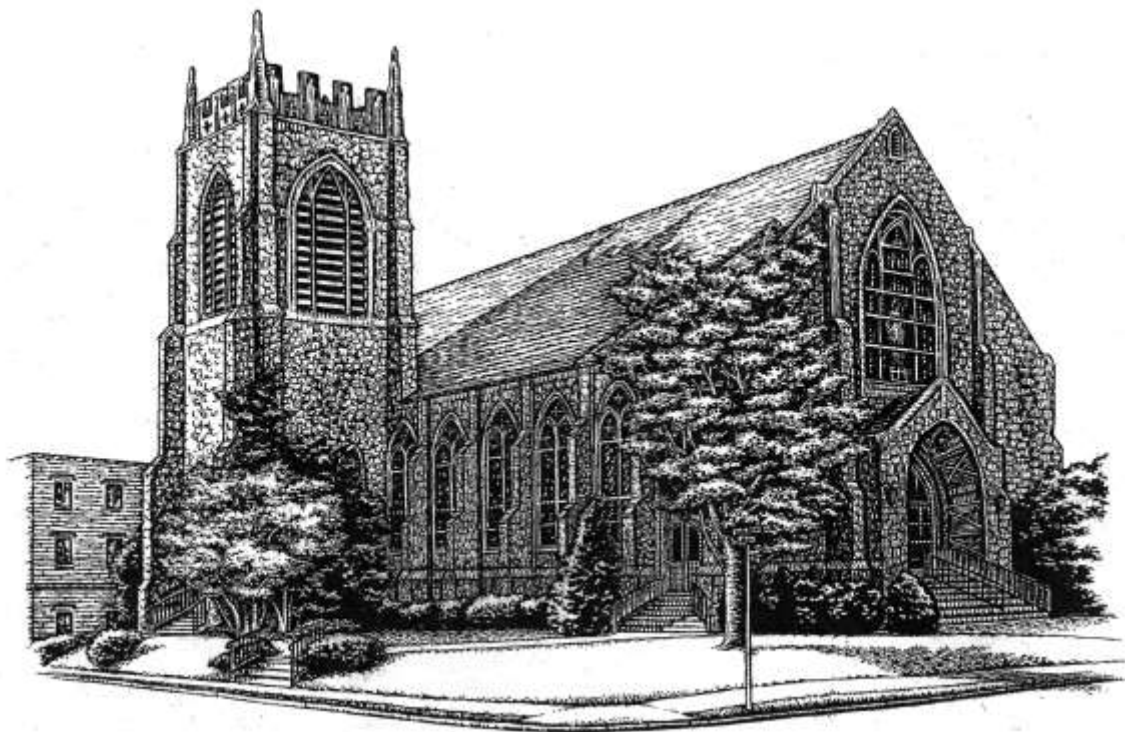


# The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



**At Worship**

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*The liturgical color today is green.  
Green represents growth as the church is on mission  
in the weeks following Pentecost.*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Jean Finch

THE GREETING

David Hicks

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

David Hicks

THE PRELUDE

*Processional on HYMN TO JOY*

Matthew Corl

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

David Hicks

LEADER: The voice of God gathers us this day;

**ALL: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.**

LEADER: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

**ALL: With acts mighty and faltering,**

LEADER: With kindness and with selfishness,

**ALL: With doubt and with faith;**

LEADER: So we may bring the fullness of our lives to God.

**ALL: May we worship well this day.**

## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Hopper

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside – the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it’s not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 113 (OT p526)

Phil Young

## 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.

THE PROPHETIC LESSON: Amos 8:4-12 (OT p809)

THE SERMON *Why Is It So Hard to Be Good?* Amy Russell

THE HYMN 245 *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* ST. MICHAEL

THE CALL TO PRAYER Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Praise Ye the Lord* Eugene Butler

The Offertory Anthem is based on Psalm 113

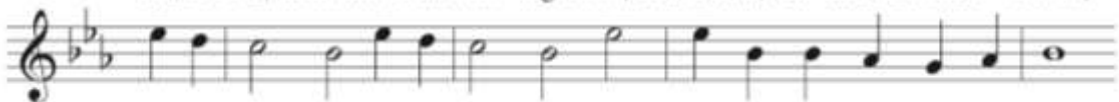
AT THE PRESENTATION: The Doxology 424 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 OF RESPONSE 266

*God of My Doubting Heart*

TRENTHAM

THE BENEDICTION

Amy Russell

THE CHORAL AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Postlude on ST MICHAEL*

Richard Peek

**Assisting with worship leadership today** are Deacon of the Week David Hicks and Phil Young. Griffin Kirby opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Gavyn Sandlin. Acolytes are Banks Kirby and Marie Scott White.

**The Call to Worship and The Prayer of Confession** this morning are written by Beth Merrill Neel and used with permission.

**The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Channing Falkner and Chuck Lewis by Alice and Art Falkner.

**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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Finance Committee Meeting	Library
	9:00	Recreation Committee Meeting	Youth Room
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:45	Sue Kelly Library Open	
	9:45	Sunday School	
	11:00	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
	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/Parent Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:00	High School Youth Meeting	Youth Room
<b>MONDAY</b>	1:30 PM	Library Committee Workday	Library
	5:30	Personnel Committee Meeting	First Citizens Bank
<b>TUESDAY</b>	3:00 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	Children's Music Room
	1:00 PM	Hearing Device Demonstration	Sanctuary
	3:00	Children's After-School Programs – Grades 4-6	
	5:15	Girls Ensemble Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	5:45	Pickup for Children in Grades 4-6	Wyche Street
	7:30	Evening Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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