

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 Layla Kiser, Paige Marino, Lenore Pratt - acolytes, the Adult Choir, and Mark Green - 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
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
March 12, 2017 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Praise

*Hymn of Praise 45 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

*Invocation Karen Sorrells

As people who long to experience faith in you, God,
we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**Come be among us, Lord, and enliven our lives
with your Spirit of steadfast love. Like Abraham,
may we trust in your faithful promises. Show us the wisdom
in allowing such trust to find expression in obedient living,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, Amen.**

Confession

Call to Confession Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Prayers of Confession

Lord, in your mercy,
Forgive our sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peace

*Sharing Peace Tommy Bratton

*Hymn of Faith 634 *We Walk By Faith* FAITH'S JOURNEY

Word

Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Betty Boyte

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph V. Williams

Come down, O Love divine, and seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Sermon

The Beginning of Faith

Mack Dennis

Response

Prayers of the People

David Blackmon

Response through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Aria

Charles Callahan

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication Mark Green

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Response 509

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

Postlude *So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower* George Shearing

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.