

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Chiming of the Hour

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Prelude in C J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* Call to Worship Lia Scholl

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God Most High.

**We declare God’s steadfast love in the morning,
and God’s faithfulness by night.**

* Hymn of Praise NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever-living, through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

* Prayer of Praise Sam Lawrence

* Welcome and Passing of the Peace

All Are Welcome words and arrangement by Marty Haugen

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the wood and stone to—
17 heal and strength, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the out-cast and the
16 stran-ger bear the im-age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

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Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn Medley

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made.**

**I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (R)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (R)**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (R)**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
whose Daystar shines for us on high.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Whose Spirit brings into our sight,
the hope which to our world draws nigh.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

The children may exit to the Children’s Room (107B) for playtime.

* Offertory Prayer

Lesson from the Gospels

Luke 6:1-6, NLT

One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grain fields, his disciples broke off heads of grain, rubbed off the husks in their hands, and ate the grain. But some Pharisees said, “Why are you breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?”

Jesus replied, “Haven’t you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He went into the house of God and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests can eat. He also gave some to his companions.” And Jesus added, “The Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath.”

On another Sabbath day, a man with a deformed right hand was in the synagogue while Jesus was teaching. The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely. If he healed the man’s hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

But Jesus knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” So the man came forward. Then Jesus said to his critics, “I have a question for you. Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” He looked around at them one by one and then said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him.

One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names:

Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter’s brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

In the Garden C. Austin Miles (1913)

Sermon

A Day to Save Life Lia Scholl

* Hymn of Commitment

I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

**I I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

(Refrain:)

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. (R)**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (R)**

We invite you to commit your life to Christ as a disciple and to join our church as a member. You may also reaffirm your faith in Christ or make other commitments. You are welcome to come forward at this time.

Announcements

* Benediction

Postlude

Ode to Joy Ludwig von Beethoven (1712-1773)

**Please stand as you are able.*

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 29

- 11:00 Worship in Davis Chapel
- 12:00 Reception in the Rotunda
- 12:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1

- 10:00 Community Office Hours, Church Office
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper

Sunday, February 5

- 9:45 Sunday School Classes
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 Worship with Communion
- 12:00 Reception in the Narthex
- 12:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany. It's also the Fifth Sunday of January, so we're sharing worship in Davis Chapel and share some old favorite hymns. The reception today will be in the Rotunda.

Please note that we now have response cards for all visitors and attendees of Wake Forest Baptist Church. Take a moment to fill out a card to register your attendance and any needs that you have. Feel free to fill out one card per family.

Join us Wednesday evening for supper and fellowship. This week's meal is Kentucky Fried Chicken. Please note your attendance the response card.

College students and young adults are welcome to pancake lunch on the first Sunday of every month. Join us in the Lower Auditorium after worship for pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice and coffee.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available. Talk with an usher if you need assistance. Music and lyrics are reprinted with permission of OneLicense # A-719218.

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