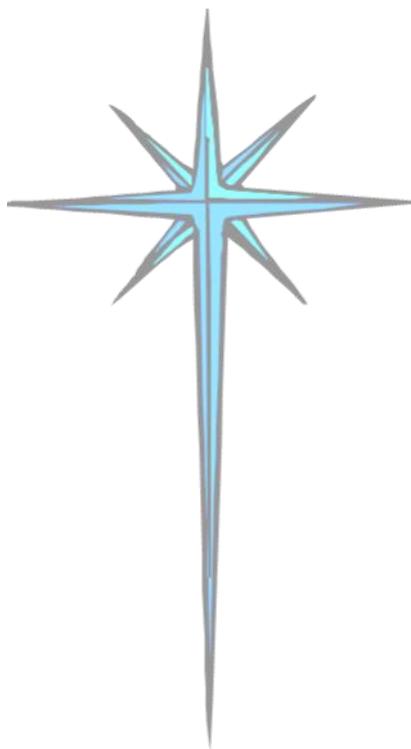


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January 11, 2026

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is the Baptism of the Lord in the Christian year, a day we reflect upon Jesus' baptism and what it tells us about his identity and ours. With our voices, we offer songs of praise to the God which recount our Biblical narrative and celebrate God's continuing revelation of Jesus as the Light of the world. We lift up prayers of concern for a world our baptism empowers us to love. The sermon explores Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism, offering insight as to the type of leader Jesus will be.

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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

"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light"

Maureen Howell

John A. Behnke

The Introit

“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come” Sanctuary Choir  
Mark Bender

Arise, Shine; for your light has come  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.  
Glory to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

Words: Isaiah 60:1,3

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory  
and strength.

**PEOPLE: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name; worship the  
Lord in holy splendor.**

LEADER: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory  
thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**PEOPLE: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full  
of majesty.**

LEADER: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned  
as sovereign forever.

**PEOPLE: May the Lord give strength to God’s people! May the Lord  
bless God’s people with peace.**

\*The Hymn of Praise, 130 “O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

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\*The Invocation

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 42:1-9

Jeff Hobart

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>34</sup>hen Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### 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.**



1. Wild and lone the proph - et's voice  
 2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows:  
 3. With such preach - ing stark and bold



Ech - oes through the des - ert still, Call - ing us to  
 Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er  
 John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near, And his time - less



make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:  
 claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.  
 warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and  
 Soon the Lord will come in pow'r, Burn - ing clean the  
 So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through



mind and soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized,  
 thresh - ing floor: Then will flames the chaff de - vour;  
 ways un - trod, Till we come at last like John



Yield your life to God's con - trol."  
 Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."  
 To be - hold the Lamb of God.

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**LEADER:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

## The Anthem

“Heavenly Light”

Sanctuary Choir

Alexander Kopylov

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow’s night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! O shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray. Thou our beacon and guide shalt be. Light Divine, we praise Thee.

Music: Russian, Peter J. Whilhousky, arr.  
Words: Slavonic, Vespers Service, Alice Mattullath, tr. 1937

## The Sermon

“Epiphany on the Jordan”

Lynn Lingafelt

## 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.*

\*The Hymn of Discipleship, 539

HOUSTON

“I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light”

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

\*The Benediction (responsive)

LEADER: Jesus comes to each of us,

**PEOPLE: inviting us to bold and hopeful action.**

LEADER: So when God calls, when Jesus arrives,

**PEOPLE: we will answer the call and step forward.**

LEADER: We will partner with Jesus in bringing hope to those suffering  
injustice,

**PEOPLE: and light to those in darkness,**

**ALL: Through the power of the Spirit,  
we go to live our lives to the fullest. Amen.**

\*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

“Allegretto”  
Robert J. Powell

Maureen Howell

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Jeff Hobart. A 33-year member, Jeff coordinates the Landscape Team and is a teacher for the 7th and 8th grader Sunday School class. He is married to Holly Cook and has two grown children, Leigh and Keller.

Our acolyte and Bible bearer today are Martha and Eller Collins.

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Audrey and Tom Bray by their children, Angela and Tommy Bray.

Dr. Chapman is on vacation until tomorrow. Lynn Lingafelt is preaching in his absence today.

Sympathy to Tonya Carter on the January 2 death of her mother, Glenda Poindexter; to the family of Opal Elmore, who died December 10; and to Anita Jackson on the January 5 death of her sister, Sandi Bower Gillian.

Our youth boys' basketball season is well under way! We'd love to have you come join us for one of their games to cheer the team on! The next game is on January 16 at 8pm at Trinity Baptist Church .

On February 4 and 11, we will have a book study on *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. This book explores the rising levels of anxiety among young people due to a shift from life being centered on play, exploration, and face-to-face relationships to being dominated by phones and social media. A limited number of copies will be available in the church library or you may purchase your own copy and begin reading before the first session on February 4. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details.

For the mission project this month, we are providing warmth for the clients in the clothing ministry. We're accepting donations of sleeping bags, twin size blankets, and throws. Clean, gently used items are fine. You may place your donations in the marked drawer in the cabinet in the Lewis Lobby or in the clothing ministry bin at the back door.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates for church conference in 2026: January 28, February 25, April 29, May 27, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 18, and December 16.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, January 14; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. This week, we'll be making no-sew fleece blankets for our White Flag and clothing ministry guests. (No Zoom)

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 on January 14 is: breakfast for dinner: bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, potatoes, and yogurt with granola.

*We Promise To Do Our Best*, our 2026 stewardship emphasis, is underway. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously and with gratitude to God. As of January 9, we have received 126 pledges totaling \$1,038,220 towards our goal of \$1,389,580.

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).

In the event of an emergency, first aid kits can be found at the greeting desk in the Lewis Lobby and in the workroom in the church office. The church has two defibrillators (AED): one between the elevator and the church offices on the second floor and one on the main floor behind the sanctuary on the Edenton Street side.

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 • January 11–18**

### **Sunday, January 11**

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship/Lynn Lingafelt preaching (sanctuary/YouTube)  
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

### **Monday, January 12**

- Clothing ministry closed
- 8:30 Clothing ministry volunteer annual meeting (301/302)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### **Tuesday, January 13**

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

### **Wednesday, January 14**

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:00 Centerpoint (fellowship hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool and children's suites)  
Evening Bells rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

### **Thursday, January 15**

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

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