

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome guests worshipping with us. We are very glad you have joined us for this experience.

To learn more about the life and ministry of First Baptist Church of Asheville, guests are invited to visit fbca.net. There you will find contact information for the church and ministerial staff. Please feel free to be in touch with any questions or needs you might have. We want to know you and share more about this congregation with you.

The season of Epiphany is a time to remember Christ's manifestation to the world. Baptism of Jesus Sunday is the day Christians recall Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Leaders in worship include Mary Green- deacon of the week.

Cover art is a stained-glass window in **Gedächtniskirche der Protestation** (The Memorial Church of the Protestation) in Speyer, Germany. 480x640. This historic 'Mother Church of Protestant Christianity' was built between 1893-1904. It commemorates the protest that took place at Speyer in defense of evangelical faith in 1529.

You may view today's and past sanctuary worship services at 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



Baptism of Jesus Sunday
First Baptist Church of Asheville



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE

January 10, 2021
Baptism of Jesus Sunday

TRINITY CHIME

PRAISING GOD’S LIGHT

*HYMN OF PRAISE 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

*INVOCATION

Leah Brown

Bright and Pure Light, today we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,
Reveal to us your goodness and grace, God, as we look to you to illuminate our lives. You immerse us into your Trinity through baptizing us by the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Help us to see how this gives us a share in your creative power, enables us to commune with you in a new way, and allows us to speak prophetically through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

REMEMBERING GOD’S BAPTISM

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Tommy Bratton

HYMN OF FAITH 152

When Jesus Came to Jordan
(Stanza 1, then 2, then 3)

COMPLAINER

Sovereign God, in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.
In baptism you join us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with him in new life, but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

In baptism you unite us with all the baptized who confess your name, but often we refuse to live as one people, thus failing to witness to your love.
In baptism you call us to peace in all realms of life, but we allow enmity to grow among us, and we abuse the earth you entrust to our care, living in discord with all you have made. *Lord, grant us peace. Christ, grant us peace.*

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction.
We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.
Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing your healing grace to the world, to the glory of your holy name. *Lord, we praise you. Christ, we praise you.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S GRACE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

Andrew Burchette

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

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
Cliff Christian, baritone

arr. Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I’m 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
*My chains are gone, I’ve been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield, my portion be As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, I’ll be forever thine.

SERMON

Baptized Into What?

Mack Dennis

PURSUING GOD’S PURPOSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 449

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

RESPONSE THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prelude on ST. ELIZABETH

Dale Wood

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Green

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED SERVICE

BENEDICTION

*Those who are able will stand.