

The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Twenty-Third 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

John Sigmon

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

John Sigmon

THE PRELUDE

Meditation on ST. EDMUND

Arthur Sullivan,
arr. Gerald Peterson

The Prelude is based on the text and tune of hymn 271.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

John Sigmon

LEADER: We often feel as if we are wandering through our lives, searching for something we cannot name. We come today to listen for hope, to pray for strength, and to experience God's love.

ALL: Speak to us of faith, hope, and love, O Lord.

LEADER: As the deer longs for flowing water in the wilderness, we long to drink deeply of God's promise for us. Knowing God is here, we join together on our journey.

ALL: Lead us to your still waters, O Lord.

LEADER: Imprisoned by rules of our own making, we come to remember and claim our faith. Assured by the vision of Christ, whose sacrifice leads us to heaven, we come in fellowship with one another.

ALL: Clothe us in the love of Christ, O Lord.

LEADER: With shouts of praise and songs of thanksgiving, we come to celebrate the God of hope, the Spirit of peace, and the Christ of redeeming love.

ALL: We come to pray. We come to sing. We come to worship and praise.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 181 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* SPANISH HYMN

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 98 (OT p514) Sandra Wiggins

THE CALL TO CONFESSION Amy Russell

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control: buffeted by the winds of change, rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships, burned by the fires of doubt. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, “Why have you forgotten me?” Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of the soul. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains; whence cometh help? Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

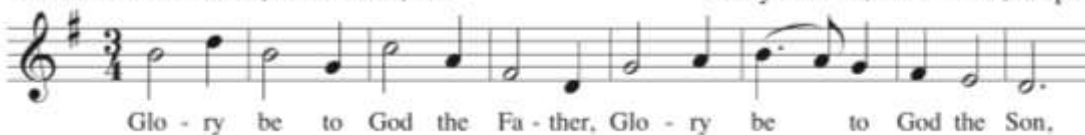
-Psalm 121:1-3

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:5-19 (NT p74) Kari Martin

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 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: Malachi 4:1-6 (NT p840)

THE SERMON *Make Room for Elijah* Ronald Cava

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

THE CALL TO PRAYER Tammy Hight

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY *There Is a Balm in Gilead* traditional spiritual,
arr. Philip M. Young

The Offertory is based on the text and tune of hymn 302.

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 OF RESPONSE 277	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	HENDON
THE BENEDICTION		Ronald Cava
THE CHORAL AMEN		
THE ORGAN POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on HENDON</i>	Austin Lovelace

Assisting with worship leadership today is Deacon of the Week John Sigmon and Sandra Wiggins. Molly Greenway opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Chapel Westbrook. Acolytes are Banks Kirby and Davis Faulkner.

Music for this morning's service is offered by the Girls' Ensemble and the Chancel Choir.

This morning's Call to Worship is by Sara Dunning Lambert and is used with permission.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, B.A. and Mamie Hartness, and O.M. and Nita McCune, by Blanton and Ruth Hartness.

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	
	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
TUESDAY	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
WEDNESDAY	8:45 AM	Morning Adult Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	3:00 PM	Children's After-School Programs – Grades 4-6	
	5:10	Girls Ensemble Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
	5:45	Pickup for Children in Grades 4-6	Wyche Street
	6:10	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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