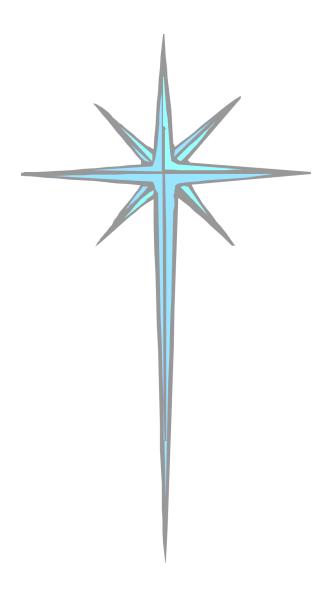
# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC

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## THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022 Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, part of a season in which we reflect upon God's manifestation of light and love to the world. We begin with musical elements that invite us to draw near to this God of light and love and find nourishment. We sing hymns of praise to the God who feeds us till we want no more. We offer prayers for people we know and love and the world around us, trusting in God's compassion for all. We read texts that point to contrasting ways of life and consider the path we are following, realizing that a more nuanced understanding of these texts invites us not to separate the world into good and bad people but to recognize the potential for good and evil within all of us and thus the calling to pursue good in the context of grace. Sharing food with others on this Souper Bowl Sunday is one small way in which we do this.

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#### 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

"The Peace May Be Exchanged (from *Rubrics*)"

Dan Locklair

Maureen Howell

#### "All Who Are Thirsty" Brian Wentzel

(Congregation invited to join on the repeats)



The Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 1

LEADER: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that

sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

PEOPLE: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day

and night.

LEADER: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither.

PEOPLE: In all that they do, they prosper.

LEADER: The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff that the wind drives away,

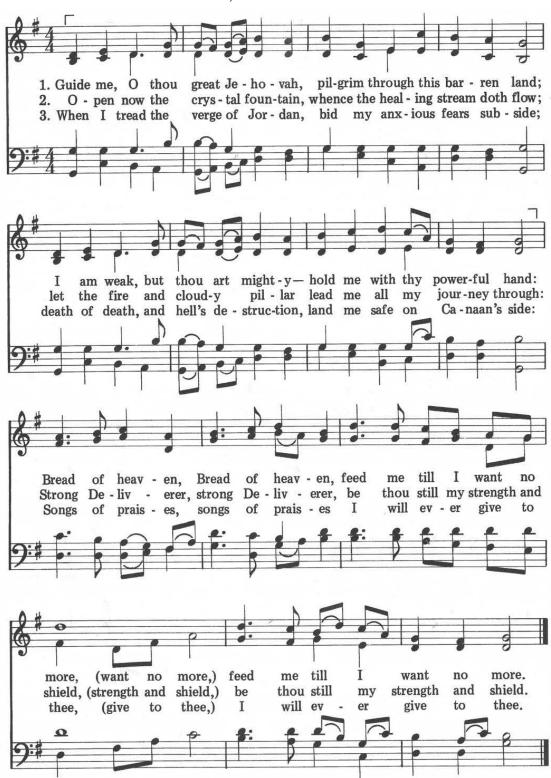
PEOPLE: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the

congregation of the righteous;

LEADER: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

PEOPLE: but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Invocation



#### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 17:5–10 Dennis Ellis

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

#### The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Day by Day" Women's Ensemble

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Words: St. Richard of Chichester (c. 1197-1253)

Christopher Chapman

The Morning Prayer

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 Luke 6:17–26

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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



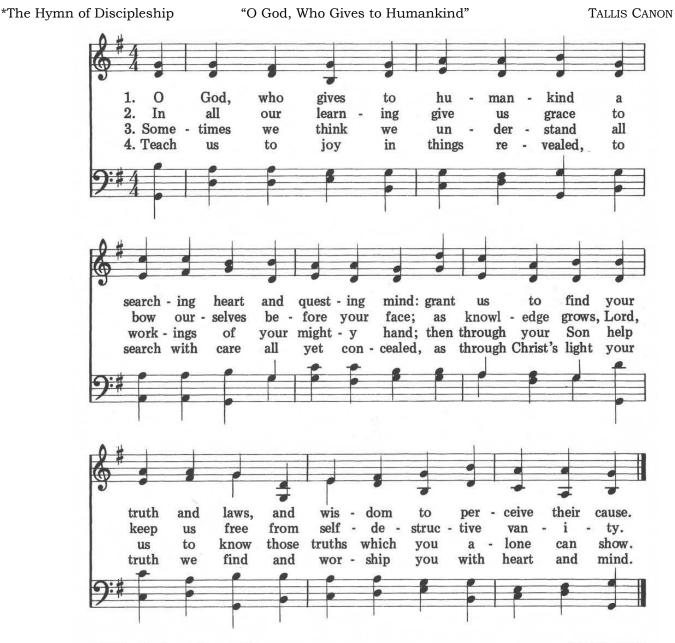
The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

#### 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.



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#### 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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" J. Bert Carlson Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Dennis Ellis. A 30-year member of First Baptist, Dennis teaches Grade 6 Sunday School class and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir. Dennis and his wife Diane have four children: Diana, Kristen, Margie, and Kevin; and eight grandchildren: Alexis, Hailey, Justin, Nathan, Jackson, Emma, Camden, and Charlotte.

Support for the Day Mission Fund through sponsorship of an Artful Giving banner is provided by the Wade family in recognition of those in our church family who facilitated our transition into the 21st century. In addition to the tireless efforts of our staff during the COVID era, their family is grateful to those who are keeping us connected — specifically, the teams behind the updated website design, *First Foundations*, and the YouTube streaming option. They would like to formally thank Claire Willmschen for her leadership in enabling an option for virtual church, as well as those who volunteer to continue making that service available.

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 \$5,598 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 16, 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 conclude our three-week program extending support to our Jewish friends in response to the attack on a synagogue in Texas the weekend before last. This week, we will ponder appropriate Christian responses in more detail.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (<a href="www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice">www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice</a>), by email (<a href="mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org">dmast@fbcraleigh.org</a>), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485), all by noon on Mondays. Menu for February 16: broccoli cheddar soup with chicken salad sandwich.

FBC Souper Bowl Sunday! While the Bengals and the Rams fight it out on the field in the big game, we'll fight to help end hunger in our town by aiding Urban Ministries as they provide fresh produce and canned goods for families in need. Look for collection bins in the Lewis Lobby by the Welcome Desk and also in the Narthex at the front doors of the church.

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 **today**. Details may be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

### Calendar Highlights February 13–20

Sunday,	February 13			
9:45 11:00	Sunday School Worship/Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube) Japanese Worship (226)			
Monday,	February 14			
10:00	Clothing Ministry Open			
Tuesday,	February 15			
	Staff Meeting (Conference Room) WMU Group 2 (Springmoor) Finance Committee Meeting (CR/Zoom) High School Bible Study (Wade Home) Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)			
Wednesd	lay, February 16			
5:00 6:00 6:15 6:30 6:45 6:50	Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall) Mission Friends/RAs/GAs Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall) Middle School Small Group (Blue Room) Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony) Music for Children			
Thursday	y, February 17			
7:00	Band of Brothers (Zoom)			
Sunday,	February 20			
9:45 11:00	Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube) Japanese Worship (226)			
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6:00 6:30	Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall) Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)			