



First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 18, 2023

"I like to think of the book of Acts as the gospel of the Holy Spirit. In the first four books of the New Testament, we learn the good news of what God did through Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts, we learn the good news of what God did through the Holy Spirit, by performing artificial resuscitation on a room full of well-intentioned bumbling and turning them into a force that changed the history of the world."  
— Barbara Brown Taylor

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Jack Sherouse

Opening the Bible Griffin Kesler

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

†Call to Worship Baker Lawrimore

People of God, look around!

**The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—**

among us and within us.

**God's salvation is close at hand.**

It is nearer than you know so open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,

**and let's worship God together!**

†Hymn 701

*"God is Here"* BEECHER

†Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Amelia Britt

Family Covenanting Rev. Amy Starr Russell and Rev. Sherouse

**Jameson Wynn Fancourt and Jackson Stone Fancourt**, sons of Evan and Jessica Fancourt

Prayer of Blessing Autumn Culbreth

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Hymn 612

*"How Firm a Foundation"* FOUNDATION

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

New Testament Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran

Acts 7:55-60

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

“Loose in the World: Can I Get a Witness?”

†Hymn 514

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” ASSURANCE

All are invited to use this time to renew commitment to Christ and to Christian service. If you would like to become a member of this congregation, you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.

Stewardship Prayer Ryan Shively *deacon*

Offertory Matt Messick

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
**Clara Ramsey Bennett**  
on the occasion of her 90th birthday  
by her family.

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This summer, our sermons focus on the book of Acts. As the gospels tell the story of Jesus, Acts tells the story of the Holy Spirit — how it inspired and enlivened the followers of Jesus to live by their hopes rather than their fears, to share freely and unhindered, and to move broadly and boldly with the love of God "to Jerusalem, to all of Judea, and to the ends of the earth." Join us for worship throughout this summer, as we remember how the love of God can be *loose in the world* through our lives and through the life of our church. Watch or listen to recent sermons at [fbcgso.org/sermons](https://fbcgso.org/sermons)



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