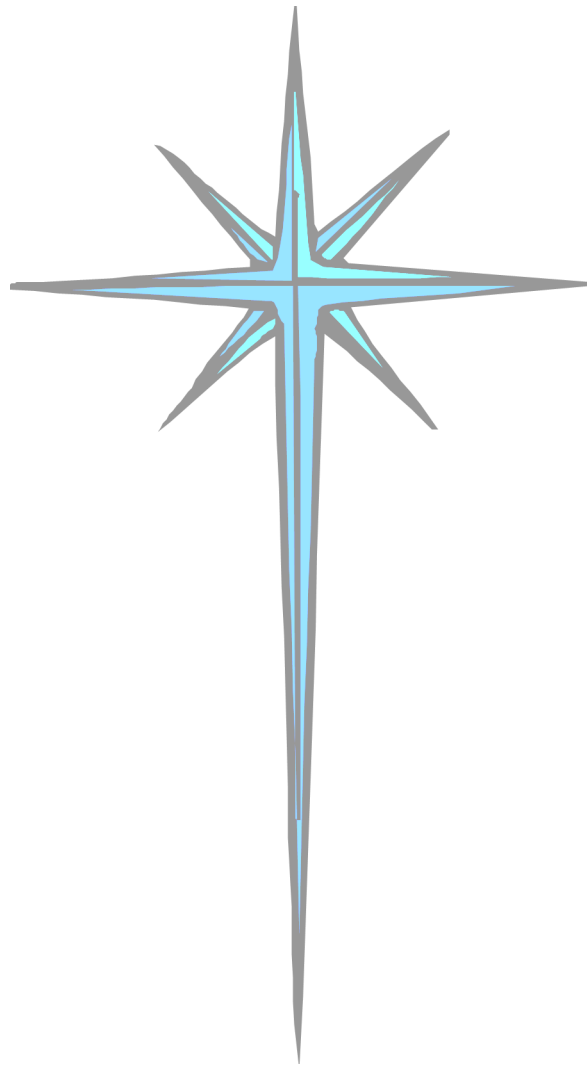


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 24, 2021

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the third Sunday after the Epiphany, a season in which we reflect upon the revelation of God's light and love to the whole world. There are several themes running through today's texts — the importance of time, the need for repentance, and the promise of good news after a struggle — all of which are part of how light and love are revealed. The sermon focuses on the reading from Mark, a very familiar story of calling. While we might view it as a straightforward invitation to join early followers of Jesus in sharing God's light and love — as we too are called to follow Jesus — it is important to note how disruptive this experience is. Following Jesus is our calling, and this path is filled with purpose and joy, but it also requires a disconnection from other priorities and a complete reorientation of life. We sing of this journey and pray for the faith and perseverance to continue on it.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

The Prelude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. John Behnke
Sue Crocker, organ

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 62

LEADER: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

PEOPLE: **God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

LEADER: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

PEOPLE: **Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is our refuge.**

LEADER: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, Lord.

PEOPLE: **For you repay to all according to their work.**

The Invocation

Lynn Lingafelt

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won - drou - sly reig -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ning; shel - tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
 you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prai - ses be -

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - ious or - dain - ing?
 migh - ty can do, if with his love he be - friends you.
 pe - ople a - gain; glad - ly for - e - ver a - dore him.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Leah Reed

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

The Morning Prayer

Michael Hood

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Unison

1. Two fish - er - men, who lived a - long the Sea of Gal - i - lee,
 2. And as he walked a - long the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,
 3. O Si - mon Pe - ter, An - drew, James, and John—be - lov - ed one,
 4. And you, good Chris - tians, one and all who'd fol - low Je - sus' way,

stood by the shore to cast their nets in - to an age - less sea.
 and these two sons of Zeb - e - dee would leave their boats be - hind.
 you heard Christ's call to speak good news re - vealed in God's own Son.
 come, leave be - hind what keeps you bound to trap - pings of our day,

Now Je - sus watched them from a - far, then called them each by name;
 Their work and all they held so dear they left be - side their nets;
 Su - san - na, Ma - ry, Mag - da - lene who trav - eled with your Lord,
 and lis - ten as he calls your name to come and fol - low near,

it changed their lives, these sim - ple men—they'd nev - er be the same.
 their names they'd heard as Je - sus called: they came with - out re - grets.
 you min - is - tered to him with joy for he is God a - dored.
 for still he speaks in var - ied ways to those his call will hear.

Refrain
Harmony

Leave all things you have and come and fol - low me, and come and fol - low me.

The Sermon

“Disruption Can Be a Good Thing”

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Musical Reflection

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

Greg Flowers, soloist

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Hermann Grabner

Sue Crocker, organ

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Sympathy to **Denise Austin** on the January 18 death of her mother, Janice Woodall, and to **Wyatt Yelverton** on the January 17 death of his grandmother, Fay Tomlinson.

There will be a virtual Church Conference via Zoom on Wednesday, January 27, at 5:30 p.m. The link and more information may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*. Those needing assistance should contact Deborah Mastrodonato (dmast@fbcraleigh.org).

Our annual stewardship emphasis continues with the theme *In the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord... And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*. 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/pledgecard/>). As of January 21, we have received 170 pledges totaling \$1,118,941 for the 2021 budget.

Calendar Highlights • January 24–30, 2021

Sunday, January 24

- 10:00 6th Grade Sunday School (Virtual)
- 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- High School Sunday School (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 11:00 Virtual Worship Service (YouTube)
- 2:00 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 3rd–5th Grade Sunday School (Zoom)
- 3:00 Minister of Music Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 4:00 Three-year-olds–Kindergarten Sunday School (Zoom)
- 5:30 Deacons' Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Youth Group (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 26

- 10:00 Ministerial Staff Meeting (Library or Zoom)
- 6:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom/In-person TBD)
- 6:30 High School Girls Bible Study (Zoom)
- Middle School Gathering (Virtual)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 27

- 5:30 Church Conference (Zoom)

Thursday, January 28

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)