

## 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. Baptism of Our Lord Sunday is the day Christians recall Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Leaders in worship include the Adult Choir and Kelly Belcher - 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**  
**January 14, 2018 11:00 a.m.**  
**Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

Chiming of the Hour

**Praising the Light**

\*Hymn 154 *Christ Is the World's True Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\*Invocation Clark Sorrells

In the brightness of your presence, we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness,  
your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace,  
and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Celebrating the Light**

Celebration of Baptism

Nicholas Lovin

**Sharing the Light**

\*Sharing Peace Tommy Bratton

\*Hymn of Peace 451 *Come, Be Baptized* COME, BE BAPTIZED

**Proclaiming the Light**

\*Gospel Lesson Mark 1:4-11 Martha Ann Callahan

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

Anthem

*With Water Freely Flowing*  
Ben Smith, cello

arr. Page

With water freely flowing we celebrate new birth,  
In sacred sign expressing God's love for all on earth.  
The well of Living Water springs up for us this day;  
Engulfed by love's acceptance, our fears are washed away.

The Spirit, swiftly soaring, descending as a dove,  
Conveys the startling presence on all whose vow is love.  
The Breath of God within us enlivens and sustains,  
Beyond this rite of passage with us always remains.

By water and the Spirit baptized in Christ, we rise  
To walk new paths unfolding before our opened eyes.  
We journey from this moment, faith's pilgrimage embrace.  
By Spirit and by water we feel and sense God's grace.

Sermon

*Baptism by Deluge*

Mack Dennis

**Following the Light**

Prayers of the People

Amy Stertz

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Response 152 *When Jesus Came to Jordan* COMPLAINER

Response through Tithes and Offerings

*Becoming a Parable Church* Wayne Jewsbury

Offertory *Allegro from Sonata No. 1, RV 47* Antonio Vivaldi

\*Hymn of Dedication 705 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

\*Prayer of Dedication Kelly Belcher

Opportunities for Continued Response

Postlude

*The Waters of Grace*

Olivier Messiaen

Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.