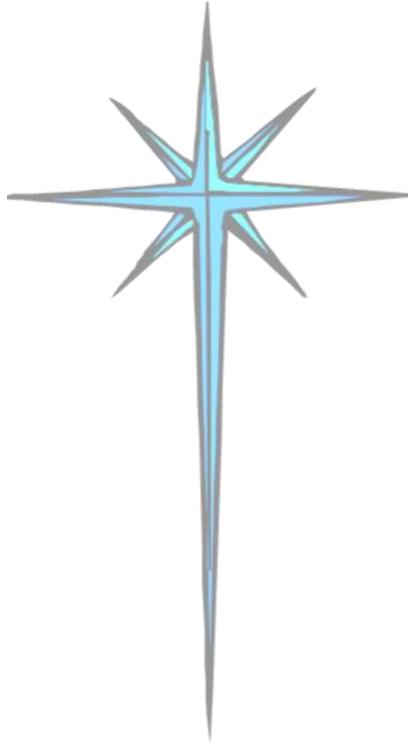


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NC

ORGANIZED MARCH 8, 1812



February 1, 2026

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Because we had to cancel last week's worship service due to the ice storm, we are using the lectionary texts from that Sunday, and since we are only streaming this week due to snow, we have recorded an abbreviated service without communion as previously planned. We continue with the Epiphany theme of light shining in the darkness, and the early stories of Jesus calling disciples to share in this work. The texts, anthem, and sermon all point to the nature of our calling, a radical calling to follow Jesus in the way of the cross; to shine light in the darkness; to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

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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 Introit and Hymn of Praise

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI, Fred Bock, arr.

Sanctuary Choir  
and Congregation

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:



1. When morn - ing glids the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries, may  
3. The night be - comes as day, when from the heart we say, may  
4. 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 Invocation

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 9:1-4

Crystal Bacon

<sup>1</sup>But 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.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For 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

<sup>10</sup>Now 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 knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What 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." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For 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.

<sup>18</sup>For 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.**

The Anthem

“Let Us Not Become Weary”

Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Kornelis

Caroline Childrey, solo

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Words: Galatians 6:9-10, Micah 6:8

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.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the 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.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As 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 fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As 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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all 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.**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH AND 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 Choral Amen

Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be Praised.  
Amen

\*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Crystal Bacon. A 29-year member and first-term deacon, Crystal is the director of the FBC Weekday Preschool and is an ex-officio member of the Weekday Preschool Council. She and her husband Dan have three children: Nathan, Savannah, and Addie.

The pulpit parament today was commissioned by the Hager family and features Rev. Joy Crutchfield Hager's two favorite flowers: magnolia and mountain laurel. The parament has been donated by the Hagers to FBC for use in the Artful Giving Ministry which benefits the Day Mission Fund. A donation has been made today in memory of both Joy, whose birthday is February 4, and her father, Dr. Graham Crutchfield, by the Hager family.

Register now for our churchwide retreat to the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain on March 20–22. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for details and registration information.

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 February 6 at 7pm at Hayens Barton Baptist Church.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, February 4; meal served at 5pm, prayer time and program at 6pm. For the next couple of weeks, 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. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details as well as for a Zoom link.

Mark your calendar now for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 17 at 5pm. Watch the *Rose Window Weekly* for registration and payment information.

Due to the inclement weather and lack of space in our intake area, we ask you to hold all donations to the clothing ministry until Tuesday, February 3. Please check the church website for any updates.

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 February 4 is: pasta primavera with garlic bread.

*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 30, we have received 130 pledges totaling \$1,055,602 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 • February 1-8

### Sunday, February 1

11:00 FBC worship (via YouTube only due to inclement weather)

### Monday, February 2

10:00 Clothing ministry

6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

### Tuesday, February 3

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 4

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, February 5

7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)

10:30 Thirty-Niners (fellowship hall)

### Friday, February 6

7:00 High school boys' basketball game (Hayes Barton Baptist Church)

### Sunday, February 8

9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)

Buddy mission project (children's suite)

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 FBC worship/deacon ordination (sanctuary/YouTube)

JBC worship (227)

5:00 Youth choir (choir room)

6:00 Youth supper (301)

6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)

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