

First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Call to Worship

10:30 a.m.

May the Lord Jesus make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God the Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

– 1 Thessalonians 3.12-13

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sydney Hall

Opening the Bible

Lila Rose Turner

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.

Ministry of Music

Johann Sebastian Bach

Aria from St. John Passion

"I Will Follow You"

Logan Trotter *soprano*

Jerico Carrillo *flute*, Rev. Doug Vancil *organ*

This aria comes in the St. John Passion just before Jesus is arrested and being led away to trial, and after Peter exclaims he will never deny the Lord. Peter then loses his courage and denies him three times. As we prepare to worship today let us reflect on the humility required to be a follower of Christ, and the grace and mercy extend to us by our Lord.

*I follow Thee also with joy to be near Thee in trouble and strife,
Thou light of my life. Ah speed Thou my way and say me not "nay,"
but let me be near Thee, to solace and sheer Thee!*

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Hymn 108

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words of Friendship

Rev. Courtney Willis

A Time for Children

Megan Barlow, Summer Children's Intern

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Willis

Responsive Scripture Reading

Rev. Cherry

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air;

and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

–1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Prayer Song

Sally DeFord

Be Still, My Soul

Congregational Response

VILLE DU HAVRE

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound
 and the Lord shall de - scend: "E - ven so" it is well with my soul.
 It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Dear Church
1Thessalonians

†Hymn 782

DIVERNON

Come, Share the Lord

†Stewardship Prayer

Betty Morgan, deacon

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

– 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

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 HUNDREDTH 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.

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace