

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 Christopher Bell, Sophie Stertz, and Charlie Stowe - acolytes, the FBCA Orchestra, the Adult Choir, and Carl Dougherty - 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 26, 2017 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Wonder

*Hymn of Praise 186 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

*Invocation Clark Sorrells

Inspired by the self-giving love we see in Jesus' death on the cross,
this day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

**O God, you accompany us in all of life and death,
and so we rely on your steadfast care.**

**Empower us through the marvelous and wonderful love
we see in Jesus on the road to the cross.**

**May we also empty ourselves in service to one another
as we seek to live the way of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Confession

Call to Confession 47 Psalm 23 Women, **Men**

Prayers of Confession Amy Stertz

Lord, in your mercy,
Forgive our sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peace

*Sharing Peace David Blackmon

*Hymn 576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Word

*Gospel Lesson John 9:1-11 Sally Little

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

Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Dan Forrest

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Sermon *How Jesus Prays* Mack Dennis

Response

Prayers of the People Tommy Bratton

Response through Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *Reflection on an English Folk Hymn* arr. Cassler

*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 Carl Dougherty

*Invitation to Discipleship
*Hymn 66 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

Postlude *The Good Shepherd* Dom Paul Benoit

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.