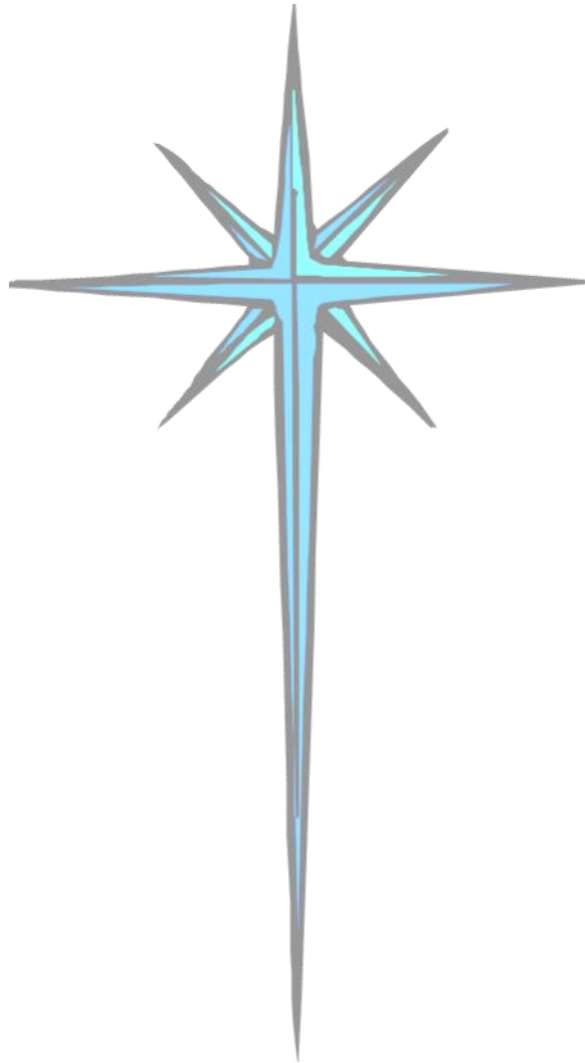


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, part of a season in which we celebrate and reflect upon God's revelation of light and love to the whole world. Thus, we read texts and share sacred music that proclaims this good news. We offer prayers for a world that needs yet more light and love. And we reflect on themes that emerge from the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as described in the reading from Matthew, which foreshadow how God's love will be extended to all. We conclude worship with a litany of prayer and blessing for first-time deacons, servant leaders who embrace the calling to follow Jesus.

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

"Prelude on DIX"
Nicholas Palmer

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

From Psalm 27

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

PEOPLE: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

LEADER: to behold the beauty of the Lord,

PEOPLE: **and to inquire in God's temple.**

LEADER: God will hide me and give me shelter in the day of trouble;

PEOPLE: **will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.**

LEADER: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

PEOPLE: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

The Invocation

The Introit

“Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenknos”
South African Traditional Song

Warren Howell
Sanctuary Choir

*We are walking in the light of God.
We are walking, oh—we are singing in the light of God.*

*The Hymn of Praise

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

DIX
Sue Crocker, organ

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o - ver shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer - cy's beams I see:
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

Day - spring from on high, be near, Day - star, in my heart ap - pear!
as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more your-self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

DIX
7.7.7.7.7.

[All]

We are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, oh—we are singing in the light of God.

Words: Traditional Zulu/Xhosa
Hal H. Hopson, tr.
Music: Traditional South African

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 9:1-4

Lynn Loomis

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

all the world adore his sacred name.

Fine

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, our
 2. All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied bear
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the tree of pain, draw
 4. Let ev - ery race and ev - ery lan - guage tell of
 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 on their brows the seal of him who died.
 all the world to seek you once a - gain.
 him who saves our souls from death and hell.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

D. C.

WORDS: George W. Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1916, alt.
 MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916
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CRUCIFER
 10.10.10.10.

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

Matthew 4:12–23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

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.
 "And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
 and I will 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 John;
 They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

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 high,
 And left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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

Music: Shaker Melody, Sydney Carter, adapt.

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.

1. Je-sus calls us o'er the tu-mult Of our life's wild rest-less sea; Day by
 2. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship Of the vain world's gold-en store, From each
 3. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still He
 4. Je-sus calls us: by Thy mercies, Sav-ior, may we hear Thy call, Give our

day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low Me!"
 i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love Me more."
 calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
 hearts to Thine o - be-dience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852

Music: W.H. Jude, 1887

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

Dolores Bailey, Jason Gardner, Bobby Phillips, and Linda Roberts

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)

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

“Siyahamba”
John Behnke

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Lynn Loomis. A 25-year member of First Baptist, Lynn serves as Preschool Music and Movement leader and serves on the Nominating Committee and is a planner for Toy Joy. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Everett Miller Friendship class and is a teacher for Grade 3–5 Sunday School class. Lynn and her husband Bill have a blended family of 5 daughters, 7 granddaughters, and 3 grandsons.

The acolytes today are Meg and Luke Foster.

The Artful Giving banner is given by the Wade Family to honor Michael Hood and his commitment to the youth. We celebrate the holy milestone of his ordination into Christian ministry.

Sympathy to the family of Lou Lolley, who died Thursday, January 19.

Tonight at 5pm, we will celebrate a sacred ritual of blessing called ordination as we affirm the gifts and calling of Michael Hood. There will be a reception following in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

Centerpoint: Wednesday, January 25; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. We will begin a three-week series led by Dr. Bo Prosser entitled “The Praying Hands Emoji and the Prayers of the Saints.” Each week will include information and experiences designed to strengthen the spiritual life in the context of modern life in a digital age. Bo is a minister, educator, writer, consultant, coach, and speaker. He has served churches in Raleigh and Charlotte, and recently retired after 20 years in leadership roles with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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). The menu for January 25 is: *Taco night*; non-meat option: vegan tacos.

The churchwide missions project for January will piggyback on the children’s mission project, which is collecting monetary donations for Heifer International, a non-profit that focuses on giving animals to impoverished families to boost sustainable and dependable food sources. Indicate January Churchwide Missions or Heifer Project in the memo line. See the Rose Window Weekly for more information.

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

143 stewardship cards totaling \$1,079,923 have been received. Your gift matters! Please return your stewardship card to the church, or you may pledge online (www.fbcraleigh.org/stewardship), or use the QR code to the right.



The Global Missions Offering supports CBF personnel around the world as they spread the Gospel. So far, we have received \$5,869 toward our goal of \$20,000.

Diaper changing stations are located in the men’s and women’s bathrooms on each floor of the Lewis building, and a nursing room is located in our preschool suite on the first floor.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are located in the narthex and in the Gathering Room; preschoolers (birth – kindergarten) are also welcome to join the supervised play in the preschool suite on first floor.

Calendar Highlights January 22-29

Sunday, January 22

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/deacon installation (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Worship Committee meeting (parlor)
- 4:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 5:00 Ordination of Michael Hood (sanctuary)
- 6:00 Ordination reception (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 23

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, January 24

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)

Wednesday, January 25

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)
Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

Sunday, January 29

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

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