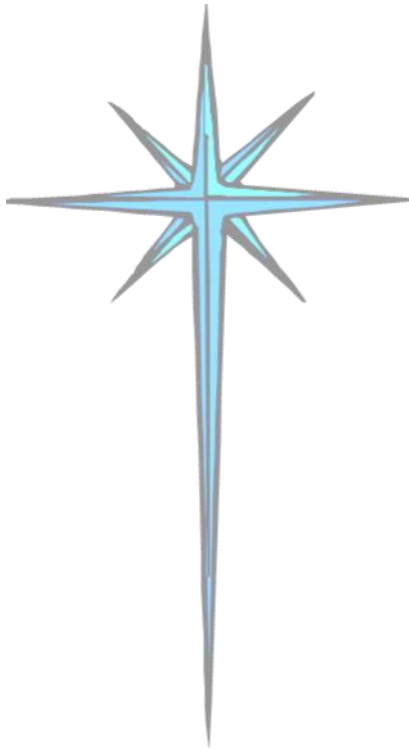


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

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February 9, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: This is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, a season in which we continue to celebrate God's manifestation of light and love to the entire world. As we did last week, we read texts about calling which explore the details of how we join God in sharing light and love. The sermon examines common elements of calling in these stories that might inform our understanding of calling today, the service music provides space to deepen our sense of calling, and our prayers enable us to fulfill a part of our calling to care for this world with God. We conclude worship with another act of fulfillment — the collection of food items for the Urban Ministries food pantry.

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Michael Hood

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

"Here I Am, Lord"  
Chuck Marohnic

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship

“Come, Let Us Worship God”

Katie Houts, arr.

Youth Choir

Alice Strickland and  
Catherine Yelverton, duet

Come, let us worship God, . . .

Welcome ev'ryone, . . . to the love of God.

Food for the hungry, . . .

Rest for the weary, . . .

Hope for the children, . . .

**All: Come, let us worship God, . . .**

Words and Music: Ray Makeever, 1983

The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise, 20

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ODE TO JOY

### LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 6:1–8

Marianna Burnette

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And 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!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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.” <sup>8</sup>Then 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!”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Now 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, <sup>2</sup>through 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.

<sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether 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.**

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.**

Words: John Newton, 1772

Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829. Edwin O. Excell, adapt.

## 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 Anthem

“I Will Arise”

Sanctuary Choir

Alice Parker, arr.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!  
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Words: Anon., 19<sup>th</sup> c., and Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: RESTORATION, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He 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. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and 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.” <sup>11</sup>When 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.**

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: William H. Jude, 1887

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“Elements of Genuine Calling”

## 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.*

*Note — During the first stanza of this hymn, we present our Souper Bowl Sunday offerings of soup and other canned goods which will go to the Urban Ministries food pantry. Our presenters are Meg Foster and Hayes Strickland.*

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.

## 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

“Hymn to Joy”  
Albert L. Travis

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Annie Womble.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer today are Daniel and Crosby Rohrbaugh.

Sympathy to Mike Dare on the February 3 death of his father LeRoy Dare.

Please keep the 19 people going on the ski trip in your prayers.

In case 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 (Facebook and Instagram).

137 stewardship cards totaling \$1,169,460 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.



Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 12; meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. This week, we will be viewing and discussing a TED Talk led by Julieanna L. Richardson on the preservation of black history through oral tradition. More information and a link to the TED Talk can be found in the *Rose Window Weekly*.

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 12 is: turkey meat hamburger helper with peas. non-meat option: mock hamburger pasta; Kids: tater tots.

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.

To access the church WiFi, please use our guest network: *FBC-MG*; password: "biography." You will need to sign in upon each use.



To facilitate your giving to FBC, use this QR code to link to the website for our main electronic giving and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

Visiting? We'd love to get to know you. Scan the QR code to the right to share your contact information.



## Calendar Highlights • February 9–16

### Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room)
- 9:15 Buddy mission project (children's suite)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

### Monday, February 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)

### Wednesday, February 12

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (307/311)
- 6:15 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)  
Youth Bible study (Blue Room)  
Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### Thursday, February 13

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

### Friday, February 14–Sunday, February 16

Churchwide ski trip (Pipestem, WV)

### Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

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*A place of grace, a place of challenge, a place for you.*