

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 the Adult Choir, the Youth Handbell Choir and Charlie Glazener- deacon of the week.

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 17, 2019 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

The Lord Is Our Light

Call to Worship

Praying the Psalms: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.
For God will hide and shelter me in the day of trouble;
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
And I will offer in God's tent shouts of joy and sing melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path from my enemies.
For false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

*Hymn of Praise 353 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* JUBILEE

*Invocation

Clark Sorrells

Lord of light and life, this day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
Holy God, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Are Sinful People

Call to Confession 471

Come, Ye Sinners
Stanzas 2 and 4

RESTORATION

Prayers of Confession

Karen Sorrells

Lord, because of the great love you have shown us,
We resign from the follies of sin.

The Lord Forgives Us

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing Peace

Casey Callahan

*Hymn of Gratitude 361

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

The Lord Calls to Us

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Mary Kinsey Hyche

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Sermon

The Discipleship Observatory

Mack Dennis

We Follow the Lord

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Response 682

Christ, Be My Leader

SLANE

Response through Tithes and Offerings

*Call to Stewardship

Gates and Grace Emmert

Offertory

Reflection on a Celtic Melody

Kevin McChesney

*Hymn 671

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Stanza 2

BEACH SPRING

*Prayer of Dedication

Charlie Glazener

Opportunities for Continued Response

Postlude

Prelude on an Irish Folk Tune

Amy Beach

Benediction

*Those who are able will stand.