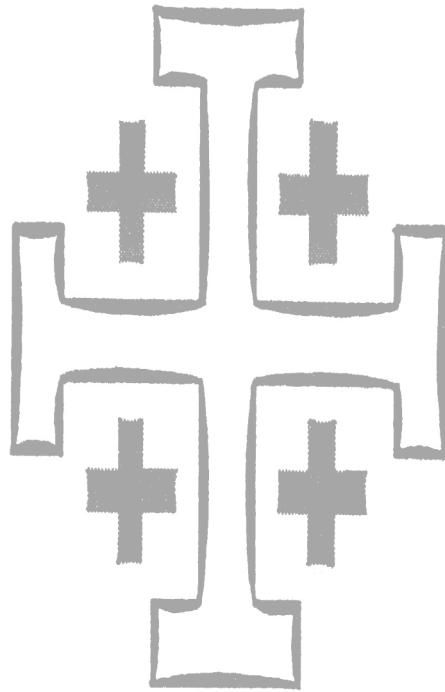


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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March 6, 2022

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

Eleven o'clock

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 suffering and sacrifice. 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 that underscore the nature of this season, and wear purple stoles. The sermon explores the traditional Lent 1 reading about Jesus’ time in the wilderness when he is tempted in several ways. How he endures this experience and remains faithful to his identity and calling offers insight as to how we might remain faithful in our wilderness experiences. We conclude worship with the celebration of communion, remembering that this meal was established on the eve of Jesus’ betrayal. There is no greater source of strength in the midst of any wilderness experience.

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

“Rondo: Allegretto in C” (from *Three Duets*)

Elaine and John Holley
violin and viola

The Introit

Psalm 91 (refrain)

Hal Hopson

Choir, then All (on repeat):

Refrain

God is my light. God is my sal - va - tion.

God is my light. Bless God's ho - ly name.

LEADER: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

PEOPLE: **“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

LEADER: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

PEOPLE: **For God will command angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

LEADER: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

PEOPLE: **You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

LEADER: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

PEOPLE: **When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

LEADER: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

ALL (SUNG): **God is my light. God is my salvation. God is my light. Bless God’s holy name.**

The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered, in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Call to Confession

Scripture says we believe with our hearts and so are justified, we confess with our mouths and so are saved. We confess now our frailty and sin, but we do so in the context of our faith, trusting in God's mercy.

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Like the ancient Israelites, O God, we have a story to remember, but we often forget it. We have received blessings too numerous to count, but we often live as if we have earned everything we have. We live with freedoms for which we did not fight, we benefit from privileges that diminish the lives of others, we receive your gracious love casually, as if we deserve it. Forgive our arrogance and ingratitude, receive these first fruits of repentance as a sign of our willingness to change, hear the confession we make with our lips as a sign of what is in our hearts, a genuine yearning for something better.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Scripture says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Everyone who seeks mercy will receive it. We are loved just as we are and forgiven for our every shortcoming. Thanks be to God!

The Act of Praise

"We Are Forgiven"

Hal Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Suzanne Sanford

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Abide with Me”

Sanctuary Choir

Gilbert M. Martin, arr.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heavn's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

— Henry F. Lyte, 1847

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.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his
 4. For us to e - vil power be-trayed, scourged, mocked, in

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - a - tions
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver-threw.
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.

5. For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.

6. All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad—
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

WORDS: Anonymous Latin hymn, 15th C.; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th C.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

PUER NOBIS
 L.M.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

The Cup Is Shared

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

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

Unison

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim
tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is al - most
trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American Spiritual

WALK WITH ME
Irregular

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

“Blow Up the Trumpet in the New Moon”
Gilbert Martin

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Suzanne Sanford. A 43-year member of First Baptist, Suzanne is a member of the Everette Miller Friendship Class and a volunteer for the Clothing Ministry and the Counting Team. Suzanne has two children: Jennifer and Christopher, and one grandchild, Jude.

The banner is sponsored today by Mary Lou and Mike Dodd with a donation to the Day Mission Fund in memory of Elmo Scoggin.

Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. We have received \$6,643 toward our goal of \$20,000.

CBF has established a relief fund in response to the crisis in Ukraine. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details; you may donate at their website (www.cbfblog.com/2022/02/28/cbf-establishes-ukraine-relief-fund/).

We will be collecting children's clothes (Kindergarten through 12th grade) for *Note in the Pocket* all through March. Used clothing is welcome as long as it is clean and in good condition. Socks, underwear, or shoes need to be new. Put your donations in the marked bin in the Lewis Lobby anytime during the month.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, March 9, in person and via Zoom; meal served at 5:00pm, program at 6:15pm. Dr. Timothy Brock will lead a three-session series exploring the interaction between art and Christian spirituality. This week, Dr. Brock will share a number of personal stories describing how various types of art have informed and nurtured his own spiritual formation. See *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

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 March 9: chicken and rice with broccoli.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 12, when Daylight Saving Time returns!

We will be led in worship next Sunday, March 13, by the Concert Choir of Gardner-Webb University. A select ensemble of mixed voices, the Concert Choir is on their spring tour, offering performances in various regions of the state. They are under the direction of Dr. Joshua Cheney, director and accompanied by Mr. Timothy Scruggs. GWU is a Baptist-founded private liberal arts university in Boiling Springs, NC.

The CBFNC Annual Gathering will be held Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, in person at Trinity Baptist on Six Forks Road and online, with the theme of *The God Who Sees*. Find more information and the registration link in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

UPDATE ON COVID PROTOCOLS AT FBC: The risk management team, in consultation with the church staff, has decided that, given our community's progress with regard to the Omicron variant of COVID-19, and in the absence of any unforeseen setbacks, we can transition to a masks-optional policy beginning on Monday, March 7. Masks will still be required in the preschool area because of state and federal recommendations. "Masks-optional" means that individuals and groups, including Sunday School classes, can make their own decisions. Many of our members will continue to wear masks for various reasons. We will also continue to follow other protocols, like cleaning surfaces and hands, for the foreseeable future. And we will monitor the data along with recommendations from the NC DHHS and the CDC.

Calendar Highlights

March 6–13

Sunday, March 6–Sunday, March 13

Family Promise Week

Sunday, March 6

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 1:30 New Member Sponsor Training (Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

- 10:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 7:30 Pathfinders Sunday School Class (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 9

- 5:00 Meal Served (Parking Lot/Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Mission Friends/RAs/GAs
Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Middle School Small Group (Blue Room)
- 6:45 Children's Music (302/Music Suite)
- 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 10

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 6:30 High School Bible Study (Wade Home)

Sunday, March 13 *Daylight Saving Time Returns*

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Japanese Worship (226)
- 12:00 Lunch for Gardner-Webb University Concert Choir (Fellowship Hall/Garth)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (302)
- 6:00 Youth Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth Program (Fellowship Hall/Blue Room)