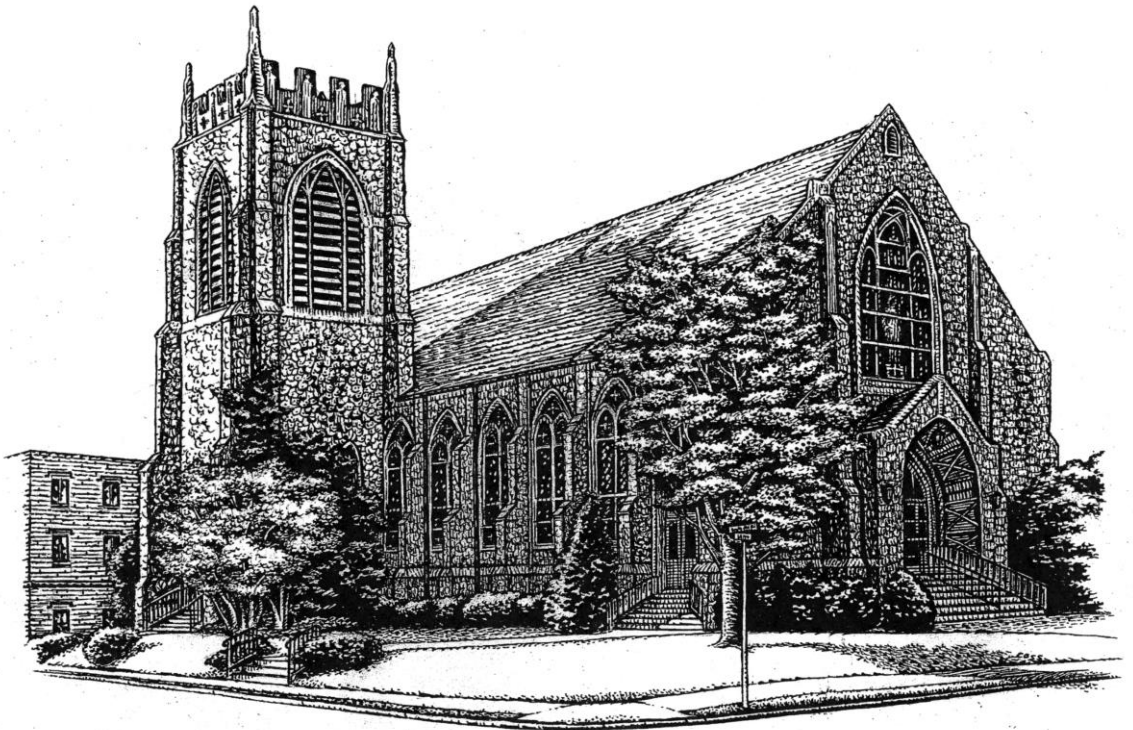


# The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



**At Worship**

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*The liturgical color today is green.  
Green is representative of growth as the church is on mission  
during the season of Epiphany*

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Connie Markham

THE GREETING

Jeff Perry

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Jeff Perry

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

John Ness Beck

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us, as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.*

*Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted  
and meant to love and live.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to  
do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of  
forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

-Fred Kaan

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Jeff Perry

LEADER: Come friends and neighbors, come and worship the Lord.

**ALL: God waits for us in this place, in this time, here and now.**

LEADER: God waits to break into our hearts and shape every thought and action.

**ALL: Yes, to help us see and love our world as he sees and loves it.**

LEADER: The waiting is over. God is here. We are here. Let us worship in joy  
and expectancy. May the meditations of our hearts and the words of our  
mouths be pleasing to God, our Strength and our Redeemer. Alleluia! Amen!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 163

*Let Us With a Gladsome Mind*

MONKLAND

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 15 (OT p458)

Kari Martin

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Tammy Hight

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we come before you fully aware of your holiness and how far we miss the mark of reflecting it. We acknowledge that we make wrong choices each day. We confess that we disappoint and grieve you when we ignore the right and do the wrong. Please hear our prayers and forgive us.**

**We ruin our own stomachs and spoil the appetites of our neighbors by serving up the rotten fruits of hatred, misery, conflict, impatience, malice, evil, and faithlessness. Lord, have mercy, and teach us to be filled with the sweet fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness and faithfulness.**

**Lord, come and crucify our fleshly passions and fill us anew with your Spirit, that we might live in, live through, and live for Jesus Christ. We pray in your great name. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel. By faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all but now I see: 'tis found in Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil. Here I will sit and rest a while. Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

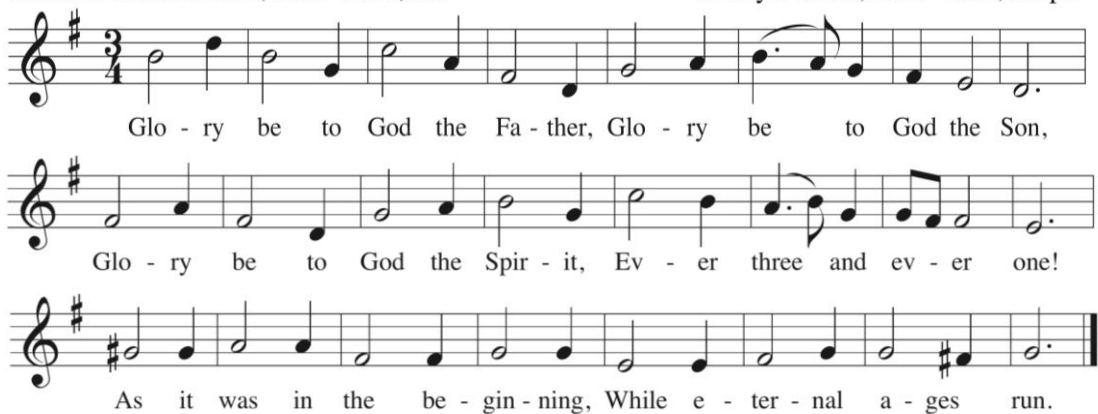
*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive. It keeps my dying faith alive, which make my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree. -Richard Hutchins*

THE PROPHETIC LESSON: Micah 6:1-8 (OT p819)

Christopher Adams

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 Doxology.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:34-35 (NT p94) Amy Russell

THE SERMON *A Really Good Neighbor* Tony Cartledge

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

THE CALL TO PRAYER Ronald Cava

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Behold Now, Praise the Lord* Everett Titcomb

*Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house  
of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

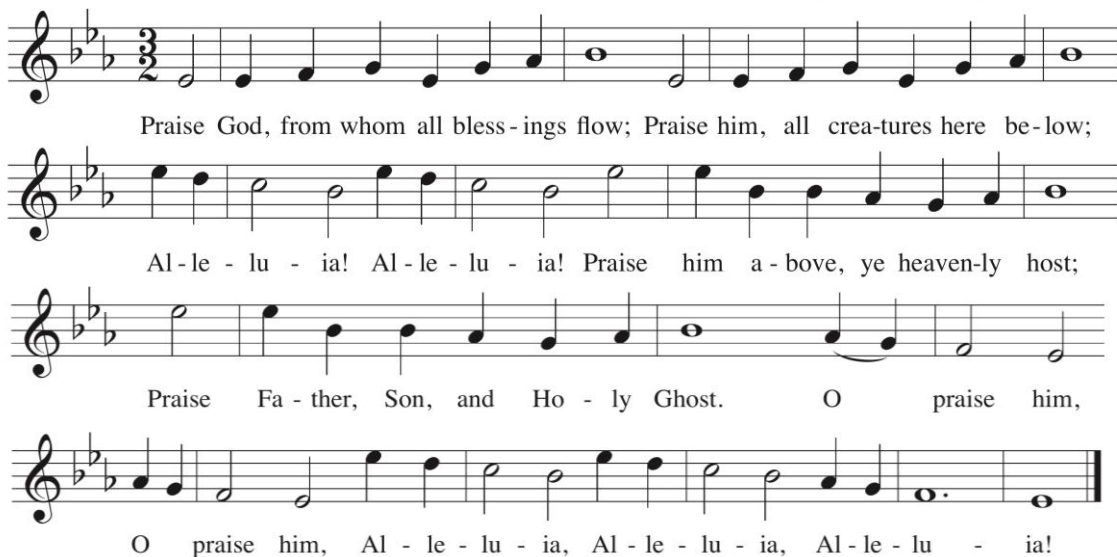
-Psalm 134

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 295

*The Servant Song*

BEACH SPRING

THE BENEDICTION

Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Prelude on BEACH SPRING*

*Sacred Harp*, 1844, arr. Philip M. Young

The Organ Postlude is based on the text and tune of hymn 295.

**Assisting with worship leadership today** is Deacon of the Week Jeff Perry and Christopher Adams. Lillian Cole opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Maddox Long. Acolytes are Bridger Stewardson and Keats Westbrook.

**We welcome Dr. Tony Cartledge** as our guest proclaimer today. Dr. Cartledge will share a monologue sermon reflecting Biblical lessons and informed by a friendship he shared with Fred Rogers. That friendship began as part of Cartledge's journey through grief after his daughter Bethany was killed in a tragic accident in 1994. Dr. Cartledge is Professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School. He is well known as a former editor of the Biblical Recorder, and more recently as an author of *Nurturing Faith* Sunday School lessons and as contributing editor of *Baptists Today*.

**Music for this morning's service** is offered by the Youth Choir and the Chancel Choir.

**The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Rublein 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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Christian Formation Committee Meeting	Library
	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
	5:00 PM	The Bell Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
	6:00	High School Youth Meeting	Youth Room
<b>MONDAY</b>	Noon	Sue Kelly Mission Group	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Women in Action	Betty Goodwin's Home
<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
	10:00	Sunshine Club Committee Meeting	Parlor
	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
	7:30	Evening Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room

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