

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

In the shadow of God's peace,
in the powerful name of Jesus,
and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

—based on Romans 5.1-5

Opening Voluntary

Terry R. Everson

Hyfrydol Aspects

Tony Sanders, McCormick Music Intern *trumpet*

The music, the lighting of the Christ candle, and the opening of the Bible are tangible symbols that call us to worship. Use these moments to quiet your spirit and invite God's presence into our gathering.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Grant McCord

Opening the Bible

Emerson Culbreth

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Responsive Invocation

Rev. Sherouse

O God of greatness and goodness,
not only did you set us apart from the rest of creation,
but you made us in your own image.

**O Lord, give us grateful hearts
and let us rejoice in the presence of our Creator.**

O God of might and mercy,
not only did you follow your people into the far country,
but you took up the cross to set them free.

**O Lord, give us grateful hearts
and let us rejoice in the presence of our Sustainer.**

Gracious God, you have revealed yourself to us
in more ways than we can recall or recount.

**O Lord, give us grateful hearts
and let us rejoice in the love that will not let us go. Amen.**

†Hymn 358

MELITA

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Matthew 8.24-27

Isaiah 43.2-3

Psalms 139.7-10

Words of Friendship

Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

†Affirmation of Faith Hymn 693

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

We Believe in God Almighty

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn 2 NICAEA
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

†Stewardship Prayer Janice Newsom, deacon

†Music in Procession *David Howard Pettit*
Festival Prelude on "Thaxted"

As the hymn is played the congregation will recess to the front steps, dismissed row by row at the direction of the ministers.

†The Lord's Supper Rev. Sherouse

†Song of Dedication THAXTED



There is a - noth - er coun - try, I've heard of long a - go,
(And) soul by soul and si - lent - ly her shin - ing bounds in - crease,



most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
and her ways are ways of gent - le - ness, and all her paths are peace.



We may not count her arm - ies, we may not see her King; Her



fort - ress is a faith - ful heart, her pride is suf - fer - ing; And

Text: Cecil Spring Rice, 1918
Music: THAXTED, Gustaf Holst, 1925

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Passing the Peace Rev. Sherouse



GATHERING PLAN

Throughout the summer months, we will build our in-person offerings and resume other elements of our ministry as safe and advisable. We will also continue to update our practices and Gathering Covenant. Our Task Force has made some adjustments after recent advisories from the CDC and state/local leadership. At this time, we continue to practice masking and comfortable distancing in common indoor spaces like hallways, as well as in worship and other indoor gatherings that include children or teenagers that are not yet fully vaccinated. We will continue to request sign-up for worship services through June 6, Senior Sunday. Learn more at fbcgso.org/gathering

SENIOR SEND-OFF VIDEO | June 2 at 7 pm

Join us virtually this Wednesday, June 2 at 7 pm as our Class of 2021 Senior Send-Off Video premieres. Hear from seven members of the Class of 2021 as they reflect on their experiences at FBC, their journey with faith, and their future plans. The video will premiere on Facebook and fbcgso.org/youth

SENIOR SUNDAY | Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am

Next Sunday, the Class of 2021 will be leading us in Worship. Come hear our graduating Seniors use their gifts through scripture reading, children's time and preaching our sermon. We also will be recognizing our Seniors on this amazing accomplishment.

VBS VOLUNTEERS | July 19-22

We need LOTS of volunteers to make VBS happen this summer. If you are available July 19-22 (all or some of those days) from 9am-noon, we'd love for you to join our VBS team. Masks will be required and safety protocols will be followed. Childcare will be provided for volunteers' children (3 years and younger.) Contact Christina McCord (christina@fbcgso.org).

WORSHIP IN THE ARTS CAMP | August 2-6, 9 am - 1 pm

Children grades 1-5 are welcome to attend this camp. Learn to worship in many different ways. More information and sign-up at: fbcgso.org/wita2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Chris Cherry, Youth & Families
Christina McCord, Children & Families
Alan Sherouse, Senior Pastor

Doug Vancil, Music & Worship
Terri Vancil, Music & Worship
Courtney Willis, Formation & Care