



"They Saw His Glory" by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023

"This is one of the rare times in the year when Christianity's two major feasts — Easter and Christmas, Cross and Incarnation — come into close connection. The one condemned before crowds in Jerusalem is the same one born in a forgotten, backwater town. The one hailed by angels, shepherds, and philosophers from afar is the same one eventually betrayed, abandoned, and left to die in shame. 'Silent Night' and 'What Wondrous Love is This?' overlap and interweave, together creating another kind of song entirely."
-Matthew Myers Boulton

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Miller Norman

Opening the Bible Molly Lyles

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Buck Cochran

Based on Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

We worship the Lord with gladness; we come into God's presence with singing.

People of God, know that the Lord made us, we are God's, and the sheep of God's pasture.

We enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving. We give thanks to God!

Friends, hear this good news: The Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

We know the Lord has been faithful to all generations. Let us worship God!

†Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community Rev. Chris Cherry

Time for Children Rev. Sherouse

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

†Hymn 374

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

Prayers of God's People Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Scripture Lesson Rev. Seth Hix

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon Rev. Courtney Willis

In The Meantime

†Hymn of Response 90

"Christ Is the World's Light" CHRISTE SANCTORUM

If you would like to become a member of this congregation,
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.

Stewardship Prayer Tammy Miller *deacon*

Offertory Michael Hix *baritone*, Ingela Onstad *soprano*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Mark Hayes

†Benediction Rev. Willis

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore




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CONNECTIONS November 26, 2023

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON | Monday, December 4 at Noon

The Senior Adult Council is pleased to host a Christmas Luncheon. All are welcome to join on December 4th at noon for a lunch feast and music offered by Parker and Hannah Webb of the music duo "Guilford". Cost is \$12 per person. Make your reservation no later than Wednesday, November 29 at fbcgso.org/christmas-luncheon or contact Keighley Johnson (keighely@fbcgso.org) in the church office.

NC A&T CONCERT FEATURING INSPIRO | Sunday, December 3 at 4 pm

The North Carolina A&T State University Choir will present a free Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4 pm in our sanctuary. Our very own INSPIRO, triad community youth choir will also be a part of this holiday tradition this year. Mark your calendars for a wonderful way to start off the Advent season.

GIVING TREE

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Giving Tree which will hold tags listing Christmas wishes for gifts of children in foster care through Family Room and Baptist Children's Home. Starting today, you can stop by the Giving Tree in the atrium any Sunday or Wednesday evening. You may also come by when the church is open through out the week (Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm and Friday 9 am – Noon). Gifts for Baptist Children's Home may be wrapped. Gifts for Family Room should be unwrapped but okay in gift bags. Please bring all gifts to the Giving Tree no later than Monday, December 18.

HONOR CARDS

Starting today, you can purchase cards for: Peacehaven, Backpack Beginnings, Greensboro Urban Ministry, and Community Housing Solutions. Honor Cards will be available to purchase in the atrium on Sundays before Sunday school and after worship and on Wednesday evenings at the Fellowship Hall. You may pay with cash or check. Checks should be made out directly to the organization. Last day to purchase Honor Cards is Wednesday, December 20. If you have any questions, you may contact Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) in the church office.

COMMITMENT 2024 | WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS

We are so grateful for the generosity of our congregation and all it makes possible in our ministry, mission and growth. Please be prayerful and thoughtful about what you will commit to give to the life and ministry we joyfully share in 2024. Pledge cards will be available in worship, or can be filled out online at: fbcgso.org/stewardship-2023. They will be received through the end of the year.

MIDWEEK | Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm

Midweek will return Wednesday, November 29 with the last week of our two adult offerings: "Children, Teens and Technology" with Tamika Davis of UNCG and "Community Connections" led by Buck Cochran with various FBC mission partners. We will be having Taco Mama for dinner. RVSP for future meals through the end of 2023 by scanning the QR code or going to: fbcgso.org/midweek or contact Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) in the church office. You may also make a standing reservation, just let Keighley know.



WOMEN'S RETREAT | February 9 - 11, 2024

Join us this February for an intergenerational women's retreat exploring the theme of Journeying. We hope women of all ages will come for fellowship, faith formation, and fun. Pricing breakdown is as follows: Early Bird - \$165 (\$50 deposit by 12/17), Standard - \$180 (\$50 deposit by 1/7), Single Room - \$50 additional. This cost includes two nights in a shared hotel-style room and four full meals. If you would like to room with someone specific, please ensure you BOTH request each other. Sign up today at: fbcgso.org/womens-retreat-2024. Any questions or concerns? Please contact either Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org) or Amy Starr Russell (amy@fbcgso.org).

FALL BOOK CLUB - NEW DATE | Sunday, December 3 at 9 am

Our November bookclub gathering has moved to a new date - December 3 at 9 am! Our November book is "Saving Grace: Speak Your Truth, Stay Centered, and Learn to Coexist with People Who Drive You Nuts" by Kirsten Powers You can purchase books at Scuppernong Books downtown (scuppernongbooks.com). If you need help getting a copy of the book, connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org). Learn about future books at: fbcgso.org/fall-bookclub

CATCH UP THIS NOVEMBER | Help us close the year strong

The Finance Committee is asking the Congregation to help make up our current budget shortfall and finish the year in a position of financial health. Please consider November a "Catch Up Month." We would encourage all who can to use the month of November to make up any shortfalls in year-to-date giving. If your giving is up to date and you are able, please consider making an additional gift to the church to support our continued health. Under either situation we want to say "thank you" for your generosity and prayers.

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES

BUCK COCHRAN, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

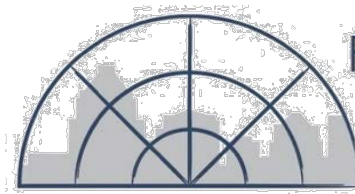
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