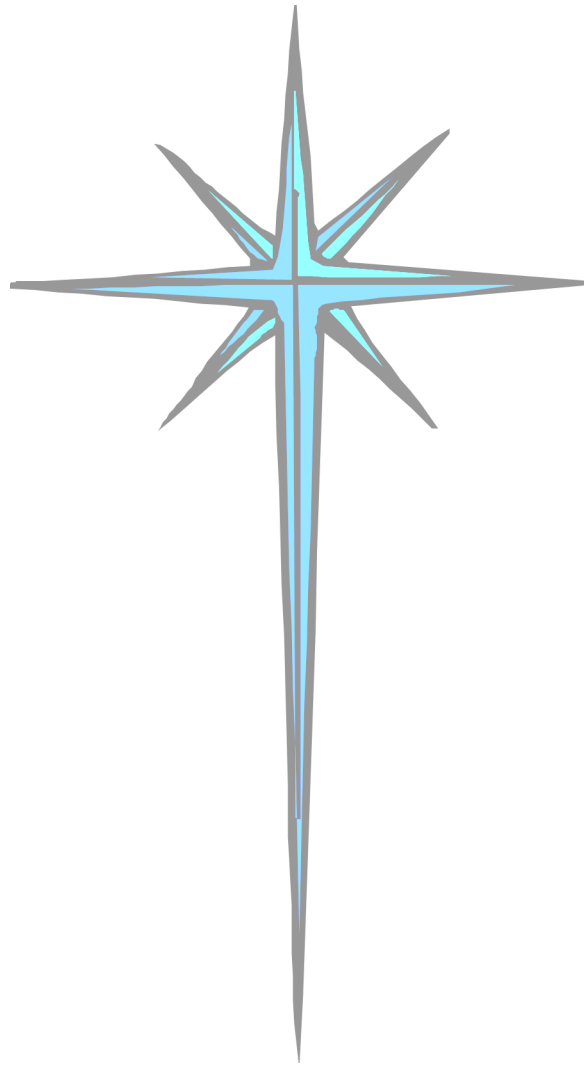


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 6, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, a season in which we reflect upon God's manifestation of light and love to the world. Today's texts all focus on calling — the prophet Isaiah's, the Apostle Paul's, and the fishermen's — our participation in God's epiphany as we help others to experience light and love. The entire service focuses on calling as a whole while the sermon explores two themes found in all of our texts — humility and grace. We respond to sacred teachings about calling with the celebration of communion and the blessing of first-time deacons, two sacred rituals shaped by these same themes of humility and grace.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

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

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
Maureen Howell, arr.

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

based upon Psalm 138, Isaiah 6:3

LEADER: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts;

PEOPLE: **We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

LEADER: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

PEOPLE: **For they have heard the words of your mouth.**

LEADER: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **For great is the glory of the Lord.**

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

ALL: **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

The Invocation

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt.
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;
only support me with grace in my need.

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine;
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
pity, and bring me again to the light.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1877

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.**

The Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."
⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Unison

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3. We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

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 MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
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REPTON
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The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Anthem

“Jesus Took the Cup”

Ensemble

Trad. Scottish/Hal Hopson, arr.

Jesus took the bread and blessed it,
then he gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body.
Do this and remember, remember me and eat.
Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
then he gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and drink this cup. This cup is my own blood.
Do this and remember, remember me and drink.
Thanks to God forever.

Words based upon 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Verses



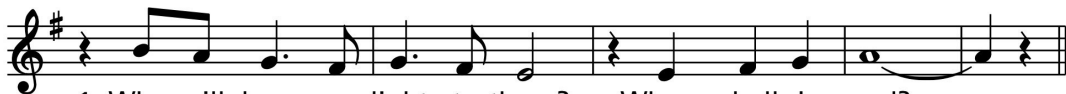
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
 2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

The Litany of Blessing and Commitment for First-Time Deacons (responsive)

Valerie Cumbea, Dorothy Holley, and Brenda Snead

LEADER: According to scripture, the first deacons were chosen to make sure that everyone was cared for, that no one was left out, that widows were visited and food was distributed (Acts 6:1-7). In your service as a deacon, will you seek to care for all, and in the process, model the way of caring for others?

DEACONS: In the grace of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will seek to follow Christ in this way.

LEADER: According to Jesus, whoever wishes to be great among his followers must be a servant, and whoever wishes to be first must be a slave of all. For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many (Mark 10:43-44). In your role as a leader, will you seek the way of service, of putting others first, of giving more than receiving?

DEACONS: In the grace of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will seek to follow Christ in this way.

LEADER: According to the Apostle Paul, each of us has been given grace to the measure of Christ’s gift, and each of our gifts has been given to equip the saints for the work of ministry and for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:7, 11-12). In your ministry in and through First Baptist Church, will you seek to use your distinctive array of gifts for these noble purposes and thus nurture this community and bring honor and glory to God?

DEACONS: In the grace of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we will seek to follow Christ in this way.

LEADER: Then, may you sense the strength of God’s companionship every day on the journey, may you recognize the faith in you this church has expressed, and may you hear, each in your own way, the same voice of blessing Jesus heard when he arose from the waters of baptism, saying, “You are my beloved child with whom I am well pleased!” (Mark 1:11)

The Prayer of Blessing

Cara Lynn Vogel

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Robert Hebble

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Charles and Sallie Mae Brickhouse.

Sympathy to Melinda Smith on the January 26 death of her mother, sister, Peggy Sue Wampler.

In addition to the first-time deacons being recognized in today’s service, we also welcome back the 12 other deacons in the class of 2024: Elizabeth Barnes, Dennis Ellis, Derek Foster, Hayden James, Lynn Loomis, Lynn Marshbanks, Jeff Mercer, Charles Petty, Robert Ponton, John Rusher, Suzanne Sanford, Eddie Sasser, and Beth Yerxa.

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).

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.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$5,948 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 9, 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 continue 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 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. Next 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 9: pork chops, applesauce, and macaroni and cheese.

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. There will be collection bins in the Lewis Lobby by the Welcome Desk and also in the Narthex at the front doors of the church on Sunday, February 13. The collection bin in the Lewis Lobby will be out on Wednesday night, February 9, so you may make your donation then as well.

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
February 6–13

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)

Monday, February 7

- 10:00 Clothing Ministry Open

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

- 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 10

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

Sunday, February 13

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)

