

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 Epiphany is a time to remember Christ's manifestation to the world and the call to service he gave his followers. The color green symbolizes the growth which comes from such service.

Leaders in worship include Bailee Brandon, Gracie Gasperson, Hayes Gasperson - acolytes, the Adult Choir, the Youth Handbell Choir, and Betty Towery - deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at 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
Rev. 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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Sanctuary Worship
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE
February 19, 2017 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

*Hymn of Praise 345 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

*Invocation Eddie Morgan

This day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
**O God, we praise you this morning and submit ourselves
to your ways. Show us how we discover your unique power
as we turn the other cheek and go the second mile.
May we always seek to live and serve within
the uniqueness of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

May We Love Our Neighbors

Hebrew Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
(ALL - Main Floor - Choir/Balcony)

**The Lord said to Moses, "Tell all the Israelites:
I am the Lord your God. I am holy, so you must be holy."**

"When you cut your crops at harvest time, if grain falls on the ground, you must not gather up that grain. Don't pick all the grapes in your vineyards or pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. You must leave those things for your poor people and for people traveling through your country."

"I am the Lord your God."

*"You must not steal. You must not cheat people. You must not lie.
You must not use my name to make false promises. If you do that,
you will show that you don't respect the name of your God."*

"I am the Lord."

"You must not cheat or rob your neighbor. You must not curse anyone who is deaf. You must not do anything to make a blind person fall. But you must respect your God."

"I am the Lord."

*"You must be fair in judgment. You must not show special favor to the poor,
nor should you show special favor to important people.*

Do not hate in your heart anyone of your kin.

Forget about the wrong things people do to you and don't try to get even."

"Love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."

Meditation *Reflection on "Christ, You Call Us All to Service"* Tate Addis

May the Peace of Christ Be with Us

*Sharing Peace Leah Brown

*Hymn 153 *The One Who Taught Beside the Sea* GARDEN HYMN
Grace Sloan, flute; Emma Grace Kiser, clarinet

May We Hear the Word of the Lord

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:38-48 Ginny Morris

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

Anthem *I'm Gonna Sing, O Lord* Robert Hunter

*I'm gonna sing, oh Lord, I'm gonna sing my love for you.
I'm gonna talk, oh Lord, I'm gonna talk 'bout Jesus love.
I'm gonna preach, oh Lord, I'm gonna preach about Judgment Day.
I'm gonna pray, oh Lord, I'm gonna pray for all the world.
I'm gonna shout, oh Lord, shout about the promised land!*

Sermon *Do Not Resist an Evildoer* Mack Dennis

May We Serve As Christ Calls Us

*Hymn of Response 649 *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* IN BABILONE

Response through Tithes and Offerings
*Prayer of Dedication Betty Towery

Offertory *Spirit Dance* Michael Glasgow

*Hymn 154 *Christ Is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM
(Stanza 2)

Postlude *Toccata Festiva* Richard Purvis

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.