

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2019
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

BECOMING AWARE

“Christianity is the only world religion that confesses a God who suffers. It is not all that popular an idea, even among Christians. We prefer a God who prevents suffering, only that is not the God we have got. What the cross teaches us is that God’s power is not the power to force human choices and end human pain. It is, instead, the power to pick up the shattered pieces and make something holy out of them—not from a distance but right close up.”

~Barbara Brown Taylor, *God in Pain*

“When you plant lettuce, if it does not grow well, you don't blame the lettuce. You look for reasons it is not doing well. It may need fertilizer, or more water, or less sun. You never blame the lettuce. Yet if we have problems with our friends or family, we blame the other person. But if we know how to take care of them, they will grow well, like the lettuce. Blaming has no positive effect at all, nor does trying to persuade using reason and argument. That is my experience.

No blame, no reasoning, no argument, just understanding. If you understand, and you show that you understand, you can love, and the situation will change.”

~Thich Nhat Hanh

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude on a Ground Bass

Herbert Murrill
Kyle Ballantine, organ

INTROIT

Come, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda

Come, my children, with my blessing, never alone; waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Come my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

INVOCATION

Austin Maynor

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Isaiah 55: 1-3*)

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst—
come drink deeply from the river of life.

Many: **Come to the water, all you who are weary—
come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**

One: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

Many: **For God is here among us,
This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**

One: May the Divine pour out the Spirit on all who thirst.

All: **This is a place for those who ache and yearn for meaning and a deeper life.
Let us worship God together.**

~Christine Longhurst

* OPENING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Robert Jackson

sung twice by all

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.'

WELCOME & 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!

LEARNING & LEADING

THE PSALM LESSON

Psalm 63:1-8

One: The word of God for the people of God.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

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stanzas 1 & 2

RECOGNITION OF OUR NEW CHURCH COUNCIL

LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

Minister: Using wisdom and foresight, Jesus called people to serve with him in order to spread the good news of God's love for humanity. Today Binkley recognizes that our Church Council is a wise and necessary body who helps our church and its many ministries provide care, hospitality and a sense of welcome to all who cross our path.

Gary Stutts: *As Moderator, I want to express my gratitude for all who have served on Council this past year. Many of you will continue to serve, bolstered by the support of new members who bring new energy and ideas. The Church Council for 2019-2020 consists of Secretary/Historian: Sarah Colwell McIntyre; Chair of Diaconate: Terry Huneycutt and beginning in May, Jim Wise; Members at Large: Kristen Smith & Lori Barbier; Finance Committee and Cluster Chair: Mark Walters, Budget Director: Miles Highsmith, Treasurer: Chon Shoaf, Financial Secretary: David Green, Stewardship: Linda Hill-Wise, and Communications, Claudia Templeton; Building Use & Maintenance Cluster and specifically Building Use: Susan Preston, Building Maintenance: Bill McNairy & Don Willboit, Grounds: Janet O'Neal; Christian Formation Cluster Co-Chairs: Lisa Parks & Kara Richards-Baker; Membership & Fellowship Cluster and specifically Membership: Terry Huneycutt, Fellowship: Charles Carver & Lillian Lee, Memorials: Sheryl Scrimsher; Mission & Ministry Cluster and specifically Outreach: Roal Carlson & Sheryl Scrimsher, Earth Ministry: Charles Coble & Buck Horton, Peace & Justice: Velma Ferrell, Health Ministry: Tonya Hamm & Betty Raft; Music & Worship Cluster and specifically Music: Libba Wells, Worship: Caryl Fulcher.*

Congregation: As participants in the life of this community of faith, we give thanks to God for your willingness to serve. As followers of Jesus, we are grateful for the ways you, as our Church Council, will help us live out the ministries he taught throughout his earthly journey. As members and friends of Binkley Baptist Church, we commission you to a year of steady leadership in your various roles on the Church Council. In conjunction with this commissioning, we pledge to support you prayerfully, thoughtfully, and physically in the tasks that lay before us all.

Church Council: *We thank God for this opportunity and we thank you for the confidence you have shown in each one of us. We look forward to all of us working together for the common good of this church, the greater community, and the beautiful realm of God on this good Earth.*

ALL: Thanks be to God who calls us into loving service.

RESPONSE

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

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stanza 3

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

Gary Stutts, Moderator

PRAYING & GIVING

HEARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

Dale Osborne

HOLDING SILENCE TOGETHER

THE MORNING PRAYER

SENTENCES OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come to the Water

Linda Hasseler
Mandy McAllister, soprano

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

* DOXOLOGY

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The sign language accompanying the Doxology is suspended during Lent.
We will resume the signing of the Doxology on Easter Sunday.*

HEARING & RESPONDING

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Worse Sinners”

Marcus McFaul

* AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

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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 RESPONSE

Amen

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Alla Marcia

Henry Coleman

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.

The flowers on the communion table are given by Caryl Fulcher in honor of her mother, Gladys, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 14, and in honor of her daughter, Sarah, who turns 25 today.

We are grateful for the musical gifts offered today by 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	3/24	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		12:15 pm	Celebration of Committee Members & Welcome for Kyle & John	Fellowship Hall
		1:30 pm	CROP Walk	Off site
Monday	3/25	1:30 pm	Safety Committee	Library
		5:15 pm	Hand Bell Choir	Choir Room
		7:00 pm	Human Resources	Library
Tuesday	3/26	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
		10:30 am	Daytime Book Group	Library
		8:00 pm	Compline for Students	Chapel
Wednesday	3/27		Binkley serves lunch and dinner at IFC	
		9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		12:00 pm	Breathing Underwater Lenten Series	Lounge
		5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Series	Fellowship Hall
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday	3/28	1:15 pm	Carolina Meadows Worship	
Saturday	3/30	2:00 pm	Women of Binkley	Library
Sunday	3/31	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		12:15 pm	Congregational Conversation on Church Sign	Fellowship Hall
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge

COMMITTEE CELEBRATION & WELCOME FOR KYLE & JOHN:

TODAY: A party to thank our hard-working committee members and to formally welcome our new Minister of Music & Organist, Kyle Ballantine and his partner, John. Cake, punch, balloons, and Patrick McDonough at the piano. We'll be out with plenty of time to make it to CROP Walk. Post-worship in the Fellowship Hall.

CROP WALK TODAY: It is not too late to donate or walk. Stop at the CROP Walk table in the narthex.

A SPECIAL CELTIC EUCHARIST AT CHAPEL OF THE CROSS:

You are invited to experience the holiness of Lent through Celtic spirituality on March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Celtic Eucharists are candlelit services with periods of sacred music providing a quiet meditative experience. In this setting of stillness and calm, you are invited to rest in the quiet, pray and reflect. 304 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill.

LENTEN COMPLINE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS: Tuesdays during Lent, 8 pm,

Chapel: All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to gather in the chapel each Tuesday evening during Lent for Compline. Offered at the close of day, Compline is an ancient prayer service that directs the heart toward God as the

body prepares for evening rest. Our services will include poetry, scripture, responsive readings, and a guided prayer. The service will begin at 8PM and will last for about half an hour. Please contact Austin Maynor with any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Mar. 27, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: *One Breath at a Time: A Skeptic's Guide to Christian Meditation.* The fourth installment of this six-part series led by Dana Trent. For full details, please check the March newsletter. Check 'Event' in the Friendship Register or RSVP to the office by Monday, March 25 at noon. Dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

GARDEN DAY AT SOUTH ESTES HOUSING COMMUNITY: An opportunity for Binkley gardeners: Saturday, Mar. 30, 9 am: We will gather to work with the people of the housing community to plant seeds and small plants for this year's garden. Please bring whatever seeds and plants and tools you need. We are especially interested in planting peppers, okra, and cabbage. We can also use more fertilizer and top soil. If anyone has a tiller and the means to bring it with you, please do so. The South Estes Public Housing Community is located on South Estes Drive Extension, across US 15-501 from University Place. For information, please contact Paul Lindsay, plindsay2@aol.com, 919-604-1699.

WOMEN OF BINKLEY: Sharing Stories. Saturday, Mar. 30, 2 pm, Library: During the recent Seymour Symposium, Dr. Serene Jones reminded all of us of the power of sharing stories. As a follow-up to the January meeting and Samoan circle conversation on women's experiences at Binkley, we wish to offer a time for women to come together to share stories among ourselves. We have set aside Saturday, March 30 from 2:00-3:30. Please gather with us in the Library and we will move to a larger space if needed. Come ready to share your experiences and to be heard. ~Priscilla Bratcher, Linda Bourne, April Kemper, Caryl Price, Susan Rogers.

LISTENING OPPORTUNITY ON PROPOSED CHURCH SIGN: Sunday, Mar. 31, Post-Worship, Fellowship Hall: The committee tasked with developing a plan for a new church sign shared comments from the congregation with Church Council and suggested a listening opportunity for the congregation. The Council agreed and the leadership team planned a session for listening on **March 31 after worship.** There will be light refreshments provided. Please take time to attend and share your perspectives and listen to those of others as a compassionate community of faith. *Check your Friday Update for details on the sign proposal.*

IN THE LIGHT OF SELF-COMPASSION: Women's Retreat, May 3-5, 2019 – Salter Path, NC. Join Binkley women (and invite friends) for a weekend to renew body and spirit at the beach. We'll consider practices of self-care physically, spiritually and mentally. Laughter is sure to be on the menu. *The Trinity Center is our host*, and May is a lovely time to be at the seaside. Registration forms are available at Stephanie Ford's door.

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH": Landscapes by Joan Meade. The lovely selection of paintings displayed in our narthex and sanctuary are by Chapel Hill artist Joan Meade. Ms. Meade's work focuses on the natural world, particularly water, rocks, and trees in all their amazing manifestations. Accompanying each painting is an identification card that gives the painting's name, the location that inspired it, and a poem or other inspirational writing chosen by members of Binkley's Fine Arts Committee. The 31 paintings will remain in place through Easter Sunday. Additional information about the artist and her work are available on the credenza in the narthex. To see more of her paintings or to contact her, go to www.joanmeade.com.

LENTEN BANNER: The banner hanging in the sanctuary this Lenten season shows the name Jesus in sign language, one hand touching the other where the nails were. The Greek letters Chi and Rho on the left side show one of the early forms of Christogram using the first two letters of the Greek spelling of Christos.

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Andrew Pike	Gladess Crisp	Marcella Wagoner	Edith Wiggins
Rachel Avery	Carl Henley	Weldon Thornton	Don Reinfurt
Mable Strowd	Al Wheless	Pam Swanson-Boyd	

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

EXTENDED FAMILY

Aaron and Vianey Perkinson, Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA (Nape Baker)	The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed (Connie Gates)	The Binkley Church Council The Binkley Diaconate
David Hilsabeck (Adams Wofford & Sybil Wagner)	Tom Long (Karen Long)	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)	LewLew Whyane (Julie Lentz)	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)	Doris Tillman (Lori Barbier)
The Breckenridge Family (Tim Bradshaw)	Sarah Bednarek (Karen Long)	Ellen Powell & Family (Myra Knight)

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