

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
COMMUNION SUNDAY



BECOMING AWARE

*Where refugees seek deliverance that never comes and the
heart consumes itself as if it would live,*

*Where children age before their time, and life wears down
the edges of the mind,*

*Where the old man sits with mind grown cold,
While bones and sinew, blood and cell, go slowly down to
death,*

*Where fear companions each day's life,
And Perfect Love seems long delayed.*

CHRISTMAS IS WAITING TO BE BORN:
In you, in me, in all mankind.

~Howard Thurman

*Faith includes noticing this mess, the emptiness and
discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns.*

~Anne Lamott

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING OF THE SANCTUS BELL

*Some traditions ring "Sanctus Bells" to call worshippers' attention to "the holy." (Sanctus means "holy" or "sacred.")
Today, the Sanctus Bell rings to signify the holy around, among, and within us.*

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude "O Morning Star"

Kumark

HEARING THE EPIPHANY GOSPEL & PROCESSION OF LIGHT

Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Gospel of Christ!

Many: Thanks be to God!

INTROIT

As with Gladness

Kocher, arr. Monk

The text is that of hymn 173.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, arise, shine,
for your light has come!
The light of Christ has come into the world.
Immanuel.
God with us.

**Many: So arise, shine, for your light has come!
And we will follow the light—
when it shines brightly in the night sky
when it glows dimly on the horizon.**

One: We will follow the light—
when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations
when the road is unfamiliar
and the star rests above a dubious-looking home.
We will lift up our eyes and look around.
And when we see the Christ child,
may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.

**All: When we are in the presence of Immanuel,
may our knees bend in worship.
When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God,
May our hands open in generous sharing;
May our mouths open in generous praise.**

written by Joanna Harader

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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* INVOCATION

Dale Osborne

LISTENING & LEARNING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Darrell Adams

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Epiphinal Directions

Marcus McFaul

FEASTING

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Gift of Finest Wheat

John Ferguson

The congregation may join on the refrain.

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...joining our voices this Epiphany Sunday, singing:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!"

A JOYFUL EUCHARIST

We celebrate communion by the ancient practice of intinction. All bread is gluten free.

Starting with the front pews in each section, move forward by way of the left aisle to receive the bread and dip it into the cup, returning to your seat by way of the right aisle of each section.

This is a joyful time, so please express to your sisters and brothers by passing the peace of Christ with one another, singing the carols, as you approach the table.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

The First Noel
What Child Is This
I Wonder as I Wander

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* UNISON READING OF THE BINKLEY COVENANT

Professing our faith in Jesus Christ, we covenant with God and one another to live together as members of this church in obedience to God's will as it has been and shall be made known to us. As part of the body of Christ throughout the world, we promise to express our faithfulness to Christ in love for one another and for the whole of God's creation. The Spirit of God assisting us, we further promise to attend the services of this congregation, observe its sacraments, support its mission to all people, practice faithful stewardship of our possessions and be conscientious caretakers of the Earth, endeavoring always to be a fruitful body of Christians.

GIVING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, SERVICE, & FELLOWSHIP

Stephanie Ford

*Please pass the Friendship Registers found on each row. Complete the requested information and then pass it back down the row.
Thank you for worshipping with us at Binkley!*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES OF PRAYER

One: God of all good gifts,
who gives freely to us,
have mercy on us and grant us the peace
that the Prince of Peace can provide.

**Many: Grant that our lives would be an offering,
and that our work would be a good gift,
just as the gifts that the magi brought,
pleasing to you and fit for the Lord of all creation.**

One: We look to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
to rule the world with justice,
and to give salvation to all. **Amen**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a scepter from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar; the host of heaven rejoices: Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us: great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

* DOXOLOGY

*You are invited to sign the Doxology
to praise God with your body as well as your voice and mind.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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*If you wish to become a member of Binkley Baptist Church today,
you are invited to come forward during the hymn to be welcomed and received.*

* RECEPTION & INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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* BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the path
that Christ walks
to bring justice
upon the earth,
to bring light
to those who sit
in darkness,
to bring out those
who live in bondage,
to bring new things
to all creation:
may this path
run through our life.
May we be
the road Christ takes.

written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shalom to You

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POSTLUDE

Psalm 100

Knecht

Upon leaving the Sanctuary, please be mindful of those choosing to use the Postlude as their final act of worship.



Guests, welcome! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please leave your name and contact information in the Friendship Register so we can get to know you better.

Today's cover image is "Waiting for the Wise Men" by Lee Kaercher.

We are grateful for the musical gifts offered today by The Chancel Choir; Sue Klausmeyer, Interim Director of the Chancel Choir; Jeff Hammack, Interim Organist; and Darrell Adams, guitar and vocals.

Learn more about these musicians in the announcements section of the bulletin.

Hearing assistance devices and children's worship bags are available in the Narthex.

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Thank you for serving in the Nursery Heather McCuiston and Grace Wheeler.

*** The Congregation standing** as each is able.

WELCOME TO BINKLEY!

Binkley Baptist Church is a community of faith on a journey that calls for questioning, humility and conviction.

As followers of Jesus, we embrace spiritual growth, mutual care, and service, assured that as we serve our neighbors, we joyfully serve God. Intentionally inclusive, we welcome people of all races, sexual orientations, and cultures, respecting diverse religious experiences within the church and beyond. We invite others to join us in our commitment to peace, justice, and care for creation. In a spirit of Christian love, we welcome you.



*The mission of Binkley Baptist Church is
building compassionate and joyful community,
freely exploring spiritual paths,
and pursuing justice and peace in the way of Jesus.*

THE INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

Holy Communion is a sacred and central part of Christian worship. It is a holy act, in which we, individually and corporately, commune with the Loving God. We welcome all who desire a deepened relationship with Christ to the Communion table. From time to time, questions arise concerning the participation of young children in this congregation's service of Holy Communion. The Diaconate recognizes that two historic Baptist principles inform this decision. Baptists are set apart from many other Christian traditions by our practice of Believer's Baptism, which signifies full membership in the church. Traditionally, many Baptist churches encourage persons to receive the Communion bread and cup for the first time after they have been baptized. At the same time, our historic insistence on Soul Liberty reminds us that Baptists value and respect each believer's unique and personal relationship with God. The Diaconate thus recommends that all members of Binkley continue to deepen their understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion, and that families enter into a time of discernment concerning when their children are able to appreciate the sacred nature of Communion. We affirm the responsibility of all believers to determine whether and when they and their children will partake of the Communion elements as we all participate in the service of Communion.

THE DISCRETIONARY FUND

Today you are invited to make a special offering to the Pastor Discretionary Fund. This fund allows Binkley to support our church and community members who are in financial crisis. Earmark any checks "Discretionary Fund" in the item section. Envelopes are available in the chair racks.

THIS WEEK AT BINKLEY

Sunday	1/6	9:00 am	Epiphany Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
Monday	1/7	1:30 pm	Safety Committee	Lounge
		7:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting	Sunroom
Tuesday	1/8	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Library
		1:00 pm	Sermon Shaping	Library
Wednesday	1/9	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		12:30 pm	Primetimers	Lounge
		5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Series	Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday	1/10	7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Library
Sunday	1/13	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		12:00 pm	Safety Committee Information Meeting	Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Youth Group Triple Holiday Party	Off site

PRIMETIMERS: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 12:30 pm, Lounge: Anyone available for a hearty lunch and a wholesome program at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, January 9 is invited to Primetimers. This month, we will hear from Randy Callahan about his life as a drummer. Lunch from K&W is \$9. Please RSVP to the office or sign up outside Dale's door by Monday, January 7.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Jan. 9, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: *Program: Poetry, Justice, Healing, and Hope.* We will watch a stirring video on "Poetic Justice," which brings art and voice, life story and poetry together as a healing force for change. Tessa Hale, Associate Director of the Carolina Justice Policy Center and Binkley member, will facilitate our thoughtful conversation following the video. Check 'Event' in the Friendship Register or RSVP to the office by Monday, January 7 at noon. Dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

MUSIC NEWS: Please extend a warm Binkley welcome to **Sue Klausmeyer** and **Jeff Hammack**. Sue will serve as Director-Chancel Choir until Sunday, February 3. Sue served as Minister of Music here when the new sanctuary was built and was on the committee that chose the Schantz organ company to build our organ. She is a highly regarded choral director, performer, and composer. Sue will share her expertise with us until Sunday, February 3. Jeff Hammack is a native of Virginia, and has been involved in church music on a part-time basis his entire life. He has served churches in Virginia, Durham, NC, and Atlanta, GA. Jeff works full-time in banking and currently serves as risk manager with RBC in Raleigh. Jeff has agreed to share his talents as interim organist until the full-time Minister of Music position is filled, hopefully by early March. *Welcome, Sue and Jeff!*

Today's special musician, **Darrell Adams**, is a singer-songwriter based in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of MedWater, a non-profit organization that empowers communities to manage the critical components of their public health infrastructure. Of his work in this field, Darrell says, "The world's health challenges are too complex to be solved singularly. What is needed is a collaboration of many organizations dedicated to the idea that everyone, regardless of who or where they are, should have access to safe water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education."

**Please stay tuned for updates on rehearsals for Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Hand Bells.*

WELCOME TO BINKLEY! INQUIRER'S CLASS: Sundays, Jan. 13-Feb. 3. 9:45 am, Library: An Inquirer's Class Opportunity for those interested in learning about the mission and ministries of our church. Facilitated by Senior Minister Dr. Marcus McFaul, these sessions are designed especially for those who are interested in joining by membership. January 13, 20, 27, and February 3, during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:30 am in the Library). Register for the class no later than January 8 by contacting the church office.

NEW BINKLEY CHURCH SIGN PROPOSAL: The committee appointed to make recommendations for a new church sign will present a display of our recommendations in January and eagerly await your comments. **Join us in the narthex at 10:15 before worship and following the services on January 13th and 20th** to look at the plans for the sign and see a model of the planned sculpture that is recommended to be part of the sign. Committee members will be available to answer questions at that time. There will be a place to receive your written comments after you review the recommendations.

~The Sign Committee (Rob Lewis, chair, Fred Schroeder, Janet O'Neal, Chon Shoaf)

SAFETY COMMITTEE INFORMATION MEETING: On January 13, 2019 the Safety Working Group will have an informational meeting to report on the activities of the group during the past year. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the morning worship service. Light refreshments will be provided.

MLK BANQUET: The 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Friday Center. Reception 5-6 p.m. The Banquet will begin promptly at 6. Caryl Price and Mark Davis will be among banquet participants. Tickets are \$30.00. Lillian Lee has tickets.

LET'S TALK...AND LISTEN: Sunday, Jan. 27, 2:30-5 pm, Fellowship Hall: You may be aware that lots of conversations have been going on around the church regarding the ways in which women are viewed and heard. Prompted by what's happening in our politics and culture, experiences inside the church in meetings and decision-making, and our own inner yearnings to be fully realized in our beloved community, many women and men have shared perspectives with each other over the past several months. Beginning with the 2018 Women's Retreat in March, several of us have met to learn, listen, and discern a path toward a larger conversation involving the entire congregation that might begin to explore issues related to gender and power. We had worked to imagine how to do this in an open and inviting way so that all voices can be honored and heard. And then, on December 17, the Council accepted the Reference Team final report which called for such a conversation as part of its recommendations. In that spirit, we invite you to set aside **Sunday, January 27 from 2:30-5:00 in the Fellowship Hall** to participate in the first congregational discussion of women and power in our church. More details will be shared closer to the event. We pray that regardless of your views, you will join us to share them at this important meeting.

~Priscilla Bratcher, Linda Bourne, April Kemper, Caryl Price, Susan Rogers

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING 2018: As of January 4, we have raised \$5,127 for the Christmas Eve offering. **The last day to contribute to this offering is January 6, 2019. Please postdate your check for December 31, 2018 if you would like this contribution to appear on your 2018 Statement of Giving.** The Outreach Committee's recommendation to the Church Council for the Christmas Eve offering has been approved, and will be divided among three projects: Fifty percent (50%) will go to **Binkley families in need**. Thirty percent (30%) will go to the **Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)** to assist migrant laborers recovering from Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Migrant workers often do not have access to other hurricane relief funds. And twenty percent (20%) will go to **Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center**, a grassroots civil society organization located at the Separation Wall. In Arabic, "*wi'am*" means "cordial relationships." The Center reaches out to children and families in Bethlehem to provide a safe space for learning and playing, and varied educational and recreational activities including drama, music therapy.

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Ellin Porterfield	Gladess Crisp	Gwen Sherwood	Al Wheless	Edith Wiggins
Rachel Avery	Carl Henley	Weldon Thornton	Lee Scott	Andrew Pike
	Gretchen Jordan	Ellen Stutts	Pam Swanson-Boyd	

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Ann Overton	Carolyn Kozelka	Ginny Lansing
Bill & Judy Eastman	Bill Bodkin	Nancy Joyner

EXTENDED FAMILY

Aaron and Vianey Perkinson, Assam AFB, South Korea (Nape Baker) Abe Grossman (Sibyl Wagner)	The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed (Connie Gates) Tom Long (Karen Long)	The Binkley Church Council The Binkley Diaconate Dirk Leiser (Mary Lou Smith)
Nanh & Veo Siu (Ehn Rocham & Phytut Siu)	David Houser (Paul Lindsay)	Beth Posner (Sarah Hill Colwell)
Tan & Scott Coats (Burma missionaries)	Joan Hammond (Tim Bradshaw)	Johnny O'Neal (Janet O'Neal)
Torren Kudzal, US Army (Roal Carlson)	John Wofford (Adams Wofford)	Nancy Dixon (Pam Swanson Boyd)
Maria de la Mata Bruno (Maribel Bruno)	Tammy Jordan (Roy Brock)	Ann & John Glover (Alice Glover)
Dean Johnson (Terry Huneycutt-Horn)	Betsy Bradley (Julie Lentz)	Ethan Zolit (Martha Hutt)
Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil	Dan McInnis (Gary Stutts)	Alice Meisner (Craig Meisner)
Tara Strickland Hogan (The Walker Family)	Scott Carpenter (Libba Wells)	Don Knight (Josiah & Myra Knight)
Valerie & Percell Harper (April Harper)	Aggie Mills (Karin Mills)	Wendy Gulley (Teeta West)
Terri Jones (Julie Lentz)	Sarah Bednarek (Karen Long)	

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