



First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 16, 2023

"Faith, when it comes down to it, is an often-breathless attempt to keep up with the redemptive activity of God, to keep asking ourselves, 'What is God doing? Where on earth is God going now?'"
-William H. Willimon

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Molly Lockwood

Opening the Bible Janie Blair Petriskie

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis

Based on Psalm 104

God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks!

God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

Come and give thanks!

God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

Come and worship!

God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

We worship God, our Creator, Savior, and life-giving Spirit!

†Hymn 95

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

†Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Rev. Buck Cochran

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

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

†Hymn 90

"Christ Is the World's Light" CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Prayers of God's People Amelia Britt *pastoral intern*

New Testament Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry
From Acts 10

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 486

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" WELLESLEY

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 Mary Petriskie *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Jerico Carillo *flautist*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Congregational Response

"Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him" HOLY MANNA

Christians let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.

Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Serve in Love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.

Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore

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



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