

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 Eleanor Bamberger, Griffin Cloninger, and Doug Frick - acolytes, the Adult Choir, the Youth Handbell Choir, and Bud Hughes - deacon of the week.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Peggy Lee Carson Brazell by her children James Jr., Mary Margaret, and April Kay.

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 19, 2017 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Our Praise to God

*Hymn of Praise 422 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* HYFRYDOL

*Invocation Clark Sorrells

Seeking an authentic encounter with you, O God,
this day we lift our spirits to you in one voice as we pray,
**Soften our hearts and open our eyes, Loving God,
so that we might feel and see your presence.**
**Rid us of our pretense and sense of entitlement,
and bend us into the humble servants you want us to be.**
**Transform us into the image of our friend and your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

God's Forgiveness to Us

Call to Confession 604 Romans 5:1-8 Casey Callahan

Prayers of Confession

Lord, in your mercy,
Forgive our sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Peace to One Another

*Sharing Peace Leah Brown

*Hymn of Forgiveness 605 *And Can It Be* SAGINA

God's Word for Us

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 95:1-7

Melanie Pitrolo

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Emma Lou Diemer

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
In his hands are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down; and come, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole world stand in awe of him,
For he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world,
And the people with his truth.

Sermon *How to Come to Worship* Mack Dennis

Our Response of Faith

Prayers of the People David Blackmon

Response through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Nocturne in E Minor* Cynthia Dobrinski

*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 Bud Hughes

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Response 7 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

Postlude *Old Hymn from Dalarna* Oskar Lindberg
Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.