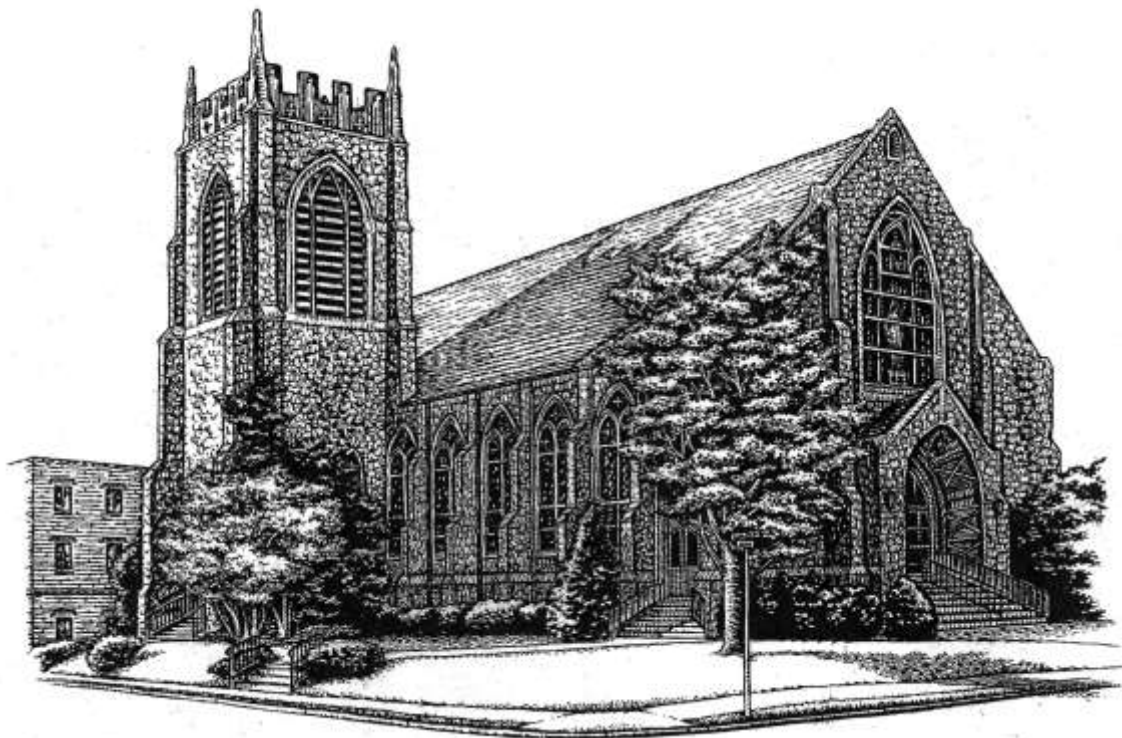


The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*The liturgical color today is green.
Green is representative of growth as the church is on mission
during the season of Epiphany*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Jean Finch

THE GREETING

Jeff Perry

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Jeff Perry

THE PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Joseph Barnby, arr. Robert Lind

THE CHORAL INTROIT

Psalm 98

Helen Kemp

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody, with trumpets and the sound of the horn.

Make a joyful noise before the Lord, before the King.

-Psalm 98

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Jeff Perry

LEADER: We have come to worship the Living God,

ALL: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

LEADER: We have come to worship the Almighty God,

ALL: Who answers forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

LEADER: We have come to worship an all-gracious God,

ALL: Who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the Word of hope.

LEADER: We have come to worship the God of Love who never fails,

**ALL: Whom we long to see face to face. All praise and glory to God,
Creator, Comforter, and Christ!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 203 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 1:1-10 (OT p657) Deuce Roberson

THE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP *Bwana Asifiwe* Mark Burrows

Bwana asifiwe (praise the Lord!). Praise the Lord in the heavens. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good. Praise the Lord! Praise God's name!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation. Oh, my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear now to his temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration. Let the amen sound from his people again, gladly forever adore him! -traditional, quoting Joachim Neander

THE CALL TO CONFESSION Tammy Hight

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before God and God's people, we confess our reluctance to speak out clearly, naming injustices we see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service. Renew and recharge us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. Fill us with the story of your people; fill us with your loving Word. Take us as we are, and make us wholly yours. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:21-30 (NT p53) Amy Russell

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 EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 13 (NT p153)

THE SERMON

Stewardship as Love

Ronald Cava

THE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

The Greatest of These Is Love

Roberta Bitgood

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries; and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things.

Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; and whether there be tongues, they shall cease; and whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away, but love never faileth. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

-adapted from 1 Corinthians 13

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Christopher Adams

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Take My Life, That I May Be* J. Aaron McDermid

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. Amen.

-Frances R. Havergal

AT THE PRESENTATION: The Doxology 424

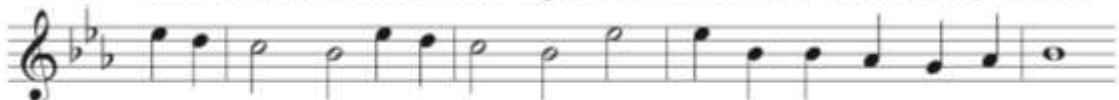
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 CALL TO COMMITMENT		Ronald Cava
THE HYMN 254	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	ST. PETER
THE BENEDICTION		Ronald Cava
THE CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Child of Tomorrow</i>	Mark Patterson

Child of tomorrow, look now and see, this world awaits you and all that you'll be. Yours are the heavens and yours are the seas. Child of tomorrow, go forth and follow your dream.

Child of tomorrow, soon you will go, knowledge and wisdom are your to behold. Yours are the heavens and all things below. Child of tomorrow, find your dream wherever you go.

Walk boldly and humbly wherever you go. Stand proudly and honor the truth that you know. Follow where your heart leads for there you must go, always remembering the path that leads you home.

-Mark Patterson

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> 17 th century German tune, arr. Paul Manz
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Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week Jeff Perry and Deuce Roberson. Finch Cloninger opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Jason Spargo. Acolytes are Ella Stewardson and Davis Faulkner.

Music for this morning's service is offered by Children's Choir II with accompanist Saylor Gray and soloist Ella Stewardson, baritone Jim Davis, and the Chancel Choir.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. John A. Nelson, adapted and used with permission.

The **flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Freeman Jaeger by Chris and Donna Jaeger, David and Jennifer Jaeger King, Kyle and Karen Jaeger Collins, and Chuck and Mary Frances Freeman Wiggins.

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

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Nominating Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	9:00	Pastoral Intern Mentoring Committee	Library
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:45	Sue Kelly Library open	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	9:45	First Life Session	Parlor
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Chamber Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	4:45	7 th & 8 th 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
MONDAY	10:30 AM	<i>Story of the Bible</i> Study	Fellowship Hall
	Noon	Sue Kelly Mission Group	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Evening Mission Fellowship	Susan Rose's Home
	7:00	Phillips Women in Action	Jenny Hester's Home
TUESDAY	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
WEDNESDAY	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
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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