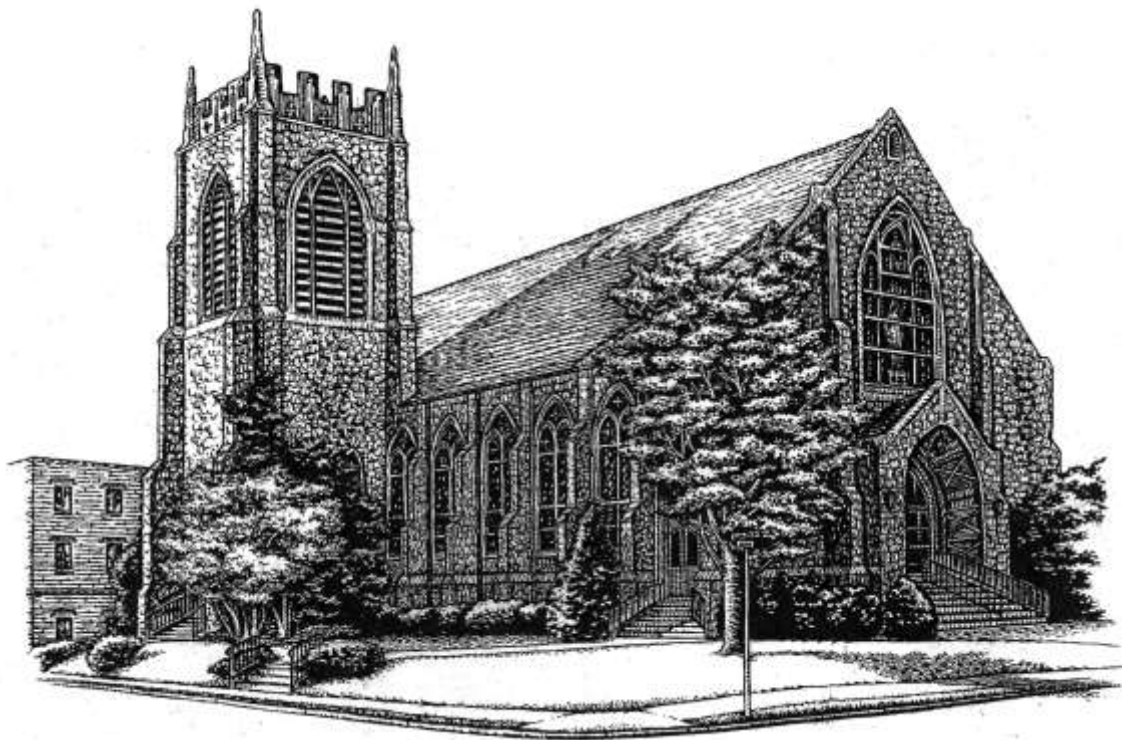


The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Seventh 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

Jane Frazier

THE GREETING

Ray Pegram, Jr.

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Ray Pegram, Jr.

THE PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* William Runyan, arr. Cynthia Dobrinsky

The Prelude is based on the text and tune of hymn 173.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Ray Pegram, Jr.

LEADER: We come to worship, to sing of God's steadfast love,

ALL: And to proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations and to all of creation.

LEADER: Praise the Lord! God's faithfulness grows a tiny seed into a great shrub where birds of the air find protection.

ALL: God's faithfulness is our refuge and strength.

LEADER: Young and old, sun and moon rejoice before the Lord.

**ALL: We trust in the Lord and delight in our Savior's eternal love. Alleluia!
Amen!**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 204 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* HYFRYDOL

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 37:1-11 (OT p473)

Ruxton Bobbitt

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Christopher Adams

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (following a time of silence)

God of our whole hearts, give us strength to open ourselves to your love and to the love of your people. We confess that sometimes the impulse to protect ourselves compels us to turn inward, away from your help and healing. Forgive us when we turn away from each other because we are afraid, embarrassed, or too tired to bear one another's failings. You love us with open eyes and an open heart. Reconcile us to one another and to you so that we may be made whole through your forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38 (NT p56)

Amy Russell

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15 (p39)

THE SERMON *Come a Little Closer* Ronald Cava

THE HYMN 320 *O Christ, the Healer* ERHALT UNS HERR

THE CALL TO PRAYER Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*
traditional Scottish, arr. Malcolm Archer

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

-John Bell and Graham Maule

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

For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE

Fred Kaan, 1929-2009

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; From de - spair your world re - lease,
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the earth be banned;
4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on hu - man - kind;

For a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;
That, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
Pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
For our grow - ing in your like - ness Bring the life of Christ to mind,



To a life of love in ac-tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how through care and good-ness Fear will die and hope in-crease.
 In our com-mon quest for jus-tice May we hal-low life's brief span.
 That by our re-sponse and ser-vice Earth its des-ti-ny may find.

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

African-American Spiritual, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postlude on REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart, arr. Paul Langston

Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week Ray Pegram, Jr. and Ruxton Bobbitt. Lillian Cole opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Katie Hunt. Acolytes are Keats Westbrook and Will White.

Music for this morning's service is offered by the Evening Adult Ringers and the Chancel Choir with soprano Kathleen James.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lou Young, Jim Young, and Lewis Amos, and in honor of John Amos and Ian Amos on their birthdays by their family.

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
	9:15	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	<i>Parables for Today</i> Book Study	Jane Fleming Class
	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>The 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	
	5:45	Pickup for Children in Grades 4-6	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Parlor
	3:00 PM	Communications Task Force Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:00	Bells of Wyche Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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