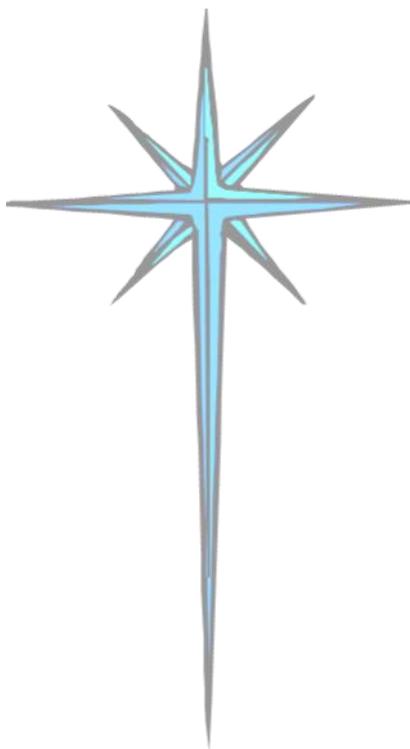


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 2026

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the day we remember the high and holy experience three disciples have on a mountain with Jesus. As he is transfigured before them and a voice speaks to them from a cloud, telling them to listen to Jesus, they are changed too. We ponder their experience and what changes we might be called to consider, we sing praises to the God who transforms our lives, and we pray for changes in the world around us, offering our gifts to help make them happen.

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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Sandra Eithun, arr.

Evening Bells
Anna Anderson, dir.

The Call to Worship

from Psalm 99

LEADER: The Holy One is our sovereign.

PEOPLE: **Let us praise God’s great and awesome name.**

LEADER: Mighty one, lover of justice, forgiving God, you have established fairness among us.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship at God’s holy mountain, for the Lord is holy.**

*The Hymn of Praise, 62 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

*The Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 24:12–18

Matt Bullard

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to Prayer

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

LEMMELE

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the".

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace."

Words and Music: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

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.**

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

*The Hymn of Devotion

“Jesus, On the Mountain Peak”

MOUNTAIN PEAK



1. Je - sus, 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. Je - sus is the cho - sen One, liv - ing hope of



glo - ry blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the Proph - ets and the Law
in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!
ev - ery na - tion, hear and heed him, ev - ery - one;



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing: 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!
sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: 1962

Music: Warren Howell, 1986

The Sermon

Christopher Chapman

“A Simple Message from a Complex Story”

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, 532

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

“Stay with Us”
Egil Hovland

Sanctuary Choir

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

Words: Gracia Grindal, 1999, based upon Luke 24:29,
and *Phos Hilaron* (4th c. Greek Hymn)

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow’r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, adapt

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

“Postlude on ST. DENIO”
Jason D. Payne

Maureen Howell

*The congregation may stand.

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The Deacon on Call is Matt Bullard. A 42-year member of First Baptist, Matt is currently serving as the chair of the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. He and his wife Anne have two children, Catherine and Madison.

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

Our offering helper is Elizabeth Yelverton, reminding us that no matter our age, we all can offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

For our February mission project, we are collecting boxes of individual servings of cocoa (not the canisters) and boxes of herbal teabags for the women who stay with us through the White Flag program. You may place them in the marked drawer of the cabinet in the Lewis Building lobby any time during the month of February.

Register now for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 17 at 5pm. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for registration and payment information.

The Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 18 at 6:45pm. A meal will be served at 5pm. 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.

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 on February 18 is: broccoli cheddar soup and grilled cheese sandwich; kids: chicken and stars soup.

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.

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.

Calendar Highlights • February 15–22

Sunday, February 15

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 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 group (Blue Room)

Monday, February 16

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)
- 1:00 WMU Group 2 (Independence Village)
- 1:30 Yoga (302)
- 5:00 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (FH or 301/302)

Wednesday, February 18

- 5:00 Meal served (fellowship hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:45 Ash Wednesday service (sanctuary)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, February 19

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners outing (NC Museum of Art)

Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 Nominating Committee meeting (conference room/Zoom)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 FBC worship (sanctuary/YouTube)
JBC worship (227)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 5:30 Deacons' meeting (302/Zoom)
- 6:00 Youth supper (301)
- 6:30 Youth group (Blue Room)



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