

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

Ach Gotta und Herr
Mike Harris, organist

Johann Christoph Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcus McFaul

Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.

During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

May we follow this call, bringing healing and hope to others.

In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day.

Amen.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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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

John 9: 1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His

parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

For the Word of God in scripture,
and for the word of God in and among us,
Thanks be to God.

HEARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Diane Eubanks Hill

CALL TO PRAYER

Psalm 23
Response 1

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DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE AND MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter, arr.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my creator and I thy true one; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

SERMON

“Who Needed Healing?”

Claire Dillashaw

*HYMN

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude

Stephen Otis



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The Call to Worship is adapted from Thom Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com



The flowers on the communion table are given by Caryl Fulcher in memory of her mother Gladys Deblitz.



Scan to Give

Next Sunday:

Dedication of Bowen Stokes, son to Jessica and Vanessa Clark Stokes; Brad Berglund – guitarist and vocalist, the Choir will offer a choral benediction.

March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Let's Celebrate!!

TODAY

After Worship in the Fellowship Hall



**Easter Lily
orders**

Easter Lilies are \$20 each. Order forms are available in bulletins and on the welcome desk. You may order online HERE. All orders must be completed by March 30.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, God our Cre - a - tor, there is no shad-ow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

Refrain

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

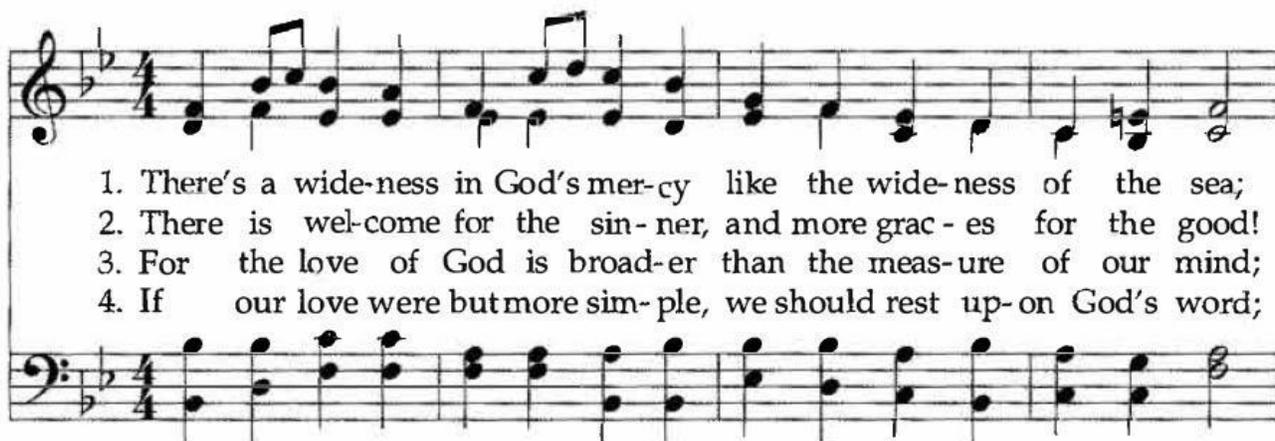
need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

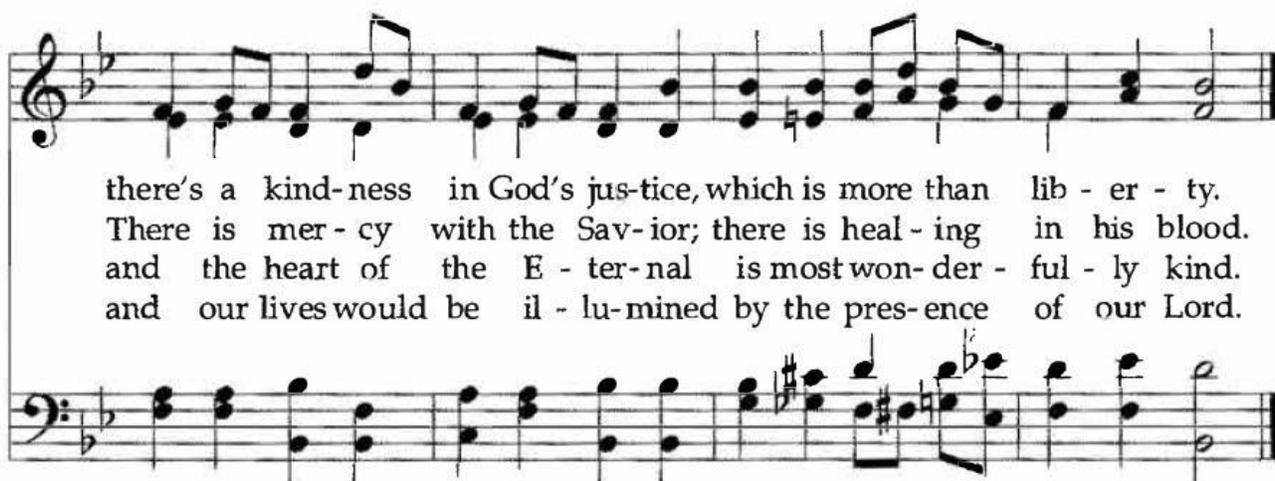
FAITHFULNESS
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;



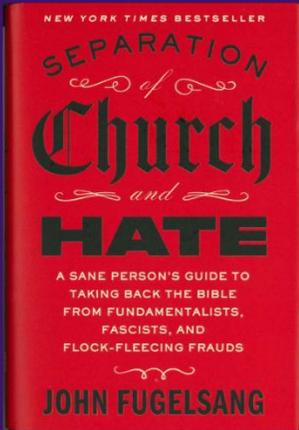
there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber, 1854

MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

WELLESLEY

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Lenten Book Study.

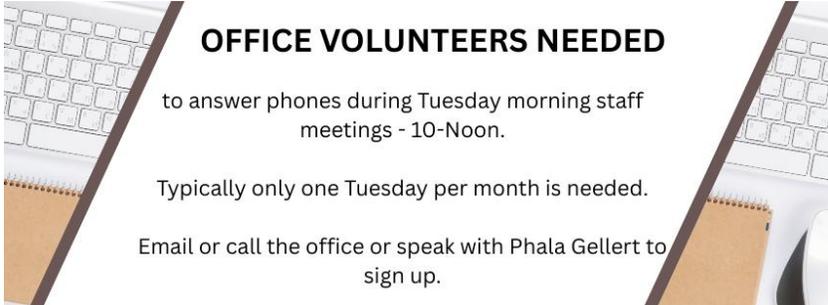
Dr. McFaul invites you to read and discuss John Fugelsang's provocative bestseller Separation of Church and Hate starting on Thursday, February 19th for five consecutive weeks at Noon in the Lounge for 1 hour. Please read the last 3 chapters for Thurs. 3/19.

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.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to answer phones during Tuesday morning staff meetings - 10-Noon.

Typically only one Tuesday per month is needed.

Email or call the office or speak with Phala Gellert to sign up.



TODAY! Register for the 2026 Binkley Women's Retreat! **The Things That Make for Peace** May 15-17, 2026, at the Beach! at The Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. Register online [here](#) or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk



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.

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.

Bolin Creek Cleanup
 Saturday, March 21, 2026
 10:00 a.m.- Noon
 Community Center
 120 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
 Clean-up of Bolin Creeks
 In partnership with

Orange-Chatham Interfaith Care for Creation (OCICC)
 and
 The Haw River Assembly

Families, Youth, and all members and friends of Binkley are encouraged to participate!

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 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

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.



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:

Watch Out for Scams! THIS Wednesday, March 18, 10:30, followed by lunch.

Almost every day, educated members of our community lose thousands of dollars. Most are people who once thought “That could never happen to me.” Join us Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall to hear 1st Lieutenant Daniel Roberson with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office present his popular program about scams, how and why they work, and what you can do to prevent becoming a victim of one.

The program is designed so that participants can hear about common “local” scams, how sophisticated the industry is world-wide, and learn from the experiences of others. Questions and discussion are invited throughout or welcomed at the end of the presentation.

Pizza and salad from Alfredo’s, along with brownies and cookies, will be available. Suggested donation: \$10 each. Please register [here](#) by Monday evening March 16th.

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!

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 –Monday, June 1, 10:30 am 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.



Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
March 15	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11
March 22	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 Tippett	Susan Pike
Sue Wallace	Howard Tate	Susan Rogers	Elizabeth Eagle
Mike Ennis	Bo Lloyd	Art & Gwen Sherwood	
Jerry and Eileen Richards	Katherine Walker	Alan Brown	Lillian Lee

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)
Anthony Taylor (Dorothy Pennell)	Valerie Harper (April Harper)	Ben Armfield (Susan Rogers)
Jerry Nettles (Phala Gellert)	Penny Freeman (Wendy Gellert)	Kathy Gregory Bell (Myra Knight)
Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)	Rowan Caraway (Dennis Will)	Charles and Joyce Ham (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 Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries)	Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros & Wellington Santos, Pastors
The People of Iran	People of Sudan
Hope Flowers School – Issa Family	Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh
Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence	Men of Orange Correctional Center
	The People of Ukraine

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