

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



BECOMING AWARE

“My God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will always trust you though I may seem to be lost in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

--Thomas Merton

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

"Voluntary in F"
Mike Harris, organist

Cothbert Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Rogers

We are met in the presence of God
And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven
We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah
We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age
We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith
God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people
God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica
God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.
And we do not journey alone.

*HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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!*

*Infants through Kindergarten are invited to Nursery care in the Sunroom.
Parents, please pick up your children at this location following Worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 121

I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.
No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests!
The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you.
The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.
The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.
The Lord will protect you on your journeys— whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of

this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him.

Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Journeying with Jesus

Marcus McFaul

(Throughout the homily you will be prompted to sing the first stanza of the spiritual, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me," #627)

I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Oh

I want Jesus to walk with me.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Diane Eubanks Hill

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray...joining our voices together in the prayer taught us by Jesus, saying,

Our Mother Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And

forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and

the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Choral Scholars and Choir

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Today we will observe communion by intinction. You'll receive the bread, and hold onto it to dip it into the cup and then partake of the elements together before returning to your seat. To ease congestion at the front, we're going to ask each section to go to the window assigned to your seating section to receive the elements from our deacons. You'll exit out the left side of your rows and return by the right side; the ushers will invite you row by row. All are welcome to the table as you are all a vital part of our community - regardless of age or membership status. If you need gluten free elements or need the elements to be brought to you due to mobility concerns - please raise your hand and Marcus will come to you at your seat after the choir is served at the table.

UNISON AFFIRMATION 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.

*HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Recessional in D"

Edward F. Rimbault

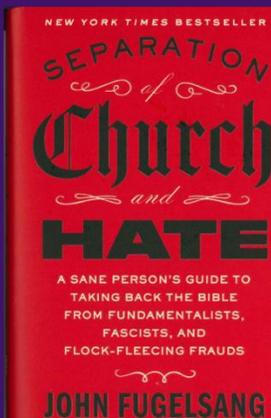


The flowers on the communion table are given by Trish Blackmon in celebration of Liam Roberts and Richard Blackmon's birthdays.

Next Sunday: Dr. McFaul preaches "Is the Lord Among Us or Not?" and the choir will sing a Jazz setting of "Sun of My Soul."



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Lenten Book Study.

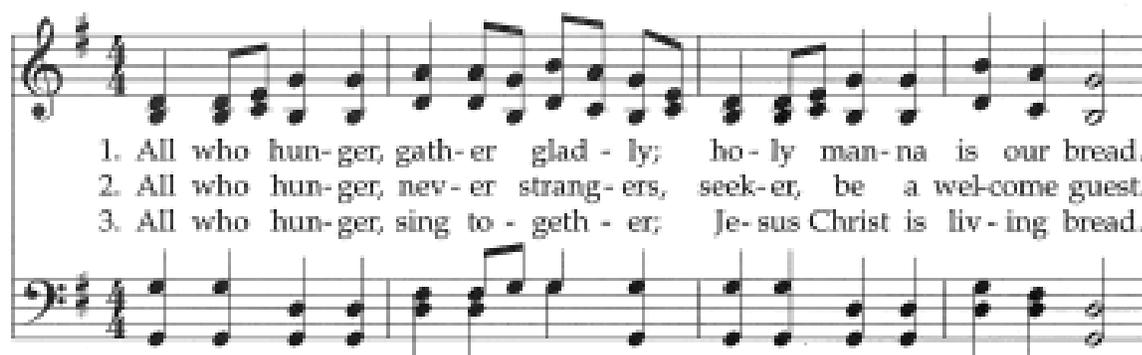
Dr. McFaul invites you to read and discuss John Fugelsang's provocative bestseller Separation of Church and Hate starting on Thursday, February 19th for five consecutive weeks at Noon in the Lounge for 1 hour. Chapters 7-9 for Thurs 3/5.

Please join in the discussion!

The Endowment Fund of the Binkley Baptist Church provides an opportunity for church members interested in the work and mission of the church to make gifts and bequests to a permanent fund. The income from this invested principal is used to fund special needs or opportunities of the church that supplement normal programs and ministries supported by the annual budget. Any church committee or church member can make a request for expenditure of eligible endowment funds.

Please fill out the form (<https://bit.ly/BinkleyEndowmentRFP>) by Sunday, March 15 and direct any questions to binkleyendowmentcommittee@gmail.com.

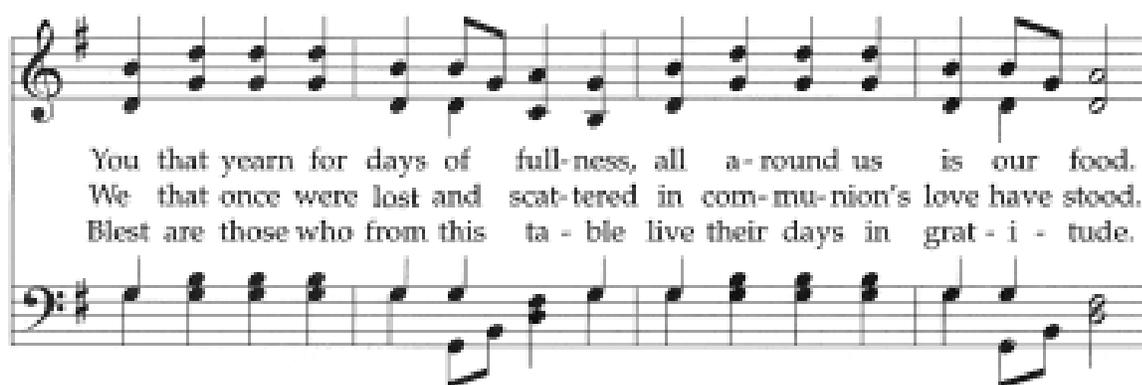
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Bless Now, O God, the Journey 489

Unison

1. Bless now, O God, the jour-ney that all your peo-ple make,
2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims who share this wind-ing way,
3. Di-vine E-ter-nal Lov-er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si-lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through the ter-rors, whose love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow.

Harmony

The trail is found in des-ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho-ly free-dom while of-ten we are bound.
But wait-ing not for plac-es, you meet us all a-round.

Unison

then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
To-gether we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov-e-nant is writ-en on roads, as faith is found.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

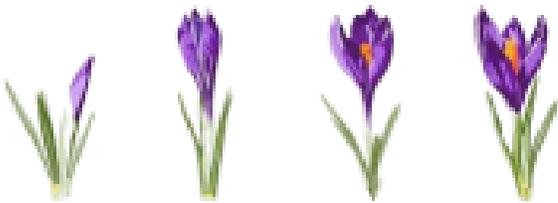
MUSIC: Swedish folk tune; harm. Lahrae Knatterud, 1983

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TODAY! Register for the 2026 Binkley Women's Retreat! May 15-17, 2026, at the Beach! at The Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. Pick up your registration form from Julianah Hicks, who will be in the Narthex after worship with the forms and to answer your questions.



The Resettlement Program at Binkley ...

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
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ADJUST YOUR CLOCKS!

Clocks One hour forward on March 8

... needs help moving local unhoused people and refugees to this country into apartments provided by the Interfaith Council. We gather donations from the congregation and move in furniture, bedding, bathroom and kitchen supplies, usually on Saturday mornings. **We particularly need help NEXT Saturday March 7th @ 9:00 (Binkley Harris Teeter side entrance)**. To volunteer or donate, contact Denise Laux. deniselaux@aol.com



Sojourners: will meet this week as part of Jeff Swanson’s class.

Understanding and Reflecting on the Liturgical Year: will meet again later in the year.

Mindful Parenting: At each weekly meeting in the Chapel, the class discusses ideas about parenting from current resources. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome. Ty Hagler facilitates this class.

Thinking carefully about mental illness, violence, and guns: a social justice lens - a class from Jeff Swanson. Further information below. The class will meet in the Lounge starting this week.

Upcoming Class: From Brad Berglund: Keepers of the Faith: The Irish High Cross - Carved stone crosses are one of the most unique features of Irish Spirituality and grace nearly every country across the Irish landscape. Often referred to as the stained glassed windows of the Irish tradition, many crosses feature etched-in-stone versions of biblical stories and stand up to 20 feet in height. Through slides and narrative, we’ll look at the history of these fascinating crosses, their dates and construction techniques and how this deeper understanding can inspire your own faith journey. March 22nd in the Lounge.

In the Narthex this Sunday and every Sunday, the 2026 Crop Hunger Walk T-shirts will go on sale for \$10 each. So far no one has signed up for this year’s Crop Walk. Use the Q Scan to get to the website and join the Binkley Walkers’ team.




Thinking carefully about mental illness, violence, and guns: a social justice lens

March 1, 8, and 15th

Three-Session Adult Sunday School with Jeff Swanson, PhD

North Carolina is home to more than two million people who experience mental illness each year, yet our public behavioral-health system reaches only a fraction of those in need. Governor Stein’s recent Executive Order highlights the crisis: nearly every county faces a shortage of mental-health professionals, and too many people go untreated until they end up in emergency rooms, jails, or prisons. Nationally, more people with disabling mental illnesses are incarcerated today than were housed in the largest state hospitals a generation ago. At the same time, the United States continues to lose about 130 people every day to preventable firearm injuries—more than half by suicide. These two problems intersect only at their edges, but both raise profound ethical questions about safety, autonomy, justice, and our obligations to one another. This three-session series will explore these issues through a public-health lens and the moral commitments of a faith community dedicated to compassion and social justice. We will also consider how partisan polarization distorts public understanding—and how congregations like Binkley can help bridge divides to support humane, evidence-based solutions.

March 1 - Session 1 – Gun Violence, Mental Illness, and the Law: Balancing Risk and Rights. What the evidence really shows, why NC still lacks an ERPO (“red flag”) law, and how faith communities can advocate for life-saving, rights-respecting policies.

March 8 - Session 2 – Outpatient Civil Commitment: Autonomy vs. Paternalism. Understanding Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), the surge in involuntary commitments, and the ethical tensions at the heart of current NC policy debates.

March 15 - Session 3 – Psychiatric Advance Directives: Ulysses in Recovery. How PADs help people preserve autonomy during future crises, the ethics of self-binding, and ways congregations can support dignity and recovery.

Jeff Swanson is Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine and a faculty affiliate of the Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law School. Trained as a sociologist, he works across disciplines to build evidence for interventions, policies and laws to improve outcomes for people with mental illness and to prevent firearm-related violence and suicide. He is a long-time Binkley member.

Background readings for further interest – supplied on request



Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults

The coming months bring new opportunities for community and learning and inspiration:

Aging in Community led by April Kemper. This group gathered on February 19 and explored challenges each is facing, offering care and support. Many thanks to April for leading! Watch for opportunities to gather with this group - possibly for a visit to the Botanical Gardens - once the weather is better. Drop ins are always welcome!

Watch Out for Scams! This event is set for 10:30 on Wednesday, March 18 followed by lunch – pizza and salad – from Alfredo’s, along with brownies and cookies for dessert. The presenter is Lt. Daniel Roberson of the Orange County Sherriff’s Office. Please make your reservation here.... by Monday, March 16.

Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing – Gather with your friends at 4:00 on the afternoon of May 3 to enjoy some of your favorite hymns from our Chalice Hymnal. Watch for the opportunity to indicate your requests. Plan to stay around for ice cream and conversation!

Back Porch Brunch and Book Discussion – Gather on my back porch to discuss Joan Chittister’s fascinating book *The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully*. (Note new title for book discussion.) The book is composed of about 40 brief chapters on topics such as Regret, Meaning, Letting Go, Agelessness, Forgiveness.... In the Introduction Chittister observes “...it is important to come face-to-face with what it means to age, to be older, to be old, to become an elder in society.” I found this book extremely meaningful a few years ago and look forward to exploring it now with my Binkley family. I invite you to pick up a copy and start reading and pondering!

All events offered by Binkley’s Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Senior Adult Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, Dennis Will or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults) Next planning meeting March 16th.



Easter Lily orders

Easter Lilies will be \$20 each. Order forms will be available starting March 8th through March 30th.



Say it with Flowers

Sign up to provide flowers for the communion table

2026 Flower Sign Ups are NOW available.

Sign Up [Here](#),
email Janet O’Neal at joneal23@nc.rr.com
or scan the QR code below.

Celebrating an occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
February 22	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship with Children@ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11
March 1	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Medefesser	Chet & Verla Insko	Al Wheless & Melissa Moore	Martha Smith & Allison Smith
Maribel Bruno	Lyn Lamont	Deborah Tippet	Susan Pike
Sue Wallace	Howard Tate	Susan Rogers	Angie Hutto and family
Mike Ennis	Dennis Will & Family	Bo Lloyd	Elizabeth Eagle
Jerry and Eileen Richards	Katherine Walker	Curt McLaughlin	Art & Gwen Sherwood

HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Laurence & Rachel Avery	Betty Bean	Nell Morton	Ruth Ann Ross	Yvonne Holt
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EXTENDED FAMILY

Renzo Hernandez (Maribel Bruno)	Joe Grieshaber (Karen Long)	Lillian Moneyhun (Gloria Lightsey-Lewis)
Antonio Faria Bonano (Maribel Bruno)	Luisa Euwema (Julie Lentz)	Ethan & Charlotte Zolit (Martha Hutt)
Lidsi Diaz (Maribel Bruno)	John Coble (Charles Coble)	Roy Cotton (Karen Long)
Marlene Gual (Maribel Bruno)	Keith Siegel (Kimberly Eastman Zirkle)	Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker)
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Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)	Rowan Caraway (Dennis Will)	Matt Gates (Angie Hutto)
Philip Callen (Karen Long)	Randolph Wilson (Denise Laux)	Gene Carpenter (Libba Wells)
Banner & Ingrid Carrera (Dorothy Pennell)	Michele DeRieux (Kathryn Handley)	Bill Daniel (V Sue Wallece)
Jan & David Edwards (S. Ketchin)	Tom Dagenhart (Diane Eubanks Hill)	Debbie Hawkins (Mike Hawkins)
Mark Price (Jan Young)	Joyce Davis (Karin Mills)	Betty Hillman (Martha and Ginger Greene)

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed	Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros & Wellington Santos, Pastors
Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries)	People of Sudan
The People of Iran	Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh
Hope Flowers School – Issa Family	Men of Orange Correctional Center
Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence	The People of Ukraine

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