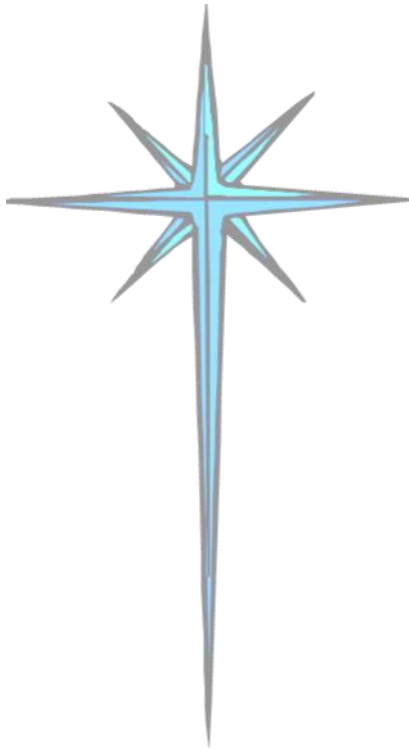


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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March 2, 2025

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the day we remember Jesus' experience on the mountain with three disciples, and a transition point between the seasons of Epiphany and Lent. There are many memorable details in Jesus' transformation, amazing sights and sounds, but the message of the story is more direct and down to earth. It concerns the challenge of listening to Jesus, really listening to him. We ponder this question as we sing praises to the God who transforms the world and lift up prayers for all that needs transfiguration. We conclude worship with the celebration of communion which provides an immediate opportunity for us to listen for God's voice.

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

"Chant"
Wilbur Held

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

LEADER: Living Presence of transfiguring light, illumine our hearts.

PEOPLE: **We witness the glory of Christ.**

LEADER: God of dazzling darkness, reveal your power in our lives.

PEOPLE: **We witness the glory of Christ.**

LEADER: Mysterious Spirit, open us to your transforming word.

PEOPLE: **We witness the glory of Christ.**

The Invocation



1. Christ up - on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son: law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing: all the proph - ets and the law
in the thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name;
fade be - fore him; First and Last, and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him: Al-le-lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al-le-lu - ia!
na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al-le-lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al-le-lu - ia!

Words: Brian Wren, 1962
Music: Warren Howell, 1986

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 35:29-35

Ann Cobb

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

¹The Lord is king;
let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

²The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

⁴Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

The Song of Response

“You Are Holy”

Youth Choir

Per Harling

Youth Choir, (All on repeats)

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 3/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead." The score ends with a double bar line.

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways
ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are
al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in
wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Choir: You are holy, you are wholeness;
you are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord.
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

Words and Music: Per Harling, Sweden, 1990

Music arrangement: John Helgen, 2004

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 Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Anthem

“Ubi Caritas”
Victor C. Johnson

Youth Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ as gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

Words: Latin, 8th century

The Sermon

“What Else Are We Missing?”

Christopher Chapman

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, 557

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

SCOTT

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

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Ann Cobb. A 29-year member, Ann participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, volunteers with the Funeral Committee, and is a substitute church office assistant. Ann is married to Britt Cobb.

The pulpit parament for today is sponsored by Jim and Jennie Keown in honor of the work done by Housing for All. A donation has been made by the Keowns.

Join us for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this Wednesday, March 4, at 5:30pm! We will have pancakes, music, mask-making, games, and fellowship. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for registration link and payment details (or use the QR code on the next page to pay online). Please make sure you register as well as pre-pay!

The Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5 at 6:30pm. A meal will be served at 5:15pm. Please remember to make your meal reservations. There will be a preparation class for grade schoolers that night at 5:45pm and childcare is provided during the service.

Please keep the 16 youth and four chaperones going to the youth choir *Festival by the Sea* in Myrtle Beach in your prayers. They are leaving Friday, March 7, and returning Sunday, March 9.

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).

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 March 5 is: chicken bbq with corn pudding and green beans. non-meat option: mock chicken bbq; kids: pizza rolls.

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.

Calendar Highlights • March 2–9

Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/communion (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 RA car race (fellowship hall)
Landscape Committee meeting (conference room)
- 4:30 Handbell rehearsal (302)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 5:30 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, March 5 *Ash Wednesday*

- 5:15 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Preschool choirs (128/131)
Grade schoolers' Ash Wednesday preparation class (229)
- 6:30 Ash Wednesday service (sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7–Sunday, March 9

Festival by the Sea youth choir trip (Myrtle Beach)
(meet at church at 3:30pm on Friday, 3/7)

Sunday, March 9

- 9:00 Nominating Committee (conference room)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 12:00 GA Tea (fellowship hall)



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