

## WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests worshipping with us. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins with hymns and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you might have. We are very glad you are here.

To learn more about the life and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville, guests are invited to connect with one of the ministers at the doors of the sanctuary following the service. Guests may also complete the *Connect Now* card in the bulletin and place it in the plate during the offertory. The ministry staff will be in touch in writing or by phone this week. We want to know you and share more about this congregation with you.

The season of Lent is the forty day period (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. These days mirror Jesus' own forty day wilderness sojourn. Lent is a time for personal reflection, confession, and renewal. The color purple symbolizes the deep introspection of the season.

Leaders in worship include Gracie Gasperson, Hayes Gasperson, Brenden Craige - acolytes, the Adult Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, and Jess Chapman - deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at [www.fbca.net](http://www.fbca.net) on the *Video* page accessed through the *Worship* tab. Audio files of sermons are available on our website, and sermons on CD may be ordered through the church office.

### MINISTRY LEADERS

Mr. Tate Addis	Organist
Rev. David Blackmon	Coordinating Pastor
Rev. Tommy Bratton	Minister of Christian Formation
Rev. Leah Brown	Minister with Senior Adults
Dr. Casey Callahan	Minister with Students
Dr. Mack Dennis	Pastor
Rev. Eddie L. Morgan	Ministry Associate
Rev. Clark Sorrells	Minister of Music
Rev. Karen Sorrells	Associate Minister of Music
Rev. Amy Stertz	Minister with Children and Families



Freedom

Friendship

Faith

Sanctuary Worship  
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE  
April 2, 2017 11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

**Inspired Praise**

\*Hymn of Praise 191 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

\*Invocation Karen Sorrells

Reminded of your great love for us, O God,

this day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray:

**Dearest friend, the language to sufficiently thank you  
is impossible to find. Yet, we humbly worship you,  
guided by the power of selflessness we see in the suffering  
and wounded body of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Convicted Confession**

Call to Confession 1 John 1:3-9 Leah Brown

We have heard the true teaching from God. Now we tell it to you:

God is light, and in God there is no darkness.

**So if we say that we share in life with God, but we continue  
living in darkness, we are liars who do not follow the truth.**

We should live in the light, where God is.

**If we live in the light, we have fellowship with each other,  
and the sacrifice of Jesus washes away every sin, making us clean.**

If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God will forgive us.**

**We can trust God to do this. God always does what is right.**

Prayers of Confession

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Forgive our sins.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

**Redeemed Peace**

\*Sharing Peace Casey Callahan

\*Hymn of Redemption 43 *Grace Alone* GRACE ALONE

**Proclaimed Word**

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 145:1-13

Laurie Freeman

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*My Jesus I Love Thee*  
Kate Steinbeck, flute

arr. Sjolund

My Jesus, I love, thee, I know thou art mine; For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Sermon

*For the Living of These Days*

Bill Sherman

**Empowered Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Mack Dennis

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

Response through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. McChesney

\*Hymn of Dedication *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* AVON

No, drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication Jess Chapman

Postlude *If You Will Only Let God Guide You* Paul Manz

Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.