

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
LAUNCH SUNDAY
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



BECOMING AWARE

*Dear Potter,
The lump of clay that I am
Keeps crying for some form
Day by day
I yearn for you to mold me*

*This is a trust song, Lord
I am in your hands like clay
I am ready to be transformed:*

*I expect to be molded
I expect to be beautiful
I expect to be loved.
And if by chance
Someone should drop me
As your apprentices sometimes do,
I expect to be hurt.*

*I'm just trying to say
I have surrendered to your dream for me
I am in your hands like clay.*

~ from Seasons of Your Heart by Macrina Wiederkehr

GATHERING

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531
Kyle Ballantine, organ

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Cry Out and Shout
Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!

Knut Nystedt

* INVOCATION IN UNISON

**Creator God, all creation is your handiwork;
your touch gives life to all that is.
You who shape and form us by the breath of your Spirit
and the touch of your grace,
you are able to call forth from the depths of our being
the beauty of your Spirit in us.
May we in this service of worship,
seek more deeply your loving touch,
as you fashion and form your heart's desire in us.
This we pray in your Spirit. Amen**

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 64:8*)

One: I appeal to you therefore,
Many: to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
One: Holy and acceptable to God,
Many: which is your spiritual worship.
One: Be not conformed by this world,
Many: but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
One: So that you may discern what is the will of God—
Many: what is good and acceptable and perfect.
One: O Lord, you are our Maker;
Many: we are the clay,
One: and you are the potter,
Many: we are all the work of your hand.

* OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation
Lauren Holtshouser, trumpet

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*stanza 1: all in unison
stanza 2: women
stanza 3: men
stanza 4: choir
stanza 5: all in unison*

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with this ancient sign of welcome and extension of hospitality and peace.

* SONG OF PRAISE

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.

WELCOME & 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!

LISTENING & PRAYING

THE PSALM LESSON

Psalm 139, Psalter 765

THE HEBREW LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-6

One: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God in and among us,

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 19:13-15

One: This is the Gospel of Christ!

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

OUR KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE & CALL TO PRAYER

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

TUNE: ADELAIDE

1) **Have thine own way, Lord!**

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter,

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me

after thy will,

while I am waiting,

yielded and still.

2) **Have thine own way, Lord!**

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,

wash me just now,

as in thy presence

humbly I bow.

Stanzas 3 & 4 on next page...

3) Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!
Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

4) Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

THE MORNING PRAYER

HEARING & RESPONDING

SERMON

“The Church As...A Potter’s House”

Marcus McFaul

SENTENCES OF STEWARDSHIP

One: God, we are reminded of Your grace-filled and creative hands on us—
and how Your hands work through our hands in our world.

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: God’s hands on the universe,
God’s hands on us, molding, creating

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: God’s hands on the universe,
God’s hands on us, sheltering, healing, holding, blessing

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: our hands molding, creating, playing, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: our hands keyboarding, drawing, writing, painting, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: our hands, praying, blessing, healing, receiving, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay

One: Hands on: God’s hands on the universe,
working with our hands on a day to day basis in our world.
And always...

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay. Amen.

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The Chancel Choir

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, you angels of light; O heavens, adore God by whom you were made, and worship before God in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise upon earth, in tuneful accord, all you of new birth; O Praise God who brought you true grace, O praise God who taught you to sing of God's love.

Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord, reecho around; loud organs, God's glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praise to the Lord, thanksgiving and song to God be outpoured all ages along: for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

* DOXOLOGY

Please sign with the leader or simply sing.

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

* AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Make Room Within My Heart, O God

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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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* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Great Amen

Marty Haugen

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

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.

The floral arrangement on the communion table is dedicated by Stewart Bankhead and Stuart Cantrell to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 28 years of initially sinful, later converted by our churches and the judiciary into sin-free union. Here's to miracles.

Today's bulletin cover art is "Potter's Hands" by Gail Palpant.

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, Kate Crutcher, and Grace Wheeler.

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

Make Room within My Heart, O God

1. Make room with-in my heart, O God, that you may form in me
2. Di - rect my will, O God a-bove, sub - ject it to your own,

the im - age you have shown in Christ, my ver - y life to be.
that ev - ery im - pulse, ac - tion, word, may make your will be known.

In - spire my thought, O lof - ty One, to reach the high - est plane,
Ef - fect my prayer, great Trin - i - ty, e - ter - nal Three-in - One,

that I may know the mind of Christ, and him as great - est gain.
com - bine each part of me to praise the Cre - a - tor, Ho - ly One.

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MUSIC: Traditional English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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C.M.D.

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.*

THIS WEEK AT BINKLEY

Sunday	9/8	9:30 am	Launch Sunday Assembly	Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching</i>	Sanctuary
		12:15 pm	Peace & Justice	Library
		6:00 pm	Youth/Family Dinner	Sunroom/Lounge
Monday	9/9	6:00 pm	Leadership Team	Library
		7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Library
Tuesday	9/10	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
		12:30 pm	Adult Formation Team	Sunroom
		1:00 pm	Sermon Shaping	Library
		4:00 pm	Health Ministries	Library
Wednesday	9/11	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday	9/12	7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Library
Sunday	9/15	9:00 am	Morning Celebration	Lounge
		9:30 am	Sunday School	
		11:00 am	Worship: <i>Marcus McFaul preaching, 61st Anniversary Sunday</i>	Sanctuary
		4:30 pm	Hand Bell Choir	Choir Room
		6:00 pm	Youth Group	Sunroom/Lounge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY: Good News for All: the Gospel of Luke. *Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Marcus McFaul.* Tuesdays, 7 pm, Lounge, beginning September 17: Luke's Gospel is uniquely inclusive, involving all people. The Good News is for the outcast and the establishment, for the religious and those searching. Luke speaks to women, to men, to the strong and healthy, to the weak and dispossessed. Its relevance today inspires faith, spirituality and action. Register by September 9 at office@binkleychurch.org. Workbook is \$22 to be paid at the first meeting.

CIRCLES OF COMPASSION: As Binkley kicks off its Year of Compassion, you are invited to join a discussion group to consider what it means to practice compassion, as taught in Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Native American and other traditions. From self-compassion, to compassion for known and unknown travelers, to our families, communities and all of Creation, we'll contemplate what a life of compassion might look like and how to cultivate such a life, using the book *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp as our starting point.

Discussions will take place weekly for six weeks, starting the third week of September. In an attempt to accommodate different schedules, we will consider offering both a day time and an evening group. **At a meeting on Sunday, September 15, after 11 am worship,** we'll gauge interest in different times and determine how many groups we need to form.

Each participant will be asked to purchase the book, *Boundless Compassion*, (available for \$14.00 on Amazon). The daily readings, reflections and prayers vary widely and bring in many different perspectives and stories.

At the conclusion of these six-week discussions, if there is sufficient interest, ongoing groups or 'Circles of Compassion' may emerge. Stephanie Ford and Cate Alexander will facilitate the initial groups, as may others, depending on the number of participants. For more information, contact Cate (571-275-5600) or Stephanie (919-928-5873).

BINKLEY GOLF OPEN: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9:30 am, Southwick Golf Course: The much-anticipated Occasional Binkley Fall Open will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Southwick Golf Course near Swepsonville. We will gather at 9:30 am for team selection. The Open fee is \$30 and includes green fees, cart, and a hot dog and drink at the turn. Information, registration and directions are available from Joe Clontz (919-969-4517) jclontz42@gmail.com Registration deadline is Sunday, September 15. (*Make checks to Joe Clontz. This can be paid the day of the Tournament.*) Join us for fun!

UPDATE ON PROPOSED STATEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY REGARDING OUR COUNTRY'S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND NEXT STEPS: On August 25, more than 50 people stayed after worship to consider the proposal to publish a newspaper advertisement stating our concern for the inhumane and unjust treatment of immigrants, refugees and marginalized groups in the U.S. There was broad support for the content of the statement, although there were suggestions about specific wording. Others shared concerns or pointed to additional related activities we could undertake. After considering this feedback and making revisions to the statement (which can be found at binkleychurch.org), we have moved forward with publishing the statement in the *Raleigh News and Observer* and UNC's *Daily Tar Heel* beginning, today, September 8. As a next step, the group that devised the statement is planning an organizational/planning meeting to focus on Binkley's response to the Humanitarian Crisis in our country. It will be held **Sunday, September 22, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service (approximately 12:30 pm).** We will discuss creation of several possible subgroups focusing on various types of response. We will also seek additional input on possible directions and activities. We are eager to directly address the inhumane and unjust treatment that so many are facing in our country. Bring a bag lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. All are welcome! Gary Stutts, Moderator

2019 MEN OF BINKLEY RETREAT:
October 18-20, 2019 Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC: *“I Have No Idea!” Facilitated by Rev. Don Durham (CBFNC ministry partner Healing Springs Acres near Denton, NC).* We welcome your participation in this third annual event – please note that registration is first come, first served! Registration forms are available in the narthex or via your Friday Update. *Registration and full payment of \$240/double or \$280/single is due no later than Sunday, September 28, 2019.* Place your registration form in the offering plate, deliver to the church office, or slide under Marcus’s office door if he is not in. Write a check to Binkley and designate “Men’s Retreat.” See Charles Coble or Larry McManus for more information.

SERVICE PROJECT FOR BEES: A SUCCESS! Thanks to Erik Butler for a fascinating introduction to beekeeping last Sunday, and to Amy Leigh Burris for showing lovely slides with biblical references about honey, and to Buck Horton, for naming the problems bees face and information for writing legislators. **Together, we raised \$540 for Heifer beehives! That's 18 beehives for family farms around the world. Thanks to all!**

WELCOME, NEW CHORAL SCHOLAR JADA POTEAT!

We are pleased to welcome Jada as an Alto Choral Scholar for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students like Jada and returning choral scholar, Lexie Batchelor, are able to be a part of our community thanks to the Lentz Family Choral Scholar Program, which is funded through events like July’s “Where the Music Began” at Gerrard Hall and the upcoming Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October, as well as generous contributions. If you would like more information on how to support our Choral Scholar Program, please contact Kyle. Keep reading to learn more about Jada, and be sure to give her a proper Binkley Welcome!



Jada Poteat is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill, majoring in Vocal Performance. She’s originally from Mebane, N.C. but now calls Greensboro home. While music has always been a part of her life, she began studying it more seriously about five years ago. In school, she studies all things music – theory, history, musicianship, conducting, etc. She loves it! Outside of music, Jada’s interests include psychology and teaching. She teaches voice lessons at UNC through a volunteer program called Musical Empowerment. Jada has two sisters – Nijah is a junior at UNC, and J’nai is in fifth grade. Jada is absolutely thrilled to be worshipping at Binkley and she can’t wait to meet everyone in the congregation!

ALSO IN SEPTEMBER

9/28: Durham Pride

9/29: AWAB Celebration
John Blevins, guest

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Andrew Pike	Marcella Wagoner	Alex Swanson
Rachel Avery	Weldon Thornton	Gladess Crisp
Mable Strowd	Al Wheless	Robin Brice
Barbara Upshaw	Ken Williams	Jan Clark
Tim Bradshaw		

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Ann Overton	Nancy Joyner	Judy Eastman	Bill Bodkin
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EXTENDED FAMILY

Aaron and Vianey Perkinson, Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA (Nape Baker)	The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed (Connie Gates)	The Binkley Church Council
Christine Mortensen (Jennifer Mahoney)	Tom Long (Karen Long)	The Binkley Diaconate
Nanh & Veo Siu (Ehn Rocham & Phyt Siu)	David Houser (Paul Lindsay)	Dirk Leiser (Mary Lou Smith)
Tan & Scott Coats (Burma missionaries)	Lisa London (Karen Long)	Johnny O'Neal (Janet O'Neal)
Maria de la Mata Bruno (Maribel Bruno)	Fred Clifford (Dick Clifford)	Ethan Zolit (Martha Hutt)
Melissa Moffitt Fulmer (Matthew Ripley-Moffitt)	Dan McInnis (Gary Stutts)	Leigh Ann Zirkle (Franklin Zirkle)
Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil	Scott Carpenter (Libba Wells)	Mac McNairy (Bill McNairy)
Tara Strickland Hogan (The Walker Family)	Wendy Gulley (Teeta West)	Doris Tillman (Lori Barbier)
Valerie & Percell Harper (April Harper)	Infant Joseph Jones III (Julie Lentz)	Stacey Richardson (Karin Mills)
Michele Nelson (Jim Wise & Linda Hill-Wise)	Charles Brewer (Emily Brewer)	Phil Amana (Dale & Suzy Osborne)
		James Hutt (Martha Hutt)

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