

## 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 gives his followers. The color green symbolizes the growth which comes from such service.

Leaders in worship include Doug Frick, Austin Welch, Tristyn Welch - acolytes, the Brass Quintet, the Adult Choir, and Mark Emblar - deacon of the week.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Judy and Richard Herring, by their family.

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 22, 2017 11:00 a.m.**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Chiming of the Hour

**We Meet to Worship**

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-4

Men: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Women: *Those who lived in a land of darkness – on them light has shined!*

Men: You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

Women: *They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.*

Men: For the yoke of their burden, the bar across their shoulders,

Women: *And the rod of their oppressor,*

**All: You have broken!**

\*Hymn of Praise 296 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

\*Invocation Karen Sorrells

This day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**We worship you, O God, with open eyes, minds and ears.**

**May we see your light, may we learn your ways,**

**and may we hear your call. Give us a sense of urgency to repent  
and to work for justice and love so that all which shines  
from us would be Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

**We Confess Our Faith**

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 27:1,4-9



The Lord is my light and sal - va - tion, whom \_\_\_ shall I \_\_\_ fear?

The Lord is my light and my salvation, in whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?  
My adversaries and my foes, they shall stumble and fall. (*Refrain*)

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh,  
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. (*Refrain*)

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the Lord, to inquire in his temple. (*Refrain*)

**We Share Christ's Peace**

\*Sharing Peace

Casey Callahan

\*Hymn 387

*God Who Made Us, Christ Who Calls Us*

GALILEE

**We Hear God's Word**

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Mary Feringa

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*The Call*

Craig Courtney

Called to light to pierce the darkness, called to truth where lies abound,  
Called to life to reach the dying, called to peace where strife is found.  
*One by one the Spirit calls us; by God's grace he beckons all.  
Find us worthy of the mission, ever faithful to the call.*

Called to hope to touch the suffering, called to freedom where captives plead,  
Called to lead to guide the wandering, called to serve where there is need.

Sermon

*Leave Immediately*

Mack Dennis

**We Answer God's Call**

\*Hymn of Response 485

*The Master Has Come*

ASH GROVE

Response through Tithes and Offerings

\*Prayer of Dedication

Mark Embler

Offertory

*Cantilene* from *Suite for Organ and Brass*

Craig Phillips

\*Hymn 154

*Christ Is the World's Light*  
(Stanza 2)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Postlude

*Gavotte*

Samuel S. Wesley

Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.