishes the *First Foundations* magazine. Jen and her husband Derek have three children: Jay, Luke, and Meg.

The Sanctuary flowers are provided in memory of Annie Womble by her family.

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.

Sympathy to **Dorothy Holley** and **Bob Talley** on the death of their mother, and to **Dot Preston** on the death of her sister, Doris Talley, on February 22.

Be in prayer for the 22 youth choir members and chaperones leaving Friday for the Festival by the Sea.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the February 27 birth of Ryder Austin, son of **Jess and Chase Helms** and brother of Asher.

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 February 27, we have received 176 pledges totaling \$1,231,337. 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 \$11,796 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Join us on the first Sunday of each month for dinner and dialogue with members of As Salaam Islamic Center and Yavneh: A Jewish Renewal Community, with the first meeting taking place here at FBC today at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be potluck, so bring enough food for yourself and a friend; beverages are provided. This promises to be a meaningful time of making new friends, learning about other faiths through people who embrace them, and understanding more about ourselves and our own faith.

Centerpoint, Wednesday, March 4:

- Mind Elective—Tim Brock will be leading a study of Luke 15:11-32, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, using more traditional methods of biblical interpretation, an approach known as historical-critical exegesis.
- Body Elective—We will be taking a trip to The Green Chair non-profit to learn more about how they are serving our local community. The bus will leave the church at 6:30 p.m.

Menu for March 4: tacos, taco salad, Mexican rice, beans, salad sides, cheese dip and chips.

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.cbfnac.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 March 1–8, 2020

Sun, Mar 1	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)
	5:00	Youth Choir (310)
	6:00	Youth Group (301 and Blue Room) Interfaith Dialogue Potluck (FH)
Mon, Mar 2	10:00	Clothing Ministry Open
	10:30	Clothing Ministry Lunch (FH)
	11:00	Sisters in Grace (CR)
	6:15	CROP Walk Meeting (CR)
Tues, Mar 3	10:00	Ministerial Staff Meeting (CR)
	10:30	WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
	5:30	Properties Committee Meeting (CR)
	6:00	Theology on Tap (Raleigh Times)
	6:30	HS Bible Study (Helms' Home)
Wed, Mar 4	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) Children's Music
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (310)
Thurs, Mar 5	7:00	Band of Brothers (CR)
	10:30	Thirty-Niners (FH)
	12:30	Library Committee (Library)
Fri, Mar 6–Sun, Mar 8		Youth Choir Festival by the Sea
Sat, Mar 7	8:00	<i>And Also With 'Cue</i> Class (FH)
	9:00	Garden Work Day (Cedar Point Apartments)
Sun, Mar 8	9:45	Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service (S) Japanese Worship (227)

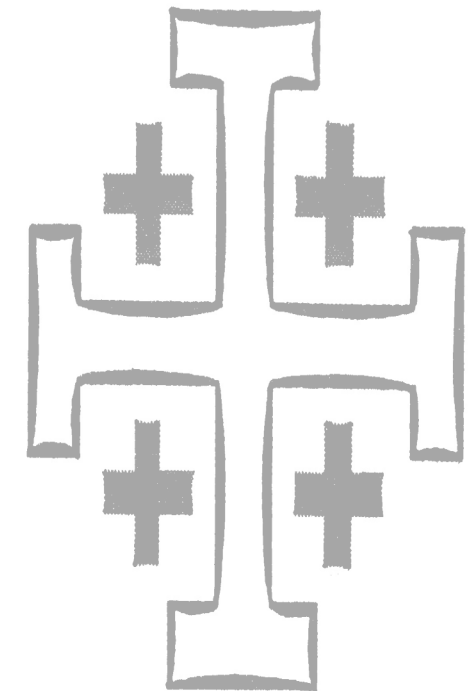
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