

## 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. Having cancelled services last Sunday for inclement weather, we celebrate Baptism of Our Lord today. This is the time we remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The color white represents the light Christ brings to the world.

Leaders in worship include Eleanor Bamberger, Margaret Bourne, Claire Lim - acolytes, the Youth Handbell Choir, the Adult Choir, and Debra Collazo - 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
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



Freedom

Friendship

Faith

Sanctuary Worship  
First Baptist Church of Asheville



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE**  
January 15, 2017 11:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday of Epiphany  
(Celebrating Baptism of Our Lord)

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship      **Praising the Fount of Life**  
Responsive Reading 446      Clark Sorrells

\*Hymn of Praise 295    *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*    NETTLETON

\*Invocation      Leah Brown

This day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,  
**We worship you, O God, as the fountain of Living Water,  
showered upon us in the coming of Jesus  
and engulfing us in the grace of baptism.  
Let us live as people who have been raised to new life,  
as was the one whose baptism we remember this day,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Celebrating the Waters of Baptism**

Celebration of Baptism

Rob Baker  
Tricia Baker  
Bailee Brandon  
Ryan Serianni  
Austin Welch  
Tristyn Welch

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

\*Sharing Peace      Tommy Bratton

\*Hymn of Baptism 450    *With Water Freely Flowing*    MERLE'S TUNE

**Proclaiming the Word of Truth**

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Jamie Gorsuch

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

Anthem

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

arr. Cox

I know that my Redeemer lives, *Glory Hallelujah!*  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives.  
*Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground,  
The dead's alive and the lost is found.*

He lives, he lives who once was dead.  
He lives to bless me with his love.

He lives, all glory to his name.  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Sermon

*Baptism Fit for a King*

Mack Dennis

**Hearing the Call of Christ**

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

Response through Tithes and Offerings

\*Prayer of Dedication

Debra Collazo

Offertory

*Come Thou Fount*

arr. Martin

\*Hymn 154

*Christ Is the World's Light*  
(Stanza 1)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Postlude

*Allegro* from Trio Sonata in C Major

J.S. Bach

Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.