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THE CALLING
OF THE FIRST
DISCIPLES

January 22, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Wrap us in your warm love on this winter day, O God,
as we gather to praise you and hear your Word.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

People: Why should we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

ALL: Let us sing and make music before our God.

Hymn – *Jesus Calls Us*

UMH 398

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)

Our 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

NRSV pew Bible, p.476 (OT)

Choir Anthem – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear Your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of Your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, Your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water giv'n for You still holds the freshness of Your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view, the sweet compassion of Your face.

O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again!
Till all the world shall learn Your love and follow where Your feet have trod,
till glorious from Your heav'n above shall come the city of our God,
till all the world shall learn Your love!

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 4: 18-23

NRSV pew Bible, p. 3 (NT)

Message – The Call to Follow Christ

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *The Summons*

TFWS 2130

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: Bill & Barbara Oram
Today's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

Next Week's Greeters: Bob Beck & Jackie Jones
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are
available at the entrance if your child would like one.

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 1/22 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
*PNC Arena Concessions Orientation, 12:10PM in Carson Hall
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall*

Mon, 1/23 **Raleigh SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop, 1PM in Room 12
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM in the Library*

Tues, 1/24 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office*

Wed. 1/25 *Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary*

Thurs, 1/26 *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall*

Sat, 1/28 *GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall*

The Landing Spot class returns! This discipleship class of adults with young families (or those of a similar age) has been on a little break, but is re-forming. Come to Room 10 at 10:15 today or in the weeks ahead to catch up and discuss topics or books we'd like to study. Contact Heather Johnson (heather@exit9b.com) with any questions.

***Learn more about volunteering at PNC Arena concessions!** An orientation session will be held in Carson Hall today at 12:10PM. Learn how to help with our newest church fundraiser: come and join the FUN!

***Raleigh SeniorTechEd** will be onsite tomorrow at 1PM in Room 12 to answer your technology questions. Attendees can come in with any questions, any problem – without advance registration – and their members will work with you to solve your problem. Cost is \$5: come take advantage of this wonderful resource!

The New Hope Strummers ukulele group start jamming on Thursday, January 26 at 6:15 in the Music Room. No prior experience with the ukulele is required, so come and get your "Jam" on! Contact Sheila DeBastiani (sdebastiani@wakemed.org) with any questions.

Reminder: if you are not currently receiving our weekly email or prayer emails and would like to, contact Martha Brown (office@stjmaesraleigh.org) to be added to the distribution lists. If you're visiting St. James, please fill out one of the white Visitor Cards so our Welcoming Ministry can share a welcome gift with you!