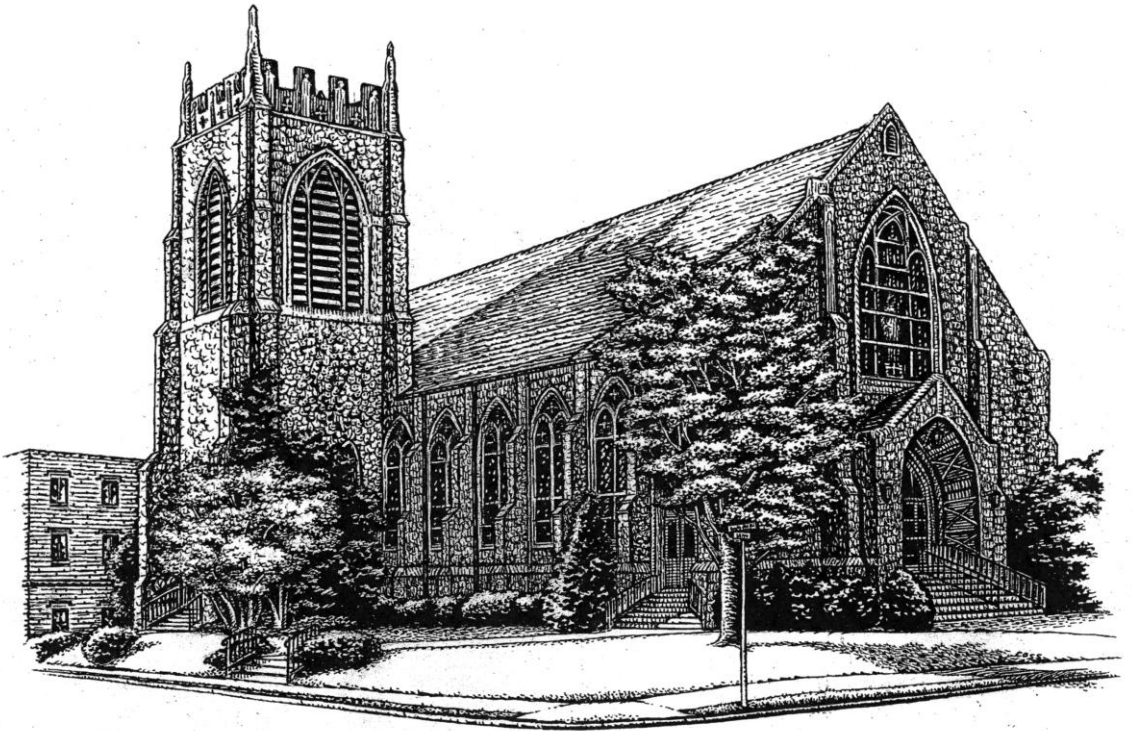


The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Baptism of Our Lord

The liturgical color today is white. White is the color of purity and is reserved for the church's most important celebrations. Today we remember the events of Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan river and the model Jesus gave us to follow.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Jean Finch

THE GREETING

Allen Duke

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Allen Duke

THE PRELUDE

Meditation on ST. CLEMENT

C. Scholefield, arr. Herbert Grieb

The Organ Prelude is based on the text and tune of today's third hymn.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Allen Duke

LEADER: God, who created the heavens, spread out the earth, and gave breath to all, takes us by the hand.

ALL: We are God's servants, giving glory to God alone.

LEADER: Let us bring forth justice not growing faint until justice has been established throughout the earth.

ALL: Jesus has come to show us the way.

LEADER: Through the waters of baptism, new things are flowing forth from the source of all life.

ALL: Jesus, the light of all nations, has come to free and redeem.

LEADER: We follow Jesus through the waters becoming witnesses of his liberating life, death, and resurrection.

ALL: We worship God, God's beloved son, and the Spirit leading us to new life!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 350 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 29 (OT p467) Mack Choplin

THE CALL TO CONFESSION Tammy Hight

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time. We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace. Bathe us in the life-giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your servant, Jesus Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

ALL: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:34-43 (NT p113) Maddox Long

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Son, the Beloved* David Blackwell

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

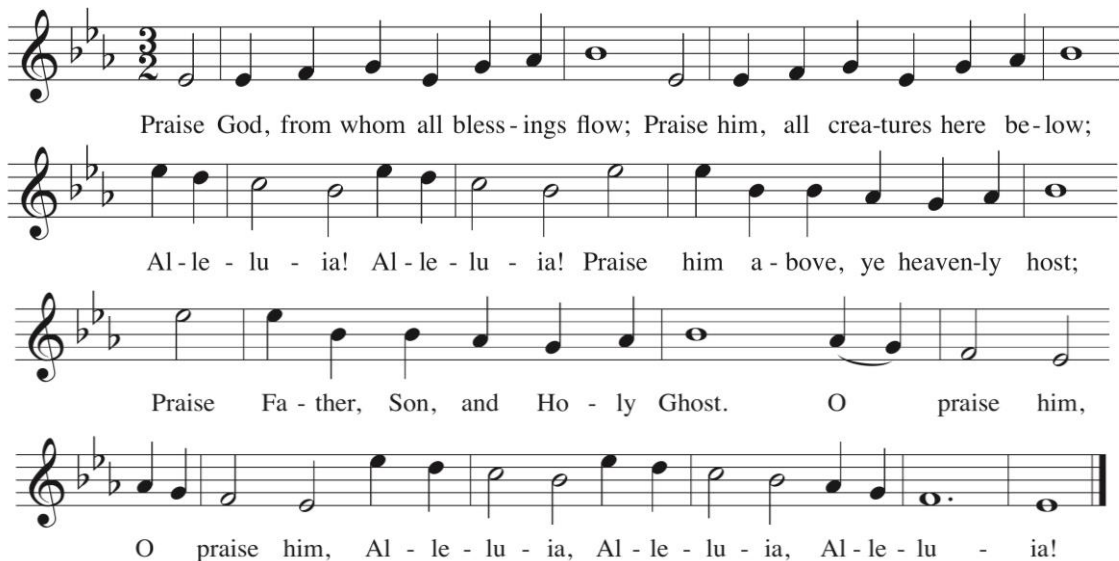
And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well-pleased." -based on Mark 1:9-11

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!

Four- and five-year-olds may depart for Children's Church during the singing of the Doxology.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17 (NT p3)

Kari Martin

THE HYMN 62

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ABBEY

THE SERMON

In Search of the Holy

Ronald Cava

A CALL TO REFLECTION

Amy Russell

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Mark, How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*
ST. CLEMENT

1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - fering Our hu - man
 2. Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo, this is
 3. Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the
 4. Turn us from ev - ery false al - le - giance, That we may

sin - ful - ness takes on In cool birth - wa - ters
 my be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove - like
 faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap -
 trust in Christ a - lone. Raise up in us a

of the Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
 form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
 tis - mal call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest - hood help us share.
 cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be your own.

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy*

Georg Neumark

All that I am and love most dearly, receive it all, O Lord, from me. Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, and help me your own child to be. Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone.

-Johann J. Rambach, tr. Catherine Winkworth

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Baptized in Water

Welsh tune, arr. Paul O. Manz

The postlude is based on the text and tune of hymn 354.

Assisting with worship leadership today is Deacon of the Week Allen Duke, Mack Choplin, and Maddox Long. Sam Cole opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Jason Spargo. Acolytes are Banks Kirby and Camden Wyatt.

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are written by © Thom M. Shuman 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 William L. Stark by his 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	Christian Formation Committee Meeting	Library
	8:30	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
	8:30	Missions Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	9:15	Pre-Sunday School Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:55	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 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	1:30 PM	Library Committee Work Day	Library
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
	10:00	Sunshine Club Movie Day	Youth 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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