

# THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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## BECOMING AWARE

*“If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.”*

— Martin Luther King Jr.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING OF THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE O God, Beyond All Praising Page

OPENING SENTENCES & THE FIRST GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21

INTROIT Thy Loving Kindness S. Klausmeyer

Under the shadow of Thy wings, how excellent is Thy loving kindness.  
O God, how excellent is Thy loving kindness.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Under the hot Atlanta sun, in the midst of blue waters, the white sepulchre rests. The words carved in marble do not ring or echo off the glass towers of the cities or roll across the quilted plains of our overflowing blessedness.

The shadowed fist of hatred and violence has shattered and stilled the music of his voice, and now his words in silence, mute as stone, await the kindling flame of those who, like himself, can banish fear into its narrow cell and loose the soul for love's unconquerable power.

**Many: Who dares to lift the song of justice in unjust and dangerous times...**

One: ...when unspoken and unadmitted fear sends us bowing down to the shadow power of shadow gods which the hidden courage of the heart holds in contempt?

**Many: Who dares lift up the song of justice in these times?**

One: Once the bells of freedom have rung, once one person has stood fearless before the smooth and sightless engine of oppression...

**Many: ...and felt the crosshairs of the rifle sighted on his brow...**

One: ...once one person has stood without fear before injustice and felt the focused aim of death, and yet gone on, once the bells of freedom have rung out and broken forth upon the land, once justice has begun to roll down like waters—only then can love become sovereign and rule greatly from sea to shining sea in this sweet land of liberty. Your daughters and your sons stand before their God and fear flees away. Mighty love of Christ, descend into their souls as a flock of doves might glide onto the shining meadows of the dawn.

Brothers and sisters, children of God, we have been to mountain heights; we have seen the promised land.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Indeed, the afterglow of dawn yet paints the rising peaks behind us with roses and with pearls. Let us descend the downward slopes into valleys of the kingdom.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Cradle your brother, lift up your sister, bind up the wounded.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Lift up the pipes of peace and shoulder, each one, the cross beams of our victory. For we shall build anew the cities of our God and reap the harvest of God's joy among the valleys of grace.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Each one shall help the other, and we shall be keepers of each and every precious child of God. The blood that flows among us will not touch the soil, but rather, like a singing river that draws a silver circle around a sacred isle, it will bind us to one another in one sacred unity of gentleness and love.

**Many: Amen.**

One: The dawn has come at last. The pealing of the freedom bells cascades from the hills and rolls like mighty rivers into the desert of the past. In our midst the light has dwelt and journeyed with us through grief and sorrow, the joy and love of our pilgrimage.

**Many: Amen.**

One: Let that light shine from every face of every child, from every brother and every sister, every father, every mother—that every continent of this verdant earth shall be strewn with the glowing fires of freedom and liberty. And the glory of the heavens will be envious of the jeweled earth, which will chart its course among the fiery novas of the universe.

**All: Amen and Amen.**

*From Litanies for All Occasions by Garth House*

\* OPENING HYMN **Lift Every Voice and Sing** 631

\* INVOCATION & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Dale Osborne*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE **Sweet, Sweet Spirit** 261

**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, SERVICE, &amp; FELLOWSHIP

*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!*

## LISTENING &amp; LEARNING

## A WORD OF POETRY

Howard Lee

## Let America be America Again

*by Langston Hughes*

Let America be America again.  
Let it be the dream it used to be.  
Let it be the pioneer on the plain  
Seeking a home where he himself is free.

(America never was America to me.)

Let America be the dream the dreamers  
dreamed—  
Let it be that great strong land of love  
Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme  
That any man be crushed by one above.

(It never was America to me.)

O, let my land be a land where Liberty  
Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,  
But opportunity is real, and life is free,  
Equality is in the air we breathe.

(There's never been equality for me,  
Nor freedom in this "homeland of the free.")

Say, who are you that mumbles in the dark?  
And who are you that draws your veil across the  
stars?

I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart,  
I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars.  
I am the red man driven from the land,  
I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek—  
And finding only the same old stupid plan  
Of dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak.

I am the young man, full of strength and hope,  
Tangled in that ancient endless chain  
Of profit, power, gain, of grab the land!

Of grab the gold! Of grab the ways of satisfying  
need!

Of work the men! Of take the pay!  
Of owning everything for one's own greed!

I am the farmer, bondsman to the soil.  
I am the worker sold to the machine.  
I am the Negro, servant to you all.  
I am the people, humble, hungry, mean—  
Hungry yet today despite the dream.  
Beaten yet today—O, Pioneers!  
I am the man who never got ahead,  
The poorest worker bartered through the years.

Yet I'm the one who dreamt our basic dream  
In the Old World while still a serf of kings,  
Who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave, so true,  
That even yet its mighty daring sings  
In every brick and stone, in every furrow turned  
That's made America the land it has become.  
O, I'm the man who sailed those early seas  
In search of what I meant to be my home—  
For I'm the one who left dark Ireland's shore,  
And Poland's plain, and England's grassy lea,  
And torn from Black Africa's strand I came  
To build a "homeland of the free."

The free?

Who said the free? Not me?  
Surely not me? The millions on relief today?  
The millions shot down when we strike?  
The millions who have nothing for our pay?  
For all the dreams we've dreamed  
And all the songs we've sung  
And all the hopes we've held  
And all the flags we've hung,

The millions who have nothing for our pay—  
Except the dream that's almost dead today.

O, let America be America again—  
The land that never has been yet—  
And yet must be—the land where every man is  
free.  
The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's,  
Negro's, ME—  
Who made America,  
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,  
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the  
rain,  
Must bring back our mighty dream again.

Sure, call me any ugly name you choose—  
The steel of freedom does not stain.

From those who live like leeches on the people's  
lives,  
We must take back our land again,  
America!

O, yes,  
I say it plain,  
America never was America to me,  
And yet I swear this oath—  
America will be!

Out of the rack and ruin of our gangster death,  
The rape and rot of graft, and stealth, and lies,  
We, the people, must redeem  
The land, the mines, the plants, the rivers.  
The mountains and the endless plain—  
All, all the stretch of these great green states—  
And make America again!

From *The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes*, published by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. Copyright © 1994 the Estate of Langston Hughes

## PRAYING & GIVING

HEARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

*Austin Maynor*

CALL TO PRAYER

**Spirit of the Living God**

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**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

THE MORNING PRAYER

SENTENCES OF STEWARDSHIP

Sisters and brothers, who we are and yet becoming as individuals  
shows God's presence in the world.

That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved  
Community.

Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together  
that God may be glorified.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ, the Sure Foundation

Douglas E. Wagner

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and  
precious, binding all the Church in one. To this temple, where we call thee, Lord, come, Lord. For  
we are laborers together with God. According to the grace of God, I've laid my foundation, and  
builded another on. So take heed as you order your life, that no foundation can be laid than Jesus  
Christ. Laud and honor to the creator, Laud and honor to Christ, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever  
Three and ever One.

\* 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!**

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## HEARING & RESPONDING

\* THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:22-30

*Please stand and turn to the center of the Sanctuary for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Scandal of Particularity:  
The Messages of Jesus and Dr. King”

*Marcus McFaul*

\* AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**This Is My Song**

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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

\* BENEDICTION ANTHEM

Go Forth Into the World in Peace  
Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good,  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Go forth into the world in love,  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,  
Help the afflicted, honor all people: Love and serve the Lord.  
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Go forth into the world in peace.

Paul Sjolund

POSTLUDE

Toccata Francais

Young

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



## 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.*

**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.

**About today's cover image:** American civil rights campaigner Martin Luther King (1929 - 1968) and his wife Coretta Scott King lead a black voting rights march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capital in Montgomery on 30th March 1965. (Photo by William Lovelace/Express/Getty Images)

**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 Jenny Walters, flute.

**The flowers on the communion table are given by** Stephanie Ford in honor of her daughter, Deepmala Anne's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday; Deepmala's name means 'necklace of light'!

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT BINKLEY

Sunday	1/20	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		9:45 am	Welcome to Binkley Inquirer's Class	Library
		11:00 pm	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge
Monday	1/21	Church office closed for MLK Holiday		
		Newsletter Deadline		
		6:00 pm	Leadership Team	Lounge
Tuesday	1/22	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
		10:30 am	Daytime Book Group	Library
		1:00 pm	Sermon Shaping	Library

Wednesday	1/23		Binkley serves lunch and dinner at IFC	
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Series	Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday	1/24	1:15 pm	Carolina Meadows Worship	
Sunday	1/27	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		9:45 am	Welcome to Binkley Inquirer's Class	Library
		11:00 am	Worship: Marcus McFaul preaching	Sanctuary
		2:30 pm	Conversation on Gender and Power	Fellowship Hall
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge

**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 20th and 27th** 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)*

**FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE:** Please sign up to provide flowers for the communion table on the board in the narthex. If you don't have a preference, please consider taking a date in February or March. Providing flowers is a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one or special event while adding beauty to our worship space. Sign up today!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Jan. 23, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: God's Mysterious Moves: Process Theology & Global Warming. Herman Greene,** founding director of the Center for Ecozoic Studies, considers how God may be ushering in new possibilities in the midst of this global crisis. A friend to Binkley, an activist for the flourishing of Earth, Herman will bring fresh theological perspectives and hope to making a difference. Check 'Event' in the Friendship Register or RSVP to the office by Monday, January 21 at noon. Dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

**INVITATION TO MEN AND WOMEN OF BINKLEY: A Time to Share Perspectives on Women's Roles at Binkley, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2:30-5 pm, Fellowship Hall:** If you have something to say and want to hear new perspectives, please come. Through the use of personal stories, a look at Binkley's history and a Samoan Circle time to share, we hope to continue this important conversation that has been and is taking place among various groups within the church, both formal and informal. We want to bring the conversation forward by including the voices of all who wish to participate as we grapple with some deep concerns. Please join us. Child care will be provided, but you will need to let the church office know by noon on Wednesday, January 23. We look forward to seeing you there. ~*Priscilla Bratcher, Linda Bourne, April Kemper, Caryl Price, Susan Rogers.*

**BINKLEY'S BAIL BOND JUSTICE AND SUPPORT PROJECT KICK-OFF: Tuesday, January 29th, 7:00-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall.** Binkley Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. This is an opportunity for the Binkley congregation to learn more about the problems of the current bail bond system, details about the Bail Bond Project including the goals, the four parts of the project (Court Observation, Data Collection/Assessment, Participatory Defense, and a Bail Bond Fund), volunteers/resources needed, and project timeline. Speakers will include people impacted by the bail bond system; **Dawn Blagrove,**



**Executive Director Carolina Justice Policy Center; James Williams, Chair NAACP Criminal Justice Committee;** and members of the Binkley Peace and Justice Action Group. You will have the opportunity to volunteer for specific aspects of the project depending on your "time and talent."

**LISTENING AS MINISTRY/LISTENING FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Thursdays beginning January 31, 6:30 pm, Lounge.**

*"The most called-upon prerequisite of a friend is an accessible ear." - Maya Angelou*

*"Remember this, my dear brothers! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak, and slow to become angry."  
- James. 1:19*

What is it like to have someone really listen to you? How do you know when someone is truly understanding what you are trying to communicate? What happens inside a speaker who feels understood? What happens inside a listener who cares enough to listen for understanding? How does a relationship benefit when both people demonstrate their intention to want to truly understand the other even when they disagree?

You are invited to explore these questions and to learn skills that will help you to be a more loving, effective listener for those close to you and for anyone whose relationship you value. You will also have the opportunity to learn how to use these skills and others to create respectful, productive conversations when there is a problem or conflict you want to discuss with another. The class, facilitated by Diana Coble, will meet for five to six sessions on Thursdays from 6:30 until 8:00 beginning January 31 in the Lounge. Classes build on each other so that attendance from the beginning is most beneficial to the individual and the group. Please contact Diana Coble at [dianacoble@gmail.com](mailto:dianacoble@gmail.com) or 919 942-9184 if you wish to participate.

**2019 PROGRAM OF MINISTRY BUDGET MEETINGS:** All members are encouraged to attend two upcoming meetings regarding the 2019 Program of Ministry Budget. Based on pledges received from our *Planting, Cultivating, Harvesting* Stewardship Campaign, the finance committee will present a proposed 2019 budget for discussion at a meeting after worship on **February 3**, in the Fellowship Hall. On the following Sunday, **February 10**, a Church-in-Conference will be held to approve the budget. You may still submit your 2019 pledge to the church office to help us reach our ministry goals for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or you can email your pledge to [business@binkleychurch.org](mailto:business@binkleychurch.org).

**2019 SEYMOUR SYMPOSIUM: Sat.-Sun., March 2-3, 2019: Registration now open! Symposium overview:** These days, we find ourselves in times of deep change, times of fractured certainties. The 2019 Seymour Symposium invites us to gather for sustenance around some stories of hope, of resilience, and of grace. We need the gifts of conversation, of questions, of dance and song, of drumming and puppet pageantry, and a shared meal to restore our spirits. Serene Jones says: "These are hard days. Be gentle with yourself, kindle hope, double-down on whatever spiritual practice sustains you. Our world needs all the love you can give it." **Featured Guest/Keynote Speaker:** Serene Jones, a highly respected scholar and public intellectual, is president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, its first woman president in 182 years. Jones is deeply interested and outspoken in issues informed by theology, women's studies, and ethics. Her most recent books are *Trauma and Grace* (new edition issued Spring 2019) and *Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in Fractured Times*, published March 2019. Samples of Serene's writing can be found in the narthex.

**Visit [binkleychurch.org/seymoursymposium](http://binkleychurch.org/seymoursymposium) for all the details and to register. Deadline to register is February 18. There is no fee to attend the Symposium. Lunch reservations are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.**

**SAVE THE DATES:** Women's Retreat: May 3-5, 2019; Vacation Bible School: June 24-28, 2019; Church-Wide Retreat: July 19-21, 2019

## BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

### CHURCH FAMILY

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

### HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

*Please be in prayer for Pauline Binkley Cheek, daughter of Olin T. Binkley, who is a patient at the Brian Center in Weaverville. In addition to living with lymphoma, she has an additional diagnosis of leukemia. She is receiving chemotherapy treatments and is grateful for your prayers. Pauline is a member of Mars Hill Baptist Church.*

### EXTENDED FAMILY

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