

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 Josh Goforth- AFTA faculty member and Mary Green- deacon of the week.

The cover art is a metal sculpture on the doors of St. James Cathedral in Seattle Washington. *Healing the Sick*, by Ulrich Henn. 2008.

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
Dr. Tommy Bratton	Minister of Christian Formation
Rev. Leah Brown	Minister with Senior Adults
Dr. Casey Callahan	Minister with Students
Dr. Mack Dennis	Pastor
Rev. Clark Sorrells	Minister of Music
Rev. Karen Sorrells	Associate Minister of Music
Rev. Amy Stertz	Minister with Children and Families

Fourth Sunday in Lent
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE

March 22, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude on "If You Will Only Let God Guide You"* arr. Baker

*HYMN OF PRAISE 406 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

*INVOCATION Karen Sorrells

Lover of our souls, this day we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,

Bring light to our darkness and hope to our world, God, helping us to see ahead and all the needs around us. May we always know you provide for us, forgive us and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSING SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 23

Clark Sorrells



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I will never be in need. In the fresh green meadow my shepherd will make me lie down, and to the still water will guide me, find refreshment for my spirit. *R*

Guiding me to greener pastures, you are true to your word. Though I walk through the darkest shadows, what danger could I fear? You will always go with me, your rod and staff will lead me. *R*

You spread a table before me, before all my foes.

You anoint my head with oil, fill my cup to overflowing. *R*

Surely goodness and kindness wait for me every day of my life.

In the house of the Lord will I live forever and forever. *R*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Tommy Bratton

Lord in your mercy...**Open our eyes, that we might see our sin.**

SHARING PEACE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING PEACE

Amy Stertz

*HYMN OF PEACE 77

In Heavenly Love Abiding

NYLAND

PROCLAIMING TRUTH

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-11; 35-41

Will Gilkeson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. Courtney

Leila Yow, soprano

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

SERMON

Now I See

Mack Dennis

COMMITTING LIFE

INVITATION TO *VIA KARIS* (WAY OF GRACE)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 472

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LEMMELE

RESPONSE THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Goforth

Josh Goforth, fiddle

*HYMN 186

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Stanza 4)

HAMBURG

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Green

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED RESPONSE

CHORAL POSTLUDE

In Our Wanting, Christ, Your Plenty

Clark Sorrells

In our wanting, Christ, your plenty. In our groaning, Christ, your song.

In our tiring, Christ, your fervor. In our wand'ring, Christ, your home.

In our ebbing, Christ, your glory. In our warring, Christ, your calm.

In our failing, Christ, your triumph. In our dying, Christ, your light.

BENEDICTION

*Those who are able will stand.