



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO
CONNECTIONS
 AUGUST 8, 2021

GATHERING UPDATE *Masking to continue in August*

In August, we plan to continue the practice of masking for indoor gatherings, pausing previous plans to shift our masking practices. In mid-July, we made plans for an August 1 transition to a practice of “Masking optional for those vaccinated and expected for those unvaccinated.” Since then we have observed the rise of infections, the impact of the Delta variant, and Guilford County’s status as a CDC-classified area of “substantial community transmission”. For now, our Deacon Task Force plans to continue operating by our May Gathering Covenant, where masking is practiced in worship, and small groups of fully vaccinated adults may consider masking optional at the discretion of the group. We will continue to meet regularly to evaluate trends and make timely adaptations, and will plan to implement shifts to masking when infection rates for our area are again holding. For more, please visit: fbcgso.org/covid-safety

SUMMER MIDWEEK LUNCH | Wednesday, August 11 at Noon

Bring your lunch to Room 102 and join us this Wednesday for a time of fellowship and prayer for those on our Covenant of Concerns! We’ve been gathering twice a month throughout the summer as Midweek takes a summer break. Our last Summer Midweek Lunch will be August 25. fbcgso.org/summer-midweek-lunch

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

As we gather together in-person, we are recognizing needs and opportunities for service and involvement. Especially in the areas of Audio & Visual, greeting & welcoming, Children’s Ministry on Sunday mornings, administrative work from home or at the church. To learn more and sign up, go to: fbcgso.org/needs-of-the-church

GIVING AT FIRST BAPTIST GREENSBORO

If you’d like to give today, you may find offering plates on tables in the Narthex after the service and also on the communion table in the sanctuary. You may also set up a recurring donation option at fbcgso.org/give.

If you have any questions, contact Scott North (scott@fbcgso.org)

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

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First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

The Worship of God

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Call to Worship

10:30 a.m.

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
 let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
 and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
 For you, LORD, are a great God,
 and a great ruler above all gods.
 In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
 the heights of the hills are also yours.
 The sea is yours, for you made it,
 and your hands have molded the dry land.

– Psalm 95.1-5

Lighting the Christ Candle

Grant McCord

Opening the Bible

Griffin Kesler

Opening Voluntary

Will L. Thompson

Softly and Tenderly

Janice Hix *piano*

Congregational Response

Terri Vancil



Soft-ly and ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing, call-ing for you and for me; ___



see, on the por-tals he's wait-ing and watch-ing, watch-ing for you and for me.

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,
ye who are wea - ry, come home;
ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly, Je-sus is call-ing, call-ing O sin-ner, come home!

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's
pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today we would hear God's voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

†Hymn 506

VOX DILECTI

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words of Friendship

Terri Vancil

Ministry of Music

Ron and Carol Harris

In This Very Room
Jeff Perry vocal soloist

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Cherry

John 6.1-21

Prayer Song

BICENTENNIAL

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You sat-is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;
come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

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Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Bread for the Journey

†Hymn 634

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Stewardship Prayer

Richard Beavers, 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).

Hymn of Dedication

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Passing of the Peace