

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Call to Worship

10:30 a.m.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 2.1-5

Opening Voluntary

Alice Jordan

Salutation on *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Rev. Doug Vancil, organ

Lighting the Christ Candle

Danielle Delgado

Opening the Bible

Trevor Gill

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

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Choral Introit

Michael Burkhardt

Creator of the Stars of Night

Summer Choir, Terri Vancil, director

Margaret Petty, cello

†Unison Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Chris Cherry

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!**

–Philippians 2.5-11

†Hymn 95

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Words of Friendship

Christina McCord

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Scriptural Call to Prayer

Rev. Cherry

Rejoice in the Lord always;

Again, I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

–Philippians 4.4-7

Prayers of God’s People

Rev. Cherry

Prayer Song

COME BY HERE

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here,
O Lord, come by here.*

Someone’s praying Lord, come by here.

Someone’s crying Lord, come by here.

Someone’s singing Lord, come by here.

Sermon

Dear Church
Philippians

Rev. Sherouse

#Hymn 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow attaining the resurrection from the dead.

–Philippians 3.7-11

#Stewardship Prayer

Kevin Starr, deacon

At this time we will be dismissed by row to 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

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.

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing the Peace