



First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2023

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."  
— proverb, origin unknown

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Reid Gilliam

Lighting the Christ Candle Berkley Willis

Opening the Bible Evy Wall

Gathering Rev. Courtney Willis

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Voluntary Summer Choir

*"I Will Joyfully Sing in the Morning"* Based on Psalm 59:16, Music by Mary McDonald  
*I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day;  
I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.*

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

Come, Holy Spirit,

**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**May we sense the breath of God through our worship.**

***May we receive the Spirit in this place.***

†Hymn 50

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* MIT FREUDEN ZART

†Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Amelia Britt *pastoral intern*

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 224

*"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"* HENDON

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

New Testament Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran  
Acts 11:19-30

Sermon Rev. Willis

### †Hymn of Response 569

*“Living for Jesus a Life That Is True”* LIVING

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 Richard Wiley *deacon*

Offertory Summer Choir

*“We Will Glorify”* Choral Arrangement by Jack Schrader

*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of Lords, who is the great I AM.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;  
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.*

*He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
He is lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.*

*Let all who own Christ’s holy name give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.*

*Cast every idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone to God all praise and glory.*

*Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.*

†Benediction Rev. Willis

†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 Reid Gilliam

**Reid Gilliam** returns as our guest organist this morning. He has served churches as an active substitute organist for 30 years and holds the Colleague certification with the American Guild of Organists. When away from the organ bench, Reid works for Truist Bank and enjoys time with his wife Natalie, daughter Meg, and dog Boomer in Winston-Salem.

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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