

The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



Lent

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*The liturgical color today is purple.
Purple symbolizes preparation and penitence
during our collective Lenten journey.*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Linda Sigmon

THE GREETING

Celia Brinker

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Celia Brinker

THE PRELUDE

Jesus Is All the World to Me

Will Thompson, arr. Don Hustad

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Celia Brinker

LEADER: We walk by faith, not by sight;

ALL: For the love of Christ urges us on.

LEADER: If we are in Christ,

ALL: We are a new creation.

LEADER: Everything old has passed away;

ALL: Everything has become new!

LEADER: Come, enter this time of worship:

ALL: May we be renewed in our spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 25

Lord, Christ, When First Thou Cam'st

MIT FREUDEN ZART

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 32 (OT p469)

Elizabeth Pegram

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Christopher Adams

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that at times, even when we do our best, we fail. We are not perfect. We sometimes do not recognize when our words or actions, even when we mean well, can cause harm. We miss signs and cues from others. Call us into accountability and show us mercy. Instill in our hearts kindness and compassion, for others and ourselves. Teach us how to forgive well, in ways that protect ourselves from further harm, but extend the same mercy you have extended to us. Forgive us when we have failed to notice the harm we have caused, and help us to correct our faults and make amends as best as we are able. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 5:16-21 (NT p159)

Cara Kirby

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 15:1-2 (NT p67)

THE SERMON

A Friend Like Jesus

Ronald Cava

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Your Trusting Child

Shirley W. McRae

Dear God, hear me, your trusting child, as thankfully I sing. I feel your presence all around, your love in everything.

Dear God, bless me, your trusting child. I know my hurt is small, and yet, I know you feel with pain the tiny sparrow's fall.

Dear God, lead me, your trusting child, to live with faithfulness, to silence anger, hate, and fear with love and gentleness.

-Shirley W. McRae

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide. Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to thee. Without thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast! Iniquity, hatred upon me they cast! The wicked oppress me, O where shall I fly? Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast, my soul with deathly terror is oppressed. Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall. With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear my call.

O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest and remain there forever at rest.

-William Bartholomew (based on Psalm 55)

AT THE PRESENTATION: The Doxology 422

OLD HUNDREDTH

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Genevan Psalter, 1551



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



Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

THE CALL TO COMMITMENT

Ronald Cava

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE 248 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Now May the Light of God* John Erickson

Now may the light of God be with your to guide you. Now may the love of God be with you to strengthen you.

Now may the Son of God be with you to be a joy in all you do, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-John Erickson

THE POSTLUDE *Sonata, Op. 65, No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
III. *Allegro maestoso vivace*

Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week Celia Brinker, Elizabeth Pegram, and Cara Kirby. Sam Cole opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Jeanie James. Acolytes are Saylor Gray and Marie Scott White.

Music for this morning's service is offered by Children's Choir I and the Chancel Choir with soprano Maggie Clark.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell (www.rev-o-lution.org) and used with permission.

This morning's extended Offertory Anthem, *Hear My Prayer*, is a short cantata written by Felix Mendelssohn that was premiered in 1845 in Bishopsgate, London, in the Great Hall of Crosby Hall. It continued his collaboration with librettist William Bartholomew, who was best known for his creation of the libretto for Mendelssohn's epic *Elijah* oratorio, and it reflects Mendelssohn's fascination following his introduction to English organs with full-compass pedalboards. The libretto is based on Psalm 55 and its plaintive Lenten themes.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ada Pegram and Charlie Carney by Ray, Peggy, Zachary, and Elizabeth Pegram.

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
	8:30	Nominating Committee Meeting	1 st – 3 rd Grade Classroom
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:45	Sue Kelly Library open	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	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	High School Youth Meeting	Youth Room
MONDAY	Noon	Lenten Lunches and Lessons	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
	10:00	Land Stewardship Meeting	Library
	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	Children's Music Room
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	6:00	Bells of Wyche Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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