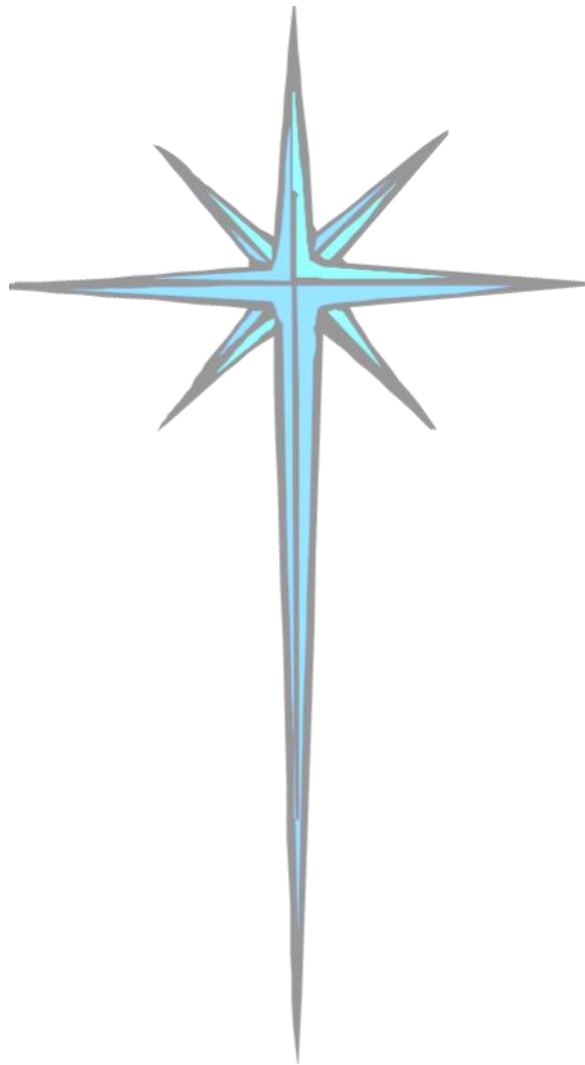


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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, a season in which we celebrate God's revelation of light and love to the whole world. The themes of light and love run through this entire service from the introit, anthems, and hymns to the biblical texts and prayers all the way to the homily and celebration of communion. As we receive an abundance of light and love in Christ, we ponder our calling to share these gifts boldly with others.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Leah Reed

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

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Maureen Howell

Don Hustad

The Introit

"Here I Am"

Grade-School Choir

Allen Pote

Here I am, Lord, take and use me,  
for I know you have a plan for me.  
Here I am, Lord, take and use me,  
for I know you care for me.

When the night is lonely, I have no light to see.  
Still I hear your voice, Lord, calling to me.

When the dawn is breaking, I face a day unknown;  
yet your light reveals, Lord, I'm not alone.

The Invocation



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell, 1993

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Enlightenment

Beth Yerxa

LEADER: Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit,

PEOPLE: **that as the word is proclaimed we may receive wisdom and understanding. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

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 5:13–20

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven..

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

## Choir:

I Praise thee, O my Lord,  
 My courage, strength, and hope renew,  
 Be present, Lord, in all I do;  
 My true commitment now I make to You.  
 Sing, sun and stars of space,  
 Sing, all that see his face,  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let God's creation soar,  
 And sing out for evermore,  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

## \*All:



When morn - ing glids the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries, may  
 The night be - comes as day, when from the heart we say, may  
 Be this, when life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine, may

Je - sus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer we  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark - ness fear when  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song through

ask his lov - ing care: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this sweet chant they hear, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 all the a - ges long, may Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: Johan Wallin, 1816, and Edward Caswall, 1854

Music: Fred Bock, 1990 and Joseph Barnby, 1868

## The Homily

## "A Call to Boldness"

Christopher Chapman

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

## The Celebration of Communion

## The Invitation to the Table (choir)

WEDLOCK

## "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Gary Matheny, arr.

O living bread from heaven,  
 How you have fed your guest!  
 The gifts you now have given  
 Have filled my heart with rest.

O wondrous food of blessing,  
 O cup that heals our woes,  
 My heart, this gift possessing,  
 With praises overflows!

## The Words of Institution

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread Is Broken

My Lord, you here have led me  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me  
With treasures of your grace;

And you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

The Cup Is Shared

You gave me all I wanted,  
This food can death destroy;  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

Words: Johann Rist, 1651  
Catherine Winkworth, tr.  
Music: The Sacred Harp, 1850

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

“We Are Called To Be God’s People”

BEECHER

**We are called to be God's people,  
showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit,  
sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us,  
and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together  
as we shall around His throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants,  
working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us,  
all His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise then to his summons,  
dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants,  
quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets,  
speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice,  
bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed,  
our high calling to fulfill,  
that the world may know the blessing  
of the doing of God's will.**

Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt.  
Music: John Zundel, 1780

## 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

“Fanfare in A-flat”  
Charles Ore

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Beth Yerxa. A 15-year member, Beth is a member of the Sharing Thoughts class. She and her husband, Ben, have three children: Mattie, Daniel and Anna.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of two members of the Thirty-Niners Senior Citizens Club that passed away in 2022, Gerri Harris and Mary Anne Jobe.

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.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 8; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. We conclude the series led by Dr. Bo Prosser, *The Praying Hands Emoji and the Prayers of the Saints*, which includes 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](http://www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice)), by email ([dmast@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:dmast@fbcraleigh.org)), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for February 8 is: Sloppy Joes with corn and green beans; non-meat option: vegan Sloppy Joes.

Join us on Sunday, February 12, at 9am for breakfast and an intergenerational conversation with Max Dowdle, the creator of the art banner which will hang on the exterior wall of the Lewis Building. He will discuss the creative process that led to the banner and the role of public art. We will also have a likeness of the banner's background available in the fellowship hall for you to help us color as a way of connecting to the art. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details about this exciting project!

We invite you to bring in cans of soup on Sunday, February 12, for *Souper Bowl Sunday*, our February mission project to benefit the Urban Ministries food pantry. There will be collection wagons in the fellowship hall for the banner presentation breakfast (in fact, five cans will pay for your breakfast!), in the Lewis Lobby before Sunday School, and in the narthex. You may bring your donations of soup anytime now through February 12 (including to Wednesday night Centerpoint).

Register now for the churchwide retreat in Black Mountain on April 14–16. Pricing and more details can be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*, but email Leah Reed ([lreed@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:lreed@fbcraleigh.org)) now with the total number of adults and children in your party, along with your sleeping preferences (number per room).

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.).

156 stewardship cards totaling \$1,175,723 have been received. Your gift matters! Please return your stewardship card to the church, or you may pledge online ([www.fbcraleigh.org/stewardship](http://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 \$6,219 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 February 5–12

### Sunday, February 5

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

### Monday, February 6

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:30 High school Bible study (Wade home)  
Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### Tuesday, February 7

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 7:00 Properties Committee meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, February 8

- 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, February 9

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 Banner presentation and breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Offertory (sanctuary & YouTube)  
JBC worship (226)
- 12:15 Deacons' meeting (220/Zoom)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

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