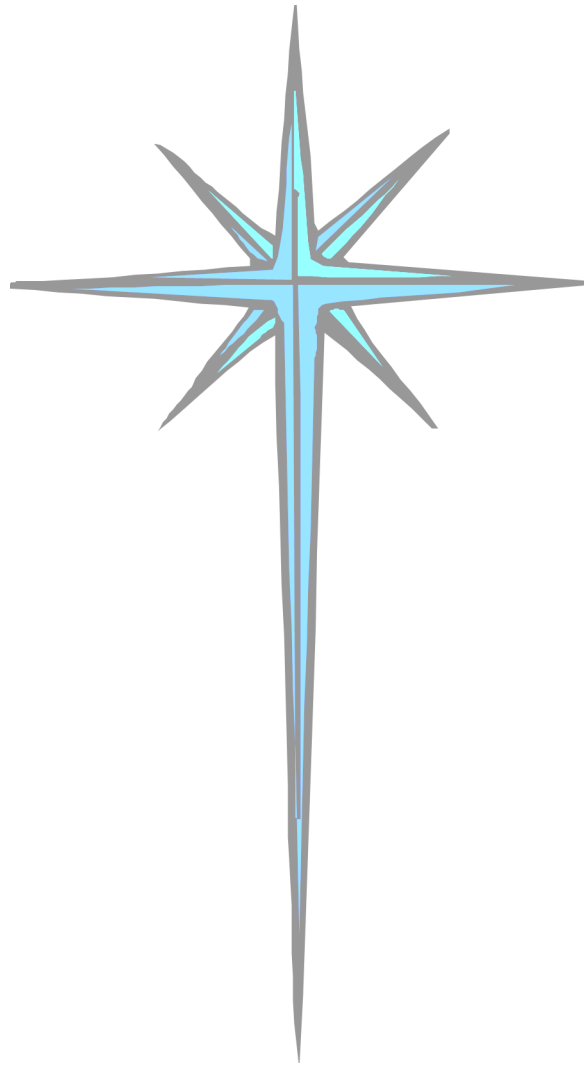


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, a season in which we ponder God's manifestation of light and love to the world. While most obvious in the familiar reading from 1 Corinthians, love is at work in all of the texts we read as the psalmist speaks of a God who expresses love by providing refuge and deliverance, Jeremiah describes his calling to serve as a prophet for the people God loves, and Jesus expands the scope of God's love to include all people. The service music expresses the nature of love in ways words alone cannot, the prayers and liturgy call us to grow in our love for others and God, and the sermon explores the centrality, nature, and scope of love, as revealed in today's texts, especially the reading from 1 Corinthians which has a much larger focus than our traditional use of it at weddings. Faith, hope and love abide, these three, writes Paul, and the greatest of these is love. If this is true, what are the implications for us?

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Lynn Lingafelt

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 Prelude

"Adagio (from Sonata 1)"
Felix Mendelssohn

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based upon Psalm 71

LEADER: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

PEOPLE: **Love divine, all loves excelling, fix in us your humble dwelling.**

LEADER: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

PEOPLE: **Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all your life receive.**

LEADER: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

PEOPLE: **You we would be always blessing, praise you without ceasing, glory in your perfect love.**

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Song of Preparation

“Love Can Build a Bridge”

Love can build a bridge, love can build a bridge,
as we work, and pray, and give, love can build a bridge.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Words and Music: Daniel Charles Damon, 2014

The Hebrew Bible

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Alice Marshbanks

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Though I may speak with brav-est fire, and have the
2. Though I may give all I pos-sess, and striv-ing
3. Come, Spir-it, come, our hearts con-trol, our spir-its

gift to all in-spire, and have not love:
so my love pro-fess, but not be given
long to be made whole. Let in-ward love

my words are vain; as sound-ing brass, and hope-less gain.
by love with-in, the prof-it soon turns strange-ly thin.
guide ev-ery deed; by this we wor-ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972; para. of 1 Corinthians 13
MUSIC: Hal Hopson, 1971; based on Traditional English melody
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GIFT OF LOVE
L.M.

The Morning Prayer

Christopher Chapman

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.**

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

The Anthem

"Lord of the Dance"

Choir Ensemble

Trad. Shaker Tune/Allen Pote, arr.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
 At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
 I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
 But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me;
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
 They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
 The holy people said it was a shame.
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
 And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
 But I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
 I am the life that'll never, never die;
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Words: Sydney Carter, 1963

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

"Love on a Much Larger Canvas"

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

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

AURELIA



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For jus - tice, and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, And bring us to be - lieve:
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some;
To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

Text: Romans 15:7; Fred Kaan, 1929–2009, © 1975, Hope Publishing Company
Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810–1876

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

“Voluntary in F”

Maureen Howell

Alec Rowley

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Alice Marshbanks. A 20-year member of First Baptist, Alice rings in the evening handbell choir.

The pulpit banner today was commissioned by the Hager family and features Rev. Joy Crutchfield Hager’s two favorite flowers: the magnolia and the mountain laurel. The banner has been donated by the Hagers to FBC for use in the Artful Giving Ministry, which benefits the Day Mission Fund. A donation has been made today in memory of both Joy, whose birthday was February 4, and her father, Dr. Graham Crutchfield, by the Hager and Crutchfield families.

Sympathy to Opal Elmore on the January 22 death of her sister, Annie Polinski, and to Beverly Tuttle on the January 25 death of her brother, Wallace Shearon, Jr.

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation information about scheduled activities will be noted on a recorded greeting obtained by calling the office at 919-832-4485. Information will also be supplied to: WRAL-TV (1st Baptist, Salisbury St), WTVD-TV (First Baptist Church–Salisbury St.), and posted on our home page and on social media (Twitter and Facebook).

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$5,448 toward our goal of \$20,000.

2022 Contribution Envelopes are available on the first floor corridor leading to the Clothing Ministry; if you would like some but haven’t gotten any in the past, contact Wayne Hager (whager@fbcraleigh.org) and he will go over options with you.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 2, in person and via Zoom: meal served at 5:00 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m. You can find the Zoom link in the *Rose Window Weekly*. We will begin a three-week program extending support to our Jewish friends in response to the attack on a synagogue in Texas the weekend before last. The plan has changed for the first week. We will hear from Rabbi Eric Solomon from Beth Meyer Synagogue. The following week, we will view and discuss a powerful presentation Imam Abdullah Antepli from Duke University gave to Beth El Synagogue in Durham and Beth Meyer Synagogue on January 22. The final week, we will ponder appropriate Christian responses in more detail.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu for February 2: pasta primavera with garlic bread.

The Baptists on Missions Honduran ministry trip is scheduled for March 14–21. The cost is \$500 per person — which covers food, lodging and ground transportation — plus airfare. Our project is house construction. If you are interested in going, contact Steve Brown (919-349-4984) or John Baldwin (919-600-9124).

The churchwide retreat at Caswell will be held on April 22–24. Space is limited so contact Lynn Lingafelt (llingafelt@fbcraleigh.org) no later than February 13. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

Calendar Highlights
January 30–February 6

Sunday, January 30

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, January 31

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open
- 6:00 Music Made in Heaven Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Tuesday, February 1

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 6:30 High School Bible Study (Wade Home)
- 7:00 Properties Committee Meeting (301)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 2

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Middle School Small Group (Blue Room)
- 6:45 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:50 Music for Children
- 7:30 Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 3

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, February 6

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)