

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 Lent is the forty day period (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. These days mirror Jesus' own forty day wilderness sojourn. Lent is a time for personal reflection, confession, and renewal. The color purple symbolizes the deep introspection of the season.

Leaders in worship include Gracie Gasperson, Hayes Gasperson - acolytes, the Adult Choir, and Wayne Jewsbury - 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



Freedom

Friendship

Faith

Sanctuary Worship
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE
March 5, 2017 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

In Wonder of God's Love

*Hymn of Praise 171 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

*Invocation Clark Sorrells

On this first Sunday in Lent, with the worldwide body of Christ
we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**O God, source of wondrous love, we seek your strength
in the struggle between good and evil that rages
within and around us. Keep us steadfast in your word,
and when we fall, raise us again and restore us
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

In Confession of Sin

Call to Confession Psalm 32:1-5 David Blackmon

Prayers of Confession

Lord, in your mercy,
Forgive our sins.

In Gratitude for Forgiveness

Assurance of Forgiveness Amy Stertz

*Sharing Peace

*Hymn of Grace 583 *Jesus Paid It All* ALL TO CHRIST

In Reliance on God's Word

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 Lucile Geter

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

Sermon *Live on the Word* Mack Dennis

In Remembrance of Christ

Call to the Table *Psalms 131* Jeffrey Van

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at his mother's breast.
Like a child quieted is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.
Have mercy, Lord.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Consecration (see insert)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Improvisation on WONDROUS LOVE Tate Addis

The Lord's Prayer

In Service to the World

*Hymn of Response 467 *We Are One in Christ* THAXTED

Response through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication Wayne Jewsbury

Offertory *Jesus Paid It All/Passion Chorale* arr. Adams
Hannah Sorrells, violin

*Hymn of Dedication *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* AVON

No, drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do. Amen.

Postlude *Toccata per l'Elevazione* Girolamo Frescobaldi

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.