



The Exultant Leper, Brian Whelan

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Asheville. Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word Ordinary refers to the ordinal numbers of each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church's seasons. Ordinary time can be understood in terms of the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our day-to-day life. The color green represents the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered during this hour in the children's building. Large print hymns and T-coil access are available at the back of the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Cindy Price

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Faithful Foreigner”

Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES *Texas Mission Trip*

John Plant

OFFERTORY

O God Beyond All Praising

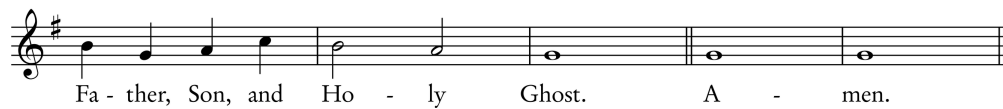
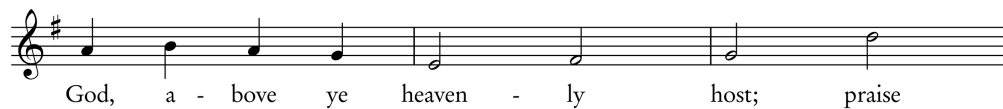
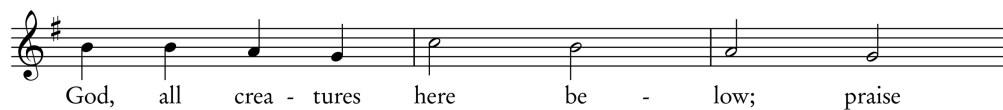
Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still;
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

– Michael Perry

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mandi Boyd

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 692

Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Lord Bless You and Keep You* J.S. Bach

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May God's favor light your way,
When the path seems dark with shadows,
May God's presence be your stay.
– Doug Haney

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN* Albert L. Travis

*Those who are able please stand.

Worship leaders include Lay Reader Cindy Price, Deacon of the Week Mandi Boyd, and the Adult Choir.

About this morning's art: The Exultant Leper, Brian Whelan. Mixed media on canvas. Private collection. Brian Whelan (b. 1957) grew up in London, of Irish parents. His home and studio are located in Westport Road, Connecticut. The vestiges of medieval art forms resonate with Brian's Irish Catholic roots. Like much medieval art, his works depict a sublime comedy of life's glories and tragedies. *The Exultant Leper* was commissioned by Les Smith, who remarks, "I am the exultant leper - the guy who better always be at the feet of Jesus giving thanks." brianwhelanart.com © 2021

This morning's flowers are given by the Puckett family in loving memory of Dr. James Puckett.

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Rev. Amy Stertz	Pastor of Christian Formation and Children



THIS WEEK

Bible Study

Today at 10:00 a.m.

Handbells

Today at 3:00 p.m.

Asheville Youth Choirs

Today

4:00 p.m.

Youth Chorale

4:30 p.m.

Concert Choir

Crackpots Reading Group

Monday at Noon

Pickup Basketball

Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Free Market & Lunch at the

Crossroads

Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

October 12, 2025

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts.

Please complete a guest card from your pew and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Our Intergenerational Handbell ensemble rehearses on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in MB 306 and rings in worship on the third Sunday of the month. All youth and adults are welcome to participate; no prior experience is necessary. We hope you'll join us for this time of fun, fellowship, and heavenly metal music.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mandi Boyd

PASTOR ON CALL

Amy Stertz

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Menu

Meal: 5:00 p.m.

Junior Choir: 5:40 p.m.

Adult Chapel Study: 6:00 p.m.

AgapeKids: 6:00 p.m.

Youth Koinonia: 6:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir: 6:10 p.m.

Adult Choir: 7:00 p.m.

Brown Sugar Pork
Loin, Wild Rice, Sweet
Potato Casserole,
Cabbage, Rolls, Salad
Bar, Apple Crisp
Kids – Grilled Cheese
& Fries

*(\$5/adult, \$3/child,
\$20/family max)*



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Helene Anniversary Meal and Concert

Wednesday Night in the Chapel: Via Karis

Wednesday, October 15 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

Via Karis (“Way of Grace”) is a church guide that unites core Christian teachings with five spiritual practices, offering practical ways for our congregation to grow in friendship with God and one another through worship, learning, service, and community. Join us Wednesday night as Casey Callahan leads a study on Table. Together we’ll reflect on how sharing meals, especially the Lord’s Supper, draws us into fellowship with Christ and one another, nourishing us in grace and community.

Children, Youth, and Families Lunch

October 19 * Noon * Dining Room

Join us as children lead in worship next Sunday. The Christian Formation and Fellowship Council for Children and Youth will host a lunch for all families with children and youth following the Children’s Sabbath. The meal will be catered by Olive Garden and cost \$10 per adult and free for children and youth. RSVP by TODAY!

LUNCH



Trunk of Treats: Community-wide event

October 26 * 5:00 p.m. * Sanctuary Parking Lot

Our annual community-wide Trunk of Treats is just around the corner when church members decorate their trunks along with fun games and activities and lots of candy for children! In preparation for this fun-filled evening we need candy donations. Candy can be dropped off in the Atrium. Volunteers are also needed to set up their trunk for trick-or-treaters. Please contact Amy Stertz (astertz@fbca.net) to volunteer.