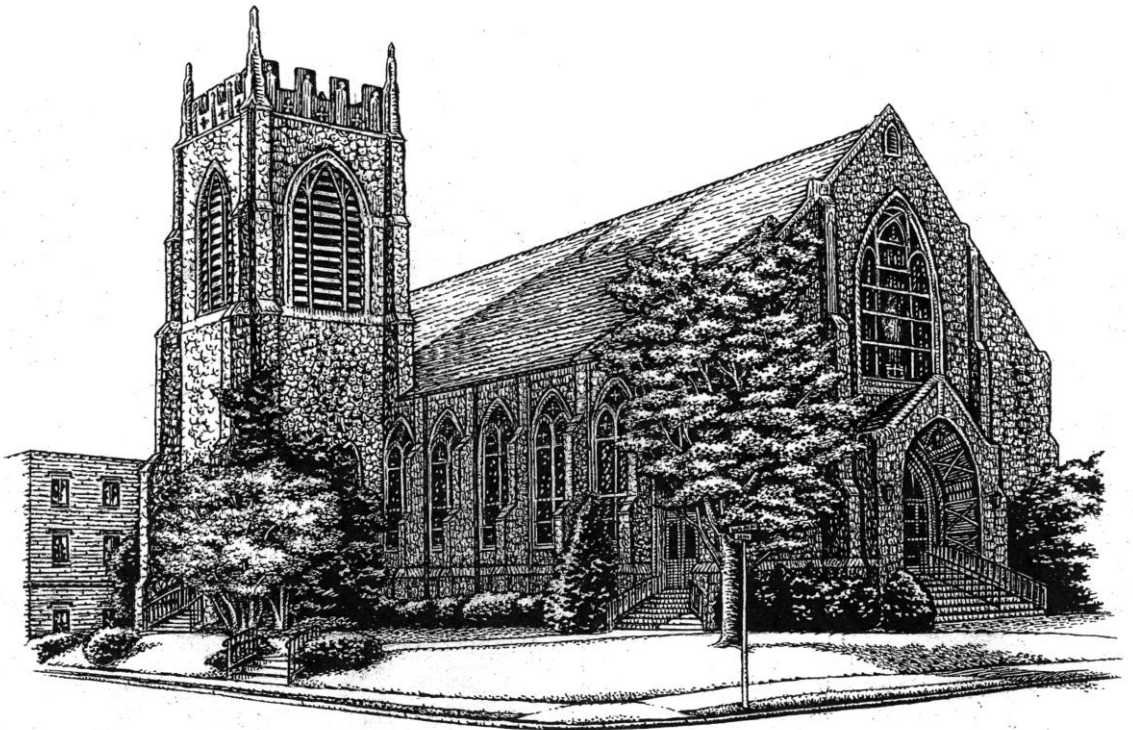


The First Baptist Church

Henderson, North Carolina



At Worship

Sixth 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

Phil Young

THE GREETING

Bert Long

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE INVOCATION

Bert Long

THE PRELUDE

Canonic Voluntary on ABBOT'S LEIGH

Dennis Janzer

The Organ Prelude is based on the text and tune of hymn 230.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation standing)

Bert Long

LEADER: The exalted God of grace and majesty, the Creator of all living things,
lives with us today.

ALL: May we find God in everything that blooms beneath the snows of life.

LEADER: The Law says you can have life or death. Which will you choose?

ALL: We choose life.

LEADER: Love God, walk in God's ways, and you will grow. If you turn to your
own ways, you will perish.

ALL: We choose God's ways. We choose to grow.

LEADER: The Law of Moses interpreted by Jesus says: "Love God above all, and
love your neighbor as yourself."

ALL: We choose to walk that talk. Let us worship God, who promises life.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 230 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 119:1-8 (OT p529)

Kotty Gray

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Tammy Hight

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light—who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget your living word, and move off your paths to serve our own desires. We leave your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide who is the greatest. We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, who reconciles the whole world in himself.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thank you, God, for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields. We choose to receive your blessing. Through your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT p173)

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 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: Matthew 5:33-37 (NT p4)

THE SERMON *Choose* Ronald Cava

THE HYMN 303 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* MARYTON

THE CALL TO PRAYER Amy Russell

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Glorious Everlasting* Thomas M. Cousins

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people. I will sing unto thee among the nations, Glorious Everlasting!

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let thy glory be above all the earth.
-Psalm 57

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 264 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

THE BENEDICTION Ronald Cava

THE CHORAL AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Wayne Wold

Assisting with worship leadership today is Deacon of the Week Bert Long and Kotty Gray. Sam Cole opens the Bible. The Crucifer is Gavyn Sandlin. Acolytes are Eva Hopper and Camden Wyatt.

The flowers which beautify the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jackie Hubbard and in honor of our granddaughter, Ellebe Green by Bob and Beth Hubbard.

The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from writings of Rev. Dr. Renee Jackson, used with permission, and a gospel hymn by John Sammis in public domain.

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
	7:30	Evening Ringers Rehearsal	Children's Music Room
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Adult Choir Room
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Ministry Design Conference	Forest Hills Baptist Church

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