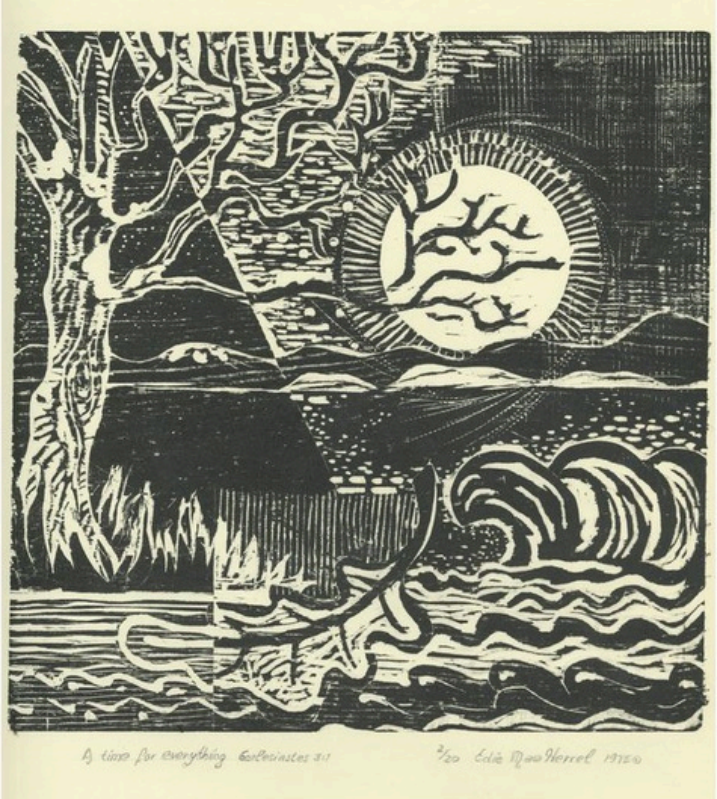
First Baptist Church of Asheville

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Forth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.



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We warmly welcome all members and guests who are joining us for worship today. In the Christian calendar, we are currently observing the Season After Pentecost, also known as 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 assigned to each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church's seasons. Ordinary Time can be understood as the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our day-to-day lives. The liturgical color used today is green, representing the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered in the children's building during the worship hour. Large print hymn sheets and T-coil access are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have. As part of this morning's service, we will celebrate Holy Communion. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, our communion bread is gluten-free.

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GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "Grazioso" by Arnold Sherman
Intergenerational Handbell Choir

GREETING Amy Stertz

INVOCATION

CHORAL INTROIT "Sanctus" by Lindsay Norden
(The text is from the Roman Mass)

*HYMN 299 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" OLD 134TH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *based on Psalm 78* Casey Callahan

Faithful God,
You call us to remember your wondrous works
and share your goodness with generations to come.
Yet we confess that we have often forgotten your faithfulness,
neglected your wisdom, and failed to reflect your love.
Forgive us when we place our trust in ourselves rather than in you.
Renew our hope, strengthen our faith,
and help us live in ways that bear witness to your grace,
so that those who follow may come to know your steadfast love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 705 "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Will Arledge
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps" arr. Andre Thomas
Evan Goetz, Percussion
(The text is based on Matthew 25)

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Randy Harter

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Past and Present" Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

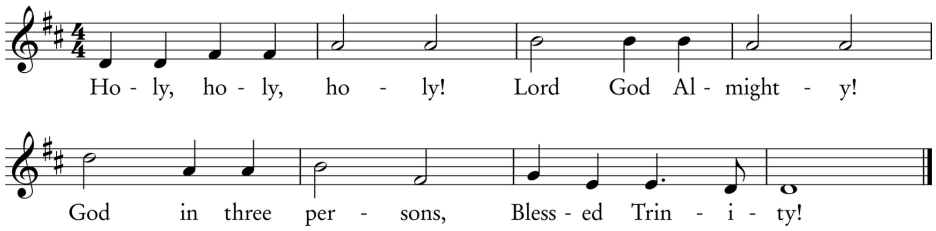
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SHARING PEACE

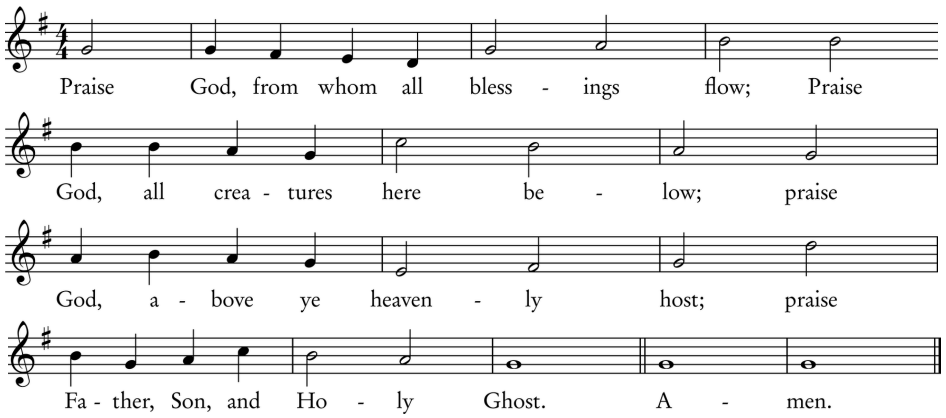
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP STORY - SERVE Cindy & Jim DeGrave

OFFERTORY "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" arr. Florence Price
Rebecca McClain, Piano

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



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Terry Hamrick

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 566 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

CALL TO COMMUNITY Paula Garrett

COMMISSIONING OF IMMOKALEE MISSION TEAM

Will Arledge, Casey Callahan, Cindy & Jim DeGrave,
Brenda & Fred Denton, Judy & Terry Hamrick,
Bill & Karen Hines, and Sharon Tabor

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Seven-Fold Amen" by Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE "Fanfare Postlude" by Douglas Wagner

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study
Today at 9:45 a.m.

Ron's Rainbow Fellowship
Today at Noon

Young Adult Lunch
Today at Noon
(Off Campus)

AYC Rehearsals
Today at
4:00 p.m. (Chorale)
4:30 p.m. (Concert Choir)

Farmworker Community Mission Trip
Tuesday - Saturday

Wednesday Night Activities
See schedule below

Free Market & Lunch at the Crossroads
Thursday
at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

November 8, 2026

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 the "Connect with Us" card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

A team of 11 will travel to Immokalee, FL this Tuesday, for our second mission trip to this farm-working community. We will serve and learn alongside CBF Field Personnel Rick Burnette and the ministries of Cultivate Abundance and Misión Peniel. Please pray for our team as we continue serving and building relationships.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Terry Hamrick

PASTOR ON CALL

Amy Stertz

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. - Meal

6:00 p.m. - Adult Chapel Study
AgapeKids
Youth Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Menu
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuits, Cobbler Kids Nuggets and Fries

($7/adult, $3/child & youth, $20/family max)

TO GIVE ONLINE

FBCA.NET
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5 OAK STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

Advent and Christmas Poinsettias

Now through Tuesday, November 24

Advent and Christmas Poinsettias are now available for purchase in honor and memory of your loved ones. Place orders through the online form. Orders are due by November 24

ORDER

Ron's Rainbow Fellowship

Sunday, November 8 * Noon

In order to welcome friends from other congregations, we have moved our monthly meetings to the SECOND Sunday of each month. This Sunday, November 8, we will meet after worship to share a meal and think about the role of ritual in naming and healing wounds.

Wednesday in the Chapel: The Sanctuary and Via Karis

Wednesday, November 11 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

How does the space where we worship shape the way we understand and practice our faith? In this second session, we'll explore how the architecture of our sanctuary helped inspire the flow of Via Karis. Join us as we explore how the design of our sanctuary tells a story of grace and invites us to live that story every day.

2027 Pilgrimage to Florence: Interest Meeting

Sunday, November 15 * Noon * Chapel

Next Sunday, immediately following worship, there will be a brief informational session in the Chapel about the 2027 Pilgrimage to Florence, Italy in celebration of the sanctuary centennial. To receive updated communication, please contact the church office.



2027 Church Budget Focus

For every $100 received, $29 helps fund Service. This includes our Thursday ministry, denominational support, and mission trips.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Justin Addington	Pastor of Music and Worship
Mr. Will Arledge	Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Dr. Casey Callahan	Coordinating Pastor
Rev. Dr. Mack Dennis	Senior Pastor
Dr. Paula Garrett	Pastoral Resident
Rev. Amy Stertz	Pastor of Christian Formation and Children