



Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
gathers for

## The Worship of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 21, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Braden Hall

Opening the Bible Max McCracken

Gathering Rev. Courtney Willis

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

†Call to Worship James Dolph

adapted from Rev. Joanna Harader

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name.

**A simple call. A hard call.**

Because following requires leaving.

**We look around.**

Who else could Jesus be talking to?

**We look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**But we have come this far.**

***Let us listen and be transformed as we worship the one who has brought us here!***

## †Hymn

*"We Are Called to Be God's People"* NETTLETON

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace.  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how God has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
Let us share our life together as we shall around God's throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in God's world today;  
Taking God's own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now God's call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
That the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

## †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. Amy Starr Russell

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

## †Hymn 580

*"Jesus Call Us o'er the Tumult"* PLEADING SAVIOR

## Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

## Gospel Lesson Rev. Seth Hix

Mark 1:14-20

## Sermon Rev. Buck Cochran

*Dropping Our Nets*

## †Hymn of Response

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

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"* KELVINGROVE



"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
"Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
"Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?"



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare\_\_ should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found\_\_ to re - shape the world a - round,



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Music: *Kelvingrove*, Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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Stewardship Prayer Mary Petriskie *deacon*

Choral Offertory Sanctuary Choir, Janice Hix *pianist*

*"Be Not Afraid"* Based on Isaiah 23:1-4; Music by Craig Courtney

*Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;*

*Be not afraid: I have called you by name.*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you:*

*When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;*

*When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.*

*You are mine, you are precious in my sight.*

*My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.*

*When you pass through the waters I will be with you;*

*When you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you;*

*When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.*

*You are mine, you are precious in my sight.*

†Benediction Rev. Cochran

†Benediction Response

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.*

*Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.*

*Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT | Today at 3 pm**

Everyone is invited to join us as we do a meal packing event this afternoon with our friends from Rise Against Hunger in the Gym. It will be a fun event that will make a difference in peoples' lives. This event is for all ages! We hope to see you there.

**FREE COLLEGE LUNCH**

Welcome back to College Students who are returning from winter break! Join us in the Cafe for a free lunch and short Bible study after the worship service. The Cafe is located in a separate building that is accessed from the parking lot. Text Catherine Scott-Little (336) 404 5684 if you need help finding it.

**JANUARY BOOKCLUB | This Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 pm**

At our January bookclub this week, we will revisit a book we read in the Fall, "Saving Grace: Speak Your Truth, Stay Centered, and Learn to Coexist with People Who Drive You Nuts" by Kirsten Powers. We have more to discuss and would love for you to join us! If you have any questions connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org)

**MIDWEEK | Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm**

Join us Wednesday evenings for Midweek! We have a new class for adults, along with programming for children and youth. Our Adult programming through February 7 is entitled "Travelers on a Journey," and will feature a closer look at our future as First Baptist Greensboro. This Wednesday's meal is a taco bar! You may reserve your meal at the QR code, at [fbcgso.org/midweek-2024](http://fbcgso.org/midweek-2024) or contact Keighley (keighley@fbcgso.org) in the church office.



**FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN | Monday, February 5 at Noon**

The Senior Adult Council is pleased to offer a series of "Lunch and Learn" events featuring various topics for adults of ALL ages! Our February event is, "Responsible Aging - Myth vs. Reality." Our speaker is Alexis Williams, Executive Director of Caregiver Connect. There will also be free Cone Health Wellness Screening mobile unit as a part of the program. All are welcome! Cost is \$10 per person. Reserve your spot no later than Wednesday January 31 at [fbcgso.org/lunch-and-learn](http://fbcgso.org/lunch-and-learn) or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com).



**A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE OFFICE**

2023 contribution information will be mailed out this week. If you need additional documentation for the purpose of filing your tax returns, those can be provided. Your personal contribution record is available online at [fbcgso.org](http://fbcgso.org) under "Member Login" at the top right. Please contact our Financial Administrator, Sara Manchester (sara@fbcgso.org) with any questions.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### January

- 21 | INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir | 2:30 pm  
Rise Against Hunger | 3pm in the Gym
- 24 | Midweek | 5:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm
- 25 | Bookclub | 5:30 pm
- 26 | Merge (Ministry for 4th & 5th Graders)
- 28 | INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir | 2:30 pm  
Youth Group | 4 pm  
Handbell Rehearsal | 5:30 pm
- 31 | Midweek | 5:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm

### February

- 4 | INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir | 2:30 pm  
Youth Group | 4 pm  
Handbell Rehearsal | 5:30 pm
- 5 | Lunch & Learn | Noon
- 7 | Midweek | 5:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm
- 9-11 | Women's Retreat
- 11 | INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir | 2:30 pm  
Handbell Rehearsal | 5:30 pm
- 14 | Ash Wednesday
- 18 | Church Conference  
Handbell Rehearsal | 5:30 pm
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### PASTORAL STAFF

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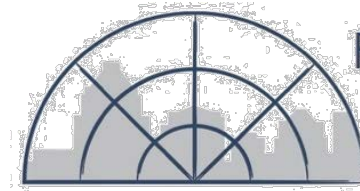
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