

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

# The Worship of God

Sunday, July 25, 2021

## Call to Worship

10:30 a.m.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

– Colossians 3.12-17

## Opening Voluntary

*Gerre Hancock*

*Air for Organ*

Rev. Doug Vancil, organ

## Lighting the Christ Candle

Nick Jones

## Opening the Bible

Win Moody

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.**

## Responsive Affirmation of Faith

Terri Vancil

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

**for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.**

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**He is the head of the body, the church;**

he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything;

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

–Colossians 1.15-20

## Hymn 96

*JOYFUL SONG*

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*Baker Lawrimore, organ*

## Words of Friendship

Rev. Chris Cherry

## A Time for Children

Christina McCord

## Prayers of God's People

Rev. Cherry

## Prayer Song

*CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Dear Church  
Colossians

†Hymn 669

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace, and God of Glory*

May you be strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us into the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1.11-14

†Stewardship Prayer

Alice Culclasure, deacon

Choral Anthem

David Schwoebel

*Ascription of Praise*  
Summer Choir

*Now to him who's able to keep you from falling,  
and to present you without blemish before the presence of the glory.  
With rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be the glory, majesty,  
dominion, and the authority, before all time.  
Now and forever. Amen.*

—Jude 1.24-25

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 bless - ings flow; praise God all

crea - tures 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 of the Peace