

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
Sunday, October 16, 2022



(†) indicates standing as able.  
Hearing devices are available in the narthex.

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Lily James Kesler

Opening the Bible Trevor Gill

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism  
**Ellie Lashgari**

†Responsive Reading Rev. Chris Cherry

Through baptism God gave us a gracious sign of love  
and hope in Christ.

**Baptism is a sign and seal of God's promises to this  
covenant people.**

In baptism God promises by grace alone to forgive our sins,  
to adopt us into the body of Christ, the church, (continued)

to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us,  
and to resurrect us to eternal life.

**This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.**

Water cleanses, purifies, refreshes, sustains;  
Jesus Christ is living water.  
Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

**to love and trust God completely, to forsake the evil  
of the world, and to live a new and holy life;**

Yet when we fall into sin,  
we must not despair of God's mercy or continue in sin,

**for Baptism is the sign and seal of a new life and a new calling  
to participate in God's redemptive work in this world.**

†Singing



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es sing.

Music: *BUNESSAN*

text: Michael A. Seward, 1981

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Voluntary Rev. Doug Vancil organ  
"Toccata on St. Thomas" setting by Ron Boud

†Hymn of Praise 22  
"Come, We That Love the Lord" ST. THOMAS

Words of Friendship Rev. Cherry

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Psalter Sanctuary Choir  
"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes unto the Hills" setting by Noel Rawsthorne

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand.  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:  
from this time forth, for evermore.*

— Psalm 121

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Hebrew Scripture Rev. Vancil  
Jeremiah 31.31-34

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir, Dr. Anne Lewis piano  
"Write Your Blessed Name" by K. Lee Scott

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,  
no adversity shall ever move me from your love. (continued)*

*Be to me a strong tower of defence,  
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,  
and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven  
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.*

*O Jesu, my only Savior!*

—text by Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)

Gospel Lesson Rev. Starr Russell  
Luke 18.1-8

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

Invitation to Respond Rev. Sherouse

Musical Interlude

A moment is provided for our quiet reflection on all that has been experienced today, and to contemplate our individual and corporate response to God's loving invitation. Responses may be varied, from private prayers of commitment and renewal, to tangible offerings of our resources, to public decisions to profess faith in Jesus Christ for the first time, or to present ourselves for congregational membership.

†Offertory Hymn of Response 622  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

Prayer of Dedication Mary Petriskie, Deacon

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal Rev. Vancil  
"Postlude on LOVE DIVINE" Douglas Hopkins

# Come, We That Love the Lord 22

*Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song. Ps. 149:1*

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, join  
 2. Let those re-fuse to sing who nev-er knew our God; but  
 3. The hill of Zi-on yields a thou-sand sa-cred sweets be-  
 4. Then let our songs a-bound, and ev-ery tear be dry; we're

in a song with sweet ac-cord, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 chil-dren of the heav-en-ly King may speak their joys a-broad.  
 fore we reach the heav-en-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets.  
 march-ing through Em-man-uel's ground to fair-er worlds on high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707  
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams, 1763

ST. THOMAS  
 S.M.

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus 622

*By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*

1. What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav-y la-den, cum-bere-d with a load of care?

What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-u-ge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of-ten for-feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be-cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je-sus knows our ev-ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, c. 1855  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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