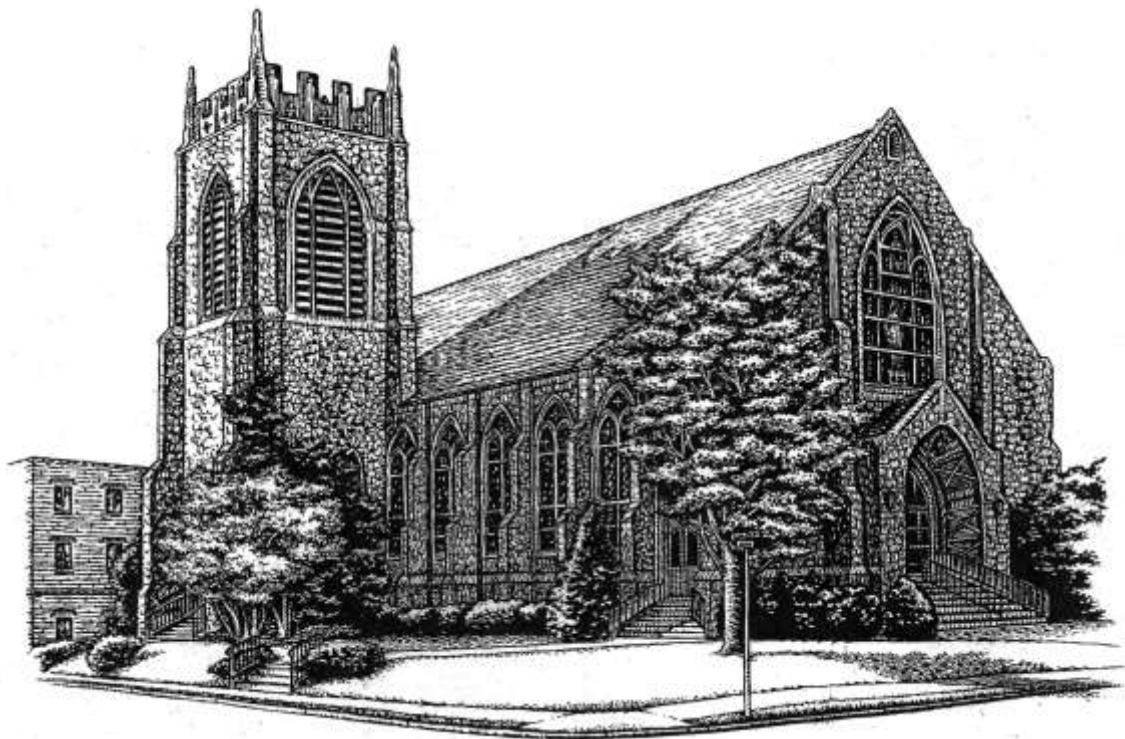


The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Sixth 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

Phil Young

THE GREETING

Susan Westbrook

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Susan Westbrook

THE PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp, arr. Daryl Hollinger

The prelude is based on the text and tune of hymn 312.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Susan Westbrook

LEADER: Joy comes to those who hope in God,

ALL: For God is a keeper of promises.

LEADER: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

ALL: The Lord will reign forever!

LEADER: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

ALL: Let us praise the Lord both today and forevermore! Alleluia! Amen!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 308

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:17-26 (NT p55)

Jane Hicks

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Tammy Hight

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (following a time of silence)

LEADER: O Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you. In the moment of our sinning, we lose perspective on your love for us, forgetting the love you showed in setting us free from sin and death.

ALL: But you continue to show that love in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

LEADER: You freely redeemed and delivered us. Even though we were undeserving, your all-encompassing love rescued us.

ALL: And so, we respond with a hunger for righteousness, to show Christ's love in all that we do and say, and to remain true to you who has redeemed us. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: As a forgiven people we have the gift of communion with an all-loving God. Let us embrace that gift, inspired only to do those things that draw us closer to Love.

ALL: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

THE PROPHETIC LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (OT p678)

Jim Davis

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!



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

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 1 (OT p452)

THE SERMON *Among the Trees* Amy Russell

THE HYMN 271 *Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ* ST. EDMUND

THE CALL TO PRAYER Christopher Adams

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Cantique de Jean Racine* Gabriel Fauré

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are thy dwellings. My soul longs for thy courts, O Lord. O Lord, for thee my heart and flesh cry out. O blest are they whose hope is forever in thee; who praise thy name, who sing their songs within thy holy house. O Lord, incline thine ear; look down, my spirit longs for thee. A Sun and Shield is the Lord of Hosts.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

-based on Psalm 84

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

Amy Russell

THE HYMN 169

It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

THE BENEDICTION

Amy Russell

THE CHORAL AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

John Leavitt

Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week Susan Westbrook, Jane Hicks and Jim Davis. Eva Hopper opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Maddox Long. Acolytes are Grayson Greenway and Bridger Stewardson

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	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room
	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
	9:50	Parables for Today Book Study	Jane Fleming Class
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	Noon	3 rd Sunday Lunch Ministry	Fellowship Hall
	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
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	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
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
FRIDAY	Middle School Youth Winter Lock-In		
SATURDAY	Middle School Youth Winter Lock-In		

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