

One: For the love that liberates us to celebrate the world around us
in poetry and song, to delight in shapes and colors,
intricacies and patterns, awesome forces and deep mysteries.

Many: We thank you God of visionary love.

One: For the love that encourages us to express something of our faith;
for creeds and prayers, hymns and readings,
discussion groups and sermons.

Many: We thank you, God of creative love.

One: Above all else we thank you
for a love that bids us to come to Table and celebrate a love that will not let us go,
that nourishes our souls, and is life for the world.

Many: We come to worship, you, O God of everlasting love.

~ written by Bruce Prewer

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, SERVICE, & FELLOWSHIP

Dale Osborne

*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!*

KYRIE *from* GOSPEL MASS

Robert Ray

In the name of the Creator, in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

Oh Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Send us a Savior, set my soul free. Give us your word and teach us to pray.

I want to praise and serve you always.

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob look down.

Have mercy upon us. Christe eleison.

Send us your comfort, grant us your peace.

You are the way, the truth and the light.

I love you more each day and each night.

Jesus the rock of salvation, the light of the world.

Have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

GLORIA *from* GOSPEL MASS

Glory to God in the highest, peace unto all of goodwill. We praise Thee,
We bless Thee. We adore Thee, We glorify Thee. We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

Lord God, Host of Heaven, overall the mighty one.

Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Redeemer of us all.

Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Receive our prayers. Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Creator,

Almighty in heaven. Have mercy on us.

We come to praise your name today. We want to serve you in every way.

Let the loud hosannas ring, shouting the praises to God our King in the name:

Name of Creator, name of the Christ, name of the Holy Ghost,

The Blessed Three in One. Amen.

LISTENING

THE PSALM LESSON

Psalm 71:1-6

CREDO *from* GOSPEL MASS

I believe in God, Creator almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,

The only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, died and was buried, He descended into hell. On the third day He arose. He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free. Now He sits at the right hand and He's waitin' for you and me. He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church.

I believe in the one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth. I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world. I believe when my life is over I'm going home just to live with my Lord.

I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost. I believe in God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 13:1-3

HALLELUJAH *from* GOSPEL MASS

Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Praise God with stringed instruments. Praise God with dance. Praise God on the psaltery and harp. Everything that has breath ought to praise God. Let us praise the Lord.

HOMILY

“Riff on Love”

Marcus McFaul

SANCTUS *from* GOSPEL MASS

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.

There was a man sitting by the roadside; he was blind he could not see.

Then the master of the earth and sky; touched his eyes and he looked around saying: Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.

Another man lay by a poolside, thirty-eight years with his infirmity. The Lord troubled the water; the man arose and he jumped for joy saying:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest. Who gave us victory. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, We will always sing Thy praise. Hosanna in the highest. Like the blind man and the lame man, I was lost, living in sin. Then I opened up my heart one day, I let the Savior in. Now I shout saying: Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee in the highest.

A JOYFUL EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Today, we celebrate God's grace in symbols of bread and cup by the ancient practice of communion by intinction. Beginning with the front pews in each section, use the left aisle to move to stations around the table to receive the bread and dip it into the cup, returning to your seat via the right aisle. All bread is gluten free. During this time you are invited to pass the peace with your brothers and sisters. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and a minister will serve you at your seat. Come to the feast, joyfully, at Christ's table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of Christ 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...lifting our voices, singing:

Chancel Choir: "Hallelujah, praise the Lord."

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP OF CHRIST

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

The Gift of Love	526
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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

OFFERTORY: AGNUS DEI *from* GOSPEL MASS

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

For you came to die for me, suffered bleed, and died, died on Calvary.

In your word you showed us how, we are trying Lord, hear our prayer right now.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

* 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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*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.*

* BLESSING & BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Grant Us Thy Peace (reprise) Robert Ray

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Old Time Religion" Young

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

MUSIC NOTES

The Chancel Choir is singing "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray interspersed throughout today's service. Mr. Ray (b. 1946), who taught at the University of Illinois, Urbana, was asked to try composing an African-American style Mass. Although his musical background was in piano performance, he felt God calling him to compose the 'Gospel Mass.' The premiere took place in 1979, with the composer conducting, and a chorus of his college students singing. Since then, the work has become very popular both as a concert piece and as a part of the liturgy of the church. We hope that you will find the music inspiring and uplifting.

MUSICIANS

Sue Klausmeyer, *Interim Choral Director*Jeff Hammack, *Interim Organist*Michael Davis, *piano*Robbie Link, *bass*Dale Baker, *drums*

The Chancel Choir

Sopranos

*Lexi Batchelor

Laura Davidson

Martha Green

Ginger Ivanov

Gloria Lightsey-Lewis

*Mandy McAllister

Sondra VanSant

Libba Wells

Gaye Williams

Altos

Gretchen Aylsworth

Karen Coletti

Barbara Davis

Maria Fernanda Cruz Molano

Karin Mills

Janet O'Neal

Caryl Price

Merrie Shelp

Sue Wallace

Jenny Walters

Tenors

Gennadiy Albul

Dale Bailey

Lori Barbier

Roal Carlson

Herman Greene

Jeff Hammack

Larry Nielsen

Kevin Ramer

Basses

*Jack Carmichael

Mike Davis

Scott Goodwin

Micheal Palmer

Wayne Price

Mark Walters

Jim Wilde

*Choral Scholar

Names underlined are soloist today.

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.

The flowers on the communion table are given by Libba Wells with deep appreciation for Dr. Sue Klausmeyer, who is so beautifully serving as Interim Director of the Chancel Choir, and for the hard-working committee working to secure a new permanent Minister of Music: Anne Huffman, chair; Emily Brewer; Roal Carlson; Martha Green; Ellen Stutts; and Jim Wise.

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.

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	2/3	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: <i>Robert Ray's Gospel Mass</i>	Sanctuary
		12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting on Budget & Music Search	Fellowship Hall
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Jernigan Home
Monday	2/4	1:30 pm	Safety Committee	Lounge
		5:15 pm	Hand Bell Choir	Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Diaconate	Sunroom
Tuesday	2/5		Office closed: Staff Retreat	
Wednesday	2/6	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Series	Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday	2/7	6:30 pm	Listening Group	Lounge
Sunday	2/10	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: Stephanie Ford preaching	Sanctuary
		12:00 pm	Church-in-Conference	Fellowship Hall
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 3) FOR TWO IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS:

- 2019 Program of Ministry Budget
- Announcement from the Minister of Music Search Committee

The gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall with a light lunch. Child Care will be available. Voting on each will occur next Sunday (Feb. 10) at a Church in Conference following the 11:00 Worship Service.

SOUPER BOWLS OF CARING are available today. Place cash or check in the pot bearing the name of your desired Super Bowl Champion. All monies received will support the IFC food pantry. Thanks for supporting hungry community members.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Feb. 6, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: Program: Resolutions that Stuck and Those Still Slippery. Following Earth Ministries January challenge, we will hear from a panel of Binkley folks around their efforts to begin resolutions to help our planet home. We'll follow up with some table conversations about ideas percolating among us, and the joys and trials of making lifestyle changes. Like our 12 Sustainable Days of Christmas, we'll end with a playful song. Check 'Event' in the Friendship Register or RSVP to the office by Monday, February 4 at noon. Dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

JUSTICE UNITED COUNTYWIDE MEETING: The next meeting is Thursday, February 7, 7 to 9 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough, 1710 Old NC Hwy 10, Hillsborough. We will vote on our spring action agenda, which includes increasing teacher diversity and bi-lingual staff in Orange County Schools and more affordable housing resources in Chapel Hill and Orange County. Newcomers are welcome, to see how Justice United works to help weave together the diverse

people of the county to advocate for their needs. For information, contact Paul Lindsay, Tom Fewel, Velma Ferrel, or Ashley Nissler.

JUSTICE UNITED PUBLIC ACTION: Orange County Justice United needs 2-3 volunteers from Binkley Church to attend a Public Action rally on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 P.M. at the meeting of the Orange County School Board in Hillsborough. Justice United will be there to encourage board members to keep commitments to hire more minority teachers and have a Spanish-speaking person in the front office of every school. Justice United volunteers will be in the lobby to support a small delegation who will speak during the public comment period at 6:30 (the meeting room is too small for all to go inside). This meeting was originally scheduled in December, but was canceled because of bad weather. Orange County Board of Education, 200 E. King St., Hillsborough. If you can attend, please email or call Paul Lindsay, plindsay2@aol.com, 919-604-1699.

FROM OUTREACH: Because of the congregational visioning process this summer and fall, the Outreach Committee suspended its normal application process where members of the congregation could request funds for certain charitable and social justice entities and Outreach would allocate the money. Upon reflection and because of the changes necessitated by the visioning process, Outreach has significantly changed the way it will allocate money for the next budget year. We have moved what we consider historic partners into the Outreach budget category called "Sustaining Partnerships", and we are providing specific funds for the congregational choices for four visioning projects this coming year. Rather than allocate the remainder among nominated entities as we have done in the past, we have chosen to leave the remainder of the Outreach budget in a Social Justice Fund. The Outreach Committee encourages you to submit proposals to that fund that fit within the intent of the four visioning projects. For example, if you believe an entity like Josh's Hope needs financial support, you might want to invite them to provide an educational session on compassion at a Sunday school lesson or at a Wednesday dinner and figure out a way to provide funding. If you think we and Barbee's Chapel should have a stronger presence at HK on J, you might want to apply for money to charter a bus. If you think Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws needs assistance and provides for social justice, you could apply for a grant to sponsor a puppy and at the same time provide for an educational session for a Sunday school class about what EENPs does, complete with dogs in training. The idea is to make our outreach projects more immediate and personal. In this way we hope to move outreach efforts away from simply writing checks to a place where we can all participate in outreaching.

HOPE AND HEALING: FAITH COMMUNITIES AND THE SUICIDE CRISIS is a day-long interfaith conference in Chapel Hill on April 5, exploring how faith influences our reactions to suicide and what we can do better in our responses. Speakers will address how faith communities can engage, support, and build resiliency around those affected by suicide and suicidality. Registration is now open, for more information please visit <http://www.fcmi-nc.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. **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. Brief articles by Serene Jones are available on a credenza in the narthex: "*How to Heal the Spiritual Pain of America*" and "*A Terrorist War Against Women.*" **New to this Symposium: Children's program, 9am-noon.**

Visit binkleychurch.org/seymoursymposium for all the details and to register. There is no fee to attend the Symposium. Lunch provided with suggested donation of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Ellin Porterfield	Gladess Crisp	Gwen Sherwood	Al Wheless
Rachel Avery	Carl Henley	Weldon Thornton	Edith Wiggins
Pam Swanson	Phil Szostak	Pam Swanson-Boyd	

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

Condolences to the family of Pauline Binkley Cheek, who died on February 1.

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)	Wendy Gulley (Teeta West)	The Taylor Family (Jo Lea)
LewLew Whayne (Julie Lentz)	Sarah Bednarek (Karen Long)	Richard Schmitz (Jennifer Mahoney)
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