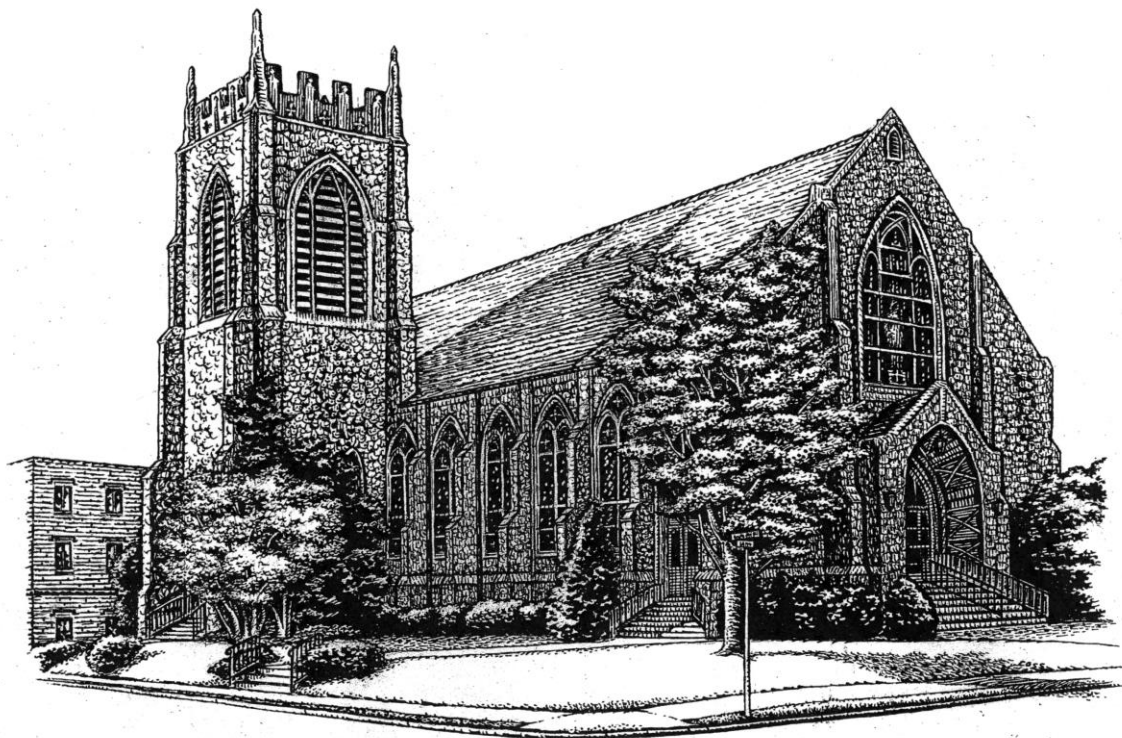


# The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



**At Worship**

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

## Baptism of Our Lord

*The liturgical color today is white. White is the color of purity  
and is reserved for the church's most important celebrations.  
Today we remember the events of Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan river,  
and the model Jesus gave us to follow.*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Saylor Gray

THE GREETING

Bert Long

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Bert Long

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

American folk melody, arr. Dale Wood

The Organ Prelude is based on the text and tune of hymn 304.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Bert Long

LEADER: We are gathered as the people of God to worship the one who calls us beloved.

**ALL: We worship our Lord who meets us in the deep waters of trouble and brings peace to the chaos that swirls around us.**

LEADER: Jesus entered the waters of baptism calling us to new life with him.

**ALL: Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.**

LEADER: May the Spirit descend upon us, bringing peace, hope, and love.

**ALL: To God—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—we raise our voices in praise.  
Alleluia! Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 352

*Jesus, Our Lord and King*

TRENTHAM

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 29 (OT p466)

Becky Thomas

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Christopher Adams

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (following a time of silence)

**God of water and spirit, you have graciously called us unto yourself and freely chosen to dwell among us through your son, Jesus. We confess that we are not always as gracious and generous with those around us. We confess that we find it easier to work as individuals for your kingdom rather than as the baptized community you have gathered together. Forgive us for our stubbornness and self-centeredness. Give us a vision for reconciliation and for bringing hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT p632)

Tem Blackburn

THE GLORIA 416

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

7th Century Latin Hymn

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry Purcell, 1659-1695, adapt.



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son,



Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, Ev - er three and ev - er one!



As it was in the be - gin - ning, While e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Four- and five-year-olds may depart for Children's Church during the singing of the Gloria.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-23 (NT p52)

THE SERMON *Walk Through the Waters* Ronald Cava

THE HYMN 304 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

THE CALL TO PRAYER Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *When Jesus Came to Jordan*  
Frederik August Mehrrens, arr. Lynn Trapp

The Offertory Anthem is based on the text and tune of hymn 61.

AT THE PRESENTATION: The Doxology 424 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8. with Alleluias  
Melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623  
Harm. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host;



Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him,



O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANTS

Amy Russell

LEADER: As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of the new life, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**PEOPLE: Baptized, Christ was called your beloved; dying, Christ was your heart broken for us; risen to new life, Christ is the voice which shatters all our fears; coming to gather us up, Christ will bring us home to you.**

LEADER: As a community of believers, baptized into the name of Jesus Christ,

**PEOPLE: We renew our baptismal commitment to share the joys and responsibilities of fellowship together. We commit to worship together, seeking to discern the mind of Christ through prayer, witness, and service. Holy Spirit, flow through us like baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation. Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world. Set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighbors and communities.**

LEADER: And when the river of time stops flowing, when we gather as one around your table,

**PEOPLE: We will join our voices as your children, singing to God, Jesus, and Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

THE HYMN 353

*Master, We Thy Footsteps Follow*

STEPHANOS

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

Paris Antiphoner, 1681

*Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One Lord, one faith, one source of every merit. Here now renew your church through this symbol given. Grant peace from heaven.*

-Harold F. Yardley

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Postlude on CHRISTE SANCTORUM*

arr. J. Bert Carlson

**Assisting with worship leadership today** are Deacon of the Week Bert Long, Becky Thomas, and Tem Blackburn. Molly Greenway opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Maddox Long. Acolytes are Levi Bean and Gavyn Sandlin.

**The Renewal of Baptismal Covenants** is adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)  
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**The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rock and Mary Sue Powers by Ann Hayes.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** has provided shawls in the back of the Sanctuary. Should you need physical warmth or spiritual comfort, please borrow one for today's service.

## Opportunities for Worship and Service

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45 AM	Missions Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:45	Sue Kelly Library open	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Chamber Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	4:45	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bells	Children's Music Room
	5:00	The Bell Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	6:00	Middle School Youth Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:00	High School Youth Meeting	Youth Room
<b>MONDAY</b>	1:30 PM	Library Committee Workday	Library
<b>TUESDAY</b>	3:15 PM	Children's After-School Programs - Preschoolers and Grades 1-3	
	5:00	Pickup for Preschoolers	Mission Friends Room
	5:00	Pickup for Children in Grades 1-3	Wyche Street
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:45 AM	Morning Adult Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	3:15 PM	Children's After-School Programs - Grades 4-6	
	5:00	Girls' Ensemble Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	5:45	Pickup for Children in Grades 4-6	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Evening Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	6:00	Bells of Wyche Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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