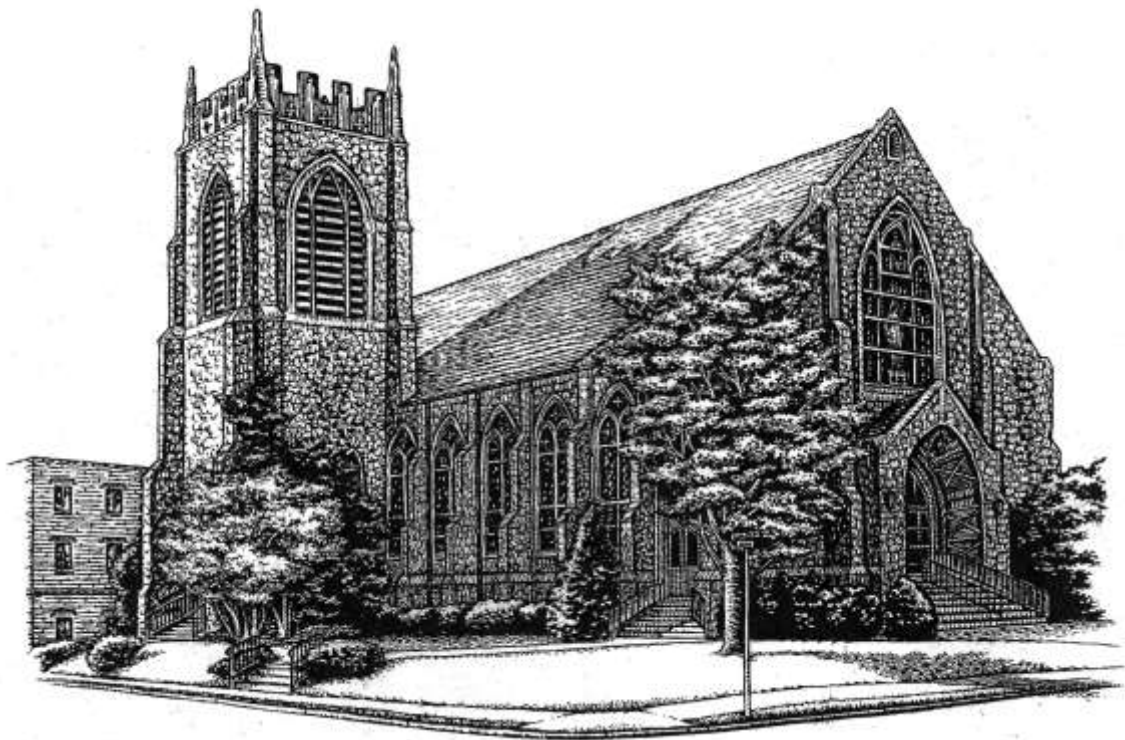


# The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



**At Worship**

# Fifth 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

Betsy Rublein

THE GREETING

Julia Falkner

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Julia Falkner

THE PRELUDE     *There Is A Name I Love to Hear*     traditional, arr. Laurie Muirhead

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Julia Falkner

LEADER: God says, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

**ALL: We come away from the noise and traffic of life, tuning out the multitude of voices screaming for our attention to focus on God.**

LEADER: The world is in an uproar, earthly kingdoms are tottering. We are threatened by the surge of high seas and the quaking of mountains

**ALL: God is in our midst; his kingdom will not fall. God’s voice will be heard above the uproar.**

LEADER: God will be exalted among the nations and will rule over the earth.

**ALL: The Lord, full of might, is with us; the God of our spiritual ancestors is our fortress.**

LEADER: Let us be still and know our ever-present, always-watching, continuously merciful, eternally loving God.

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 233

*Loving God of All Creation*

HYMN TO JOY

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 138 (OT p540)

Charley-John Smith

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Christopher Adams

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and everlasting God, we come before you to confess our sins. We sometimes doubt you are able to do now what we hear you did in earlier times. Oh, that you would show your face or raise your voice! We yearn to know you better and trust you more deeply. Forgive us when we falter.**

**We know you called simple fishers to leave their nets and follow you; and they did. Yet we often either miss, neglect, or refuse your call. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**We are surrounded by family, neighbors, and fellow citizens who labor under heavy loads. Some thirst for little more than a cup of cold water, yet we turn blind eyes to them. Others are crushed by injustice, trapped in harsh circumstances, or languish in hopelessness. Pardon us for justifying why we should not or could not come to their aid.**

**You call us to bear witness to your grace, to proclaim your favor, and to be ambassadors of Christ, as though you are appealing to the world to be reconciled to you. Redeem us from our fears and the easy excuses we create for maintaining our silence. Place your own words in our mouths and lead us to speak out the goodness and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

William M. Runyan, arr. Laurie Muirhead

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-8 (NT p155)

Tammy Hight

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 5:1-11 (p54)

THE SERMON

*Stewardship as Witness*

Ronald Cava

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Amy Russell

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Treasures and Gifts*

Jeffrey Van

*We open here our treasures and our gifts, and some of it is gold, and some of it is frankincense, and some of it is myrrh. For some has come from plenty, some from joy, and some from deepest sorrow of the soul. But thou, O God, dost know the gift is love, our pledge of peace, our promise of goodwill.*

*Accept the gift and all the life we bring.*

-Herbert H. Hines

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 261

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

GALILEE

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*I Love to Tell the Story*

William G. Fischer

The Benediction Response is based on the text and tune of hymn 235.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Postlude on HYMN TO JOY*

arr. Lani Smith

**Assisting with worship leadership today** are Deacon of the Week Julia Falkner and Charley-John Smith. Griffin Kirby opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Christian Bean. Acolytes are Marie Scott White and Luke Roberson.

**Music for this morning's service** is offered by harpist Laurie Muirhead and the Chancel Choir.

**The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Hubbard, Dr. and Mrs. P.F. Yates, and Bob's brother, Bill Hubbard, by Bob and Jackie Hubbard.

**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

	8:30 AM	Finance Committee Meeting	Library
<b>SUNDAY</b>	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	
	9:50	<i>Parables for Today</i> Book Study	Jane Fleming Class
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	Noon	Laffman Class Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	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>	10:30 AM	<i>Story of the Bible</i> Study
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	Sanctuary
	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>	10:00 AM	Food Bank Distribution	Vance Co. Farmer's Market
	9:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parlor
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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