

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 10, 2019
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



BECOMING AWARE

“The universe is a communion of subjects rather than a collection of objects. Existence itself is derived from and sustained by this intimacy of each being with every other being of the universe.”

~Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry,
The Universe Story

In the last two decades, tree scientists have discovered something fascinating...trees communicate. They count, share resources, and talk with each other using a system dubbed the ‘Wood Wide Web.’”

~Matthew Sleeth,
“The Arbor of God”

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hamlin

INTROIT

I Give Thanks

S. Klausmeyer

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart. And I sing your praise.
I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who dwell in God's shelter, all who dwell in God's work of art.

Many: We come, delighting in the gift of our Earth home.

One: We live in God's World; and we are not alone.

Many: We share this life with the waters and the land, with the trees and the grasses.

One: We share this life with the fish, birds, and animals, as well as with creatures of every form.

Many: And with all of our human brothers and sisters.

One: God's love overflows into all that is.

Many: And so we celebrate the Love that connects each one of us to every other!

All: A-men.

* OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, SERVICE, & 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!*

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ubi Caritas

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

LISTENING

THE PSALM LESSONS

Psalm 1

Psalm 24 (*version by Jerry Webber*)

Deepmala Ford-Williams

Dale Osborne

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

POEM

When I am Among the Trees

by Mary Oliver

Emily Brewer

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks, and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.*

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."*

*The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple,"
they say, "and you, too, have come
into the world to do this, to go easy,
to be filled with light, and to shine."*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-5

SERMON

"The Wisdom of Trees"

Stephanie Ford

PRAYING

HEARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Austin Maynor

ANTHEM

I Will Sing With the Spirit

John Rutter

MORNING PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.**

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,

Prayer continues on next page...

Let heaven and earth become one.
 Give us this day the bread we need,
 Give it to those who have none.
 Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
 From each one to each one.
 Lead us to holy innocence
 Beyond the evil of our days —
 Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
 For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
 Forever your name is All in One.

written by Parker Palmer

GIVING & RESPONDING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	God of Grace and God of Glory	Paul T. Langston
* DOXOLOGY	<i>You are invited to sign the Doxology to praise God with your body as well as your voice and mind.</i>	
	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	For Beauty of Meadows	696
	<i>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.</i>	
* RECEPTION & INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS		341
* BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
* BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Three-fold Amen	314
POSTLUDE	Sortie	Franck
	<i>Upon leaving the Sanctuary, please be mindful of those choosing to use the Postlude as their final act of worship.</i>	



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 Eva and Joe Clontz in appreciation for their children and their families.

We are grateful for the musical gifts offered today by Sue Klausmeyer, Interim Choral Director; Jeff Hammack, Interim Organist; and the Chancel Choir.

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	2/10	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Stephanie Ford preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		12:00 pm	Church-in-Conference	Sanctuary
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge
Monday	2/11	5:15 pm	Hand Bell Choir	Sanctuary
		6:00 pm	Leadership Team	Lounge
		7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library
Tuesday	2/12	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Library
		1:00 pm	Sermon Shaping	Library
Wednesday	2/13	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Series	Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday	2/14	6:30 pm	Listening Group	Lounge
		7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Library
Sunday	2/17	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge

OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

CHURCH-IN-CONFERENCE, TODAY: A Church-in-Conference will be held in the sanctuary immediately following worship this morning for the purpose of voting on 1) The 2019 budget 2) The recommendation from the Minister of Music Search Committee. Grab a cup of coffee in the narthex and join us for this important gathering.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Feb. 13, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: Standing Our Ground: Environmental Law Making a Difference. Join us for an informative, compelling presentation by **Gundrun Thompson**, Senior Attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. Thompson is the Leader of SELC's Energy Efficiency Program, and is active in numerous initiatives to protect the ecosystems of our state. 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.

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: The Children's Program for the Seymour Symposium is going to be awesome! Brennetta Simpson will join us from 9:00-10:30 am for a musical workshop on Gospel Songs, featuring the work of famed author and musician, Ashley Bryan, and others. From 10:30 am-noon, we'll be on the playground and doing hands-on activities. We'll end the morning program with a reading group featuring children's books about Sojourner Truth and Libba Cotton. African drummers will greet all Symposium participants, including children, first thing in the morning. At noon, children will re-join their parents for a performance of the Paperhand Puppet Intervention (a not-to-miss event). Please come and bring your delightful children!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Volunteer to be a Friendship Helper at any time during the morning (call Stephanie Ford or Sheryl Scrimsher for more details);
- Save gallon WATER JUGS or very clean gallon milk jugs for us;
- Save cylindrical shaped OATMEAL BOXES or other containers that children might use for making drums.

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.

PRIMETIMERS: Monday, Feb. 18, 12:30 pm, Lounge: NOW ON MONDAYS! Anyone available for a hearty lunch and a wholesome program at 12:30 pm on Monday, February 18 is invited to Primetimers. This month our program is led by Marcus McFaul, “Life with Uncle Ernest: The Ernest Tubb Story.” Lunch from K&W is \$9. Please RSVP to the office or sign up outside Dale’s door by Friday, February 15.

FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE: Council has approved our committee’s recommendations for increasing security during the 11:00 worship hour and the creation of a team of safety coordinators to implement the safety plan. Our goal continues to be balancing congregational safety with our commitment to be a welcoming community. We continue to seek your feedback as we work toward this goal.

SAFETY PROCEDURES:

- Implement 11:15a.m. Door schedule to automatically lock the building entry doors (access by fob still enabled for these doors)
- Manually lock the door at Meals on Wheels entrance at 11:15 a.m.
- Manually lock the Fordham Blvd narthex doors (these doors are still enabled for fob access)
- Manually lock the narthex courtyard doors at 11:15 and unlock at 11:55.
- No backpacks allowed in sanctuary.
- Establish a team of safety coordinators.

As we implement these procedures on a regular basis, we will all need to remember to have your key fob available if you leave the building while the doors are locked. You can always exit the building but you can only enter the worship hour after 11:15 with your fob key or with the assistance of a safety coordinator located in the narthex. With practice and cooperation, we can all enjoy a more secure worship hour. Thank you from the safety committee: Don Willhoit, chair, Margie Billinger, Lillian Lee, C.L. Morton, Janet O’Neal, Jim Wilde. (The committee extends gratitude to C.L. Morton who stepped down as chair of the committee after a full year of dedicated leadership.)

FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE: Providing a floral arrangement for the communion table is a great way to beautify our worship space while commemorating a loved one or special occasion. We have a few dates open coming up soon (next week, in fact!), as well as some later in the year. Please consider signing up for one or more dates today.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

BINKLEY BODIES AND SOULS FOR JUSTICE NEEDED: Orange County Justice United needs 5 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. We will encourage board members to keep commitments to hire more minority teachers and have a Spanish-speaking person in the front office of every school. The location has now been moved to a larger space to accommodate Justice United supporters: Gravelly Hill Middle School, 4801 W. Ten Rd., Efland. If you can attend, please email or call Paul Lindsay, plindsay2@aol.com, 919-604-1699.

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>.

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	Marcella Wagoner

Our condolences to Jennifer Maboney upon the death of her father, Richard Schmitz.

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

EXTENDED FAMILY

Aaron and Vianey Perkinson, Assam AFB, South Korea (Nape Baker)	The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed (Connie Gates)	The Binkley Church Council The Binkley Diaconate
Abe Grossman (Sibyl Wagner)	Tom Long (Karen Long)	Dirk Leiser (Mary Lou Smith)
Nanh & Veo Siu (Ehn Rocham & Phyt 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)	Fred Clifford (Dick Clifford)	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)	Doris Tillman (Lori Barbier)

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