

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Sunday, November 20, 2022

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Berkley Willis

Opening the Bible Olivia Haynes

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Voluntary Rev. Doug Vancil, organ
"Chorale Prelude on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT" by Johann Sebastian Bach

†Responsive Psalm Terri Vancil

We have gathered in the name of the Lord. What is your response?

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Why do you give this time to the Lord?

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

How will you worship the Lord?

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

What is the basis for this outpouring of praise?

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

— based on Psalm 100

Choral Psalm Sanctuary Choir

"O Be Joyful in the Lord" by John Rutter

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

†Hymn of Praise 374

"Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Words of Friendship Rev. Chris Cherry

A Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Children (first grade and younger) may leave for Jr. Church and return during the
Offertory Hymn of Response.

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
 Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!
 Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see.
 All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

Gospel Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran
 Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Rev. Sherouse
 "Bright Hope for Tomorrow"

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 379
 "For the Fruit of All Creation" ARD HYD Y NOS

Stewardship Commitment

1. soprano 2. add tenor 3. add alto 4. add bass

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
 joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
 voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - ces; the Lord is near.

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Prayer of Dedication Thom Little, deacon

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Organ Dismissal Rev. Vancil, organ
 "Now Thank We All Our God" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

374 Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chr. 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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379 For the Fruit of All Creation

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. Ps. 148:5

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and de-
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still con-

sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
 spairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody, c. 1784; harm. attr. Luther O. Emerson, 1906
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