



First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 13, 2023

The Book of Acts becomes a call to Christians to be open to the action of the Spirit, not only leading them to confront values and practices in society that may need to be subverted, but perhaps even leading them to subvert or question practices and values within the Church itself.
-Justo L. González

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Madilyn Hix

Opening the Bible Max McCracken

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis

Come and celebrate, people of God!

We sing and shout our praise!

For our God comes to us:

triumphant and victorious,

yet gentle and merciful.

God comes bringing peace,

offering hope and freedom to all who despair.

Let's worship God together!

†Hymn 130

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

†Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Rev. Chris Cherry

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 634

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDA

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

New Testament Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran

Acts 18:1-11

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 532

"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

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 Darlene Biffle *deacon*

Offertory Summer Choir

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Words and Music by Sebastian Temple

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†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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