

The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



Lent

Fifth 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

Joyce Short

THE GREETING

Jenny Hester

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Jenny Hester

THE PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major (BWV553)

J. S. Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Jenny Hester

LEADER: Come, pilgrims, for the Righteous One has set a path through the sea.

ALL: Let us rejoice as we make our journey!

LEADER: Come, growers, for the Creator has brought up rivers in the desert.

ALL: Let us declare our praise as we plant our fields!

LEADER: Come, people of God, for the Holy One has done great things for us!

ALL: Let us tell of abundance as we shout with joy!

LEADER: Savior, an offering costly and sweet Mary of Bethany laid at your feet.

ALL: May our love's incense rise sweeter than sacrifice, Dear Lord, to thee.

LEADER: Let us worship God.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 73

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

THE MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. John A. Behnke

The Music for Worship is based on the text and tune of hymn 161.

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 126 (OT p535)

Jerry Ellington

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Be Still My Soul

Jean Sibelius, arr. John A. Behnke

The Music for Worship is based on the text and tune of 305.

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christopher Adams

THE PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21 (OT p632)

Nancy Hines

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: John 12:1-8 (NT p92)

THE SERMON

Beautiful Worship

Ronald Cava

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Now Is the Cool of the Day

Jean Ritchie

My Lord, he said unto me: "Do you like my garden so fair? You may live in this garden if you keep the grasses green, and I'll return in the cool of the day."

Now is the cool of the day. O this earth is a garden, the garden of my Lord; and he walks in the cool of the day.

Then my Lord, he said unto me: "Do you like my garden so pure? You may live in this garden if you keep the waters clean, and I'll return in the cool of the day."

Then my Lord, he said unto me: "Do you like my pastures of green? You may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs; and I'll return in the cool of the day."
-Jean Ritchie

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 CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Hopper

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: We confess, Anointed One, that we often excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can.

ALL: Forgive us, and help us to change.

LEADER: Open our mouths to teach songs of joy in places of sorrow, our tongues to bring laughter to children who rarely clap their hands.

ALL: Open our listening to the tears of those most vulnerable, those whose fortunes are not restored.

LEADER: Then open within us, God of Joy, a pocket of the heart in which we carry seeds of justice and human compassion, to plant in others' lives.

ALL: Renew our determination to live as faithful Christ-followers. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE HYMN OF APPROACH 362 *Here at Thy Table, Lord* BREAD OF LIFE

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE Amy Russell

THE BREAD *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* J. G. Walther, arr. S. Scott

Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion; let your Spirit now endow me for meditation. Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish of your suffering, pain, and death, that I may not perish.

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses, learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, that I may in heaven above sing your praise forever.

-Sigismund von Birken, tr. August Crull

THE CUP *Wondrous Love* Walker's *Southern Harmony*,
arr. Louis White

THE CALL TO COMMITMENT Ronald Cava

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE 255 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

THE BENEDICTION Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Martin Herbst

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we
may appear at eternal Eastertide.*

-George H. Smyttan

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major (BWV 553)

J. S. Bach

Assisting with worship leadership today are Deacon of the Week Jenny Hester, Jerry Ellington, and Nancy Hines. Finch Cloninger opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Maddox Long. Acolytes are Grayson Greenway and Will White.

Music for this morning's service is offered by organist Saylor Gray, the Morning Adult Ringers, and the Chancel Choir with mezzo-soprano Donna Vann.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were adapted from the writings of Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott, Maren Tirabassi, and Edwin Parker, and are used with permission.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brian McDaniel by his family.

The flowers in the Narthex this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rebecca Falkner and Frank Scott who were married yesterday.

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

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| SUNDAY | 9:15 AM | 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 | Middle School Youth Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 | High School Youth Meeting | Youth Room |
| MONDAY | Noon | Lenten Lunches and Lessons | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Evening Mission Fellowship | Mary Southerland's Home |
| | 7:00 | Phillips Women in Action | Celia Brinker'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 | 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 Choir Room |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 AM | Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | Parlor |
| | 10:00 | Food Bank Distribution | Vance Co. Farmers Market |
| | 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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