

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Call to Worship 10:30 a.m.

Opening Voluntary *Herbert Howells*

Psalm Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle Caleb Hix

Opening the Bible Carter Lyles

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.

Opening Sentences Rev. Courtney Willis

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Responsive Psalm 92.1-4, 12-15 Baker Lawrimore



It's good to give thanks, give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night with the harp and the lute.



You make me glad. Your works make me re-joice.



Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;
on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

Refrain

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

They shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

**that they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Refrain

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†Hymn 384

TERRA BEATA

This Is My Father's World

Words of Friendship

Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Cherry

Choral Anthem

Mark Patterson

Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree

Summer Choir

Maggie Martin soloist, Jan Hix, accompanist

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.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive:
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus 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 'tis found in 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.

—Anonymous, 18th century
based on Song of Solomon 2:3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all

creatures high and low; praise God for all that Love has done:

Cre-a-tor, Christ and Spir-it One. A-men.

Sermon

Rev. Willis

Dear Church: There Is New Life in Christ

Romans 12.1-2, 9-21

†Hymn 379

ARHYDYNOS

For the Fruit of All Creation

†Stewardship Prayer

Levone Tobin Scott

†Music in Procession

David Cherwien

Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

As the **Music in Procession** is being played we will be dismissed row by row and will convene for the remainder of the service under the shade trees on the west lawn (parking lot side.)

Song of Dedication

OLD HUNDRETH PSALM TUNE

Doxology

Benediction

Rev. Willis

Song of Blessing

GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet a-gain, God's wise coun-sels guide, up-hold you,

with God's sheep se-cure-ly fold you, God be with you till we meet a-gain.

Passing the Peace

Rev. Willis