

## 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.

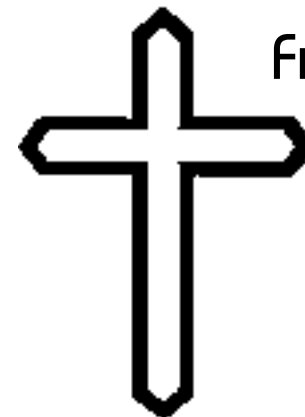
The season of Pentecost is a time when followers of Jesus celebrate the ministry of the church in the world. The color green represents the growth which results from this ministry.

Leaders in worship include Christopher Bell, Doug Frick and Halsey Hopkins- acolytes, Wayne Smith- guest organist, the Adult Choir and Cliff Christian- deacon of the week.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at [www.fbca.net](http://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**  
**September 10, 2017 11:00 a.m.**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Chiming of the Hour

\*Hymn of Praise 271      **Sing Together**  
*Christian People, Sing Together*      JUBILEE

\*Invocation      Clark Sorrells

God who unites us, this day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,  
**We sing praises to you, Most High God,**  
**and we thank you for the communal life we share together.**  
**May we be encouraged this day in the hard work of peacemaking,**  
**knowing that as we are reconciled to one another and to the world,**  
**you are made more present and our lives become truly abundant,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson      **Share Peacefully**  
Romans 13:8-14      Amy Stertz

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;  
**For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**  
The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder;  
You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment,  
are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."  
**Love does no wrong to a neighbor;**  
**therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.**  
Besides this, you know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.  
**For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;**  
**the night is far gone, the day is near.**  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;  
let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness,  
not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.  
**Instead, let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

\*Sharing Peace      David Blackmon

\*Hymn of Peace 469      *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*      ST. COLUMBA

**Hear Expectantly**

\*Gospel Lesson      Matthew 18:15-20      Jennifer Welch

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

Anthem      *Prayer Litany*  
Brian Seaton, oboe      Helen Kemp

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day.*

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
And where there is despair, may I sow hope.

Where there is darkness, let me sow light,  
And where there is sadness, may I sow joy.

And Lord of thee three things I pray, day by day:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.

Sermon      *A Most Profitable Discipline*      Mack Dennis

**Serve Faithfully**

Prayers of the People      Mark Green

Invitation to Discipleship  
\*Hymn of Response 256      *We Are People of God's Peace*      TEMPUS

Response through Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory      *Grave and Allegro from Sonata in Bb*      G. F. Handel

\*Hymn 706      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*      OLD 100TH

\*Prayer of Dedication      Cliff Christian

Opportunities for Continued Response

Postlude      *Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise (SALZBURG)*      Robert A. Hobby

Benediction

\*Those who are able will stand.