

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests who are worshipping with us. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins/hymnals 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.

The season of Advent is the first season of the Christian year and is a time of anticipation and preparation for Christ's coming. The Advent wreath contains four candles representing the gifts Christ offers: hope, peace, joy, and love. The color royal blue reminds us of the King of Kings for whom we wait.

Leaders in worship include Emily Eldridge- cross bearer, Christopher Bell and Layla Kiser - acolytes, Lenora Pratt - Bible bearer, the Adult Handbell Choir, the Adult Choir, and Jamie Gorsuch - deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at www.fbca.net on theVideo page accessed through the Worship tab. Audio files of sermons are available on our website and sermons on CD can 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



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Faith

Sanctuary Worship
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE
December 3, 2017 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Trinity Chimes

Gathered to Worship

*Procession Hymn 81 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

*Invocation Clark Sorrells

O God of promise, we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
Stir up your power and shine your light in us, Lord God.
By your merciful gift of hope, awaken in us a sense of purposeful
loving and living. May we always seek to serve others
even as you have done in the birth, life, death and resurrection
of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathered to Seek Light

Psalm Lesson Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Tommy Bratton

Lighting of the Hope Candle Caroline Knox

Hymn 82 *Light the Light, the Fire of Light* IL EST NE
Stanza 1

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Leah Brown

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

For in every way we have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind—
just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among us.

So that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen us to the end, so that we may be blameless
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful.

By him we were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Passing of the Peace David Blackmon

*Hymn of Advent 83 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Gathered to Proclaim Light

*Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37 Michelle Kiser

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 96 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
Refrain only

Anthem *See, Amid the Winter's Snow* arr. Forrest

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies.
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.

Sermon *A Kindling of Hope* Mack Dennis

Empowered to Share Light

*Hymn of Response 79 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Response through Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Gramann

*Hymn of Dedication 87 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

*Prayer of Dedication Jamie Gorsuch

Opportunities for Continued Service

Recession *Savior of the Nations, Come* J.S. Bach

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.