

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 Gracie Gasperon, Hayes Gasperson, Lenore Pratt - acolytes, the Adult Choir, Sam Cobb - conga drums, and Jeanne Dresback - deacon of the week.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Colette Mary Parker by her family, Anne, Bill, Andrew, Anna, Justin, Liz, Finn, Oliver, and George Parker.

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
January 29, 2017 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

A Time for Praise

*Hymn of Praise 312 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

*Invocation Leah Brown

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

**O God, show us the blessings we find as we follow your ways.
Help us to be poor in spirit, mournful, meek, merciful,
peace-making, and hungry for your righteousness.
May we seek the purity of your image within us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

A Time for Prayer

Hymn 507 (Stanza 1 - All) *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* CHRISTIAN
Call to Prayer Psalm 15:1-2

**Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Hymn 507 (Stanza 2 - Men) *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* CHRISTIAN
Call to Prayer Psalm 15:3-4

**Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who do not slander by their tongue, doing no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
Those in whose eyes the wicked are despised, those who honor them
who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Hymn 507 (Stanza 3 - Women) *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* CHRISTIAN
Call to Prayer Psalm 15:5-6

**Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who lend no money with interest,
and those who take no bribe against the innocent.
Those who do all these things shall never be moved.**

Hymn 507 (Stanza 4 - All) *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* CHRISTIAN

A Time for Peace

*Sharing Peace David Blackmon

*Hymn of Peace 46 *O God of Every Nation* BLOW THE CANDLES

A Time for Proclamation

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12 Ken and India Coleman

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Rejoice and Be Glad* Glenn Pickett

Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
And blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.
You are the salt of the earth, a seasoning unique in its worth;
Bring out God's flavor: rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are the merciful for you will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for you will see God.
Blessed are those who bring peace, for you will be called my children.
And blessed are you, when people persecute you for my sake,
Rejoice and be glad!
You are the light of the world, a lamp shining bright in the world.
So let your light shine: rejoice and be glad!

Sermon *Blessed Are the Pure in Heart* Mack Dennis

A Time for Purity

*Hymn of Response 235 *Breath on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Response through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication Jeanne Dresback
Offertory *Intermezzo* Max Reger

*Hymn 154 *Christ Is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM
(Stanza 3)

Postlude *Toccata on MARION* Albert Travis
Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.