



Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 28, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Patrick Whitehead

Opening the Bible Aaron Kane

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman

In the silence of a lonely night, in the songs children sing in the morning, God calls to us.

We are here, God who is always with us, listening for your words of life and love.

When we would decide to go it alone, when we think no good can be found anywhere, Jesus calls to us.

We are here, friend who knows our longings, ready to come and see where you would lead us.

When we think we have license to do whatever we want, when we are convinced we need no map, the Spirit calls to us.

We are here, Peace we are longing for, so that we might help others find the way to life. Let us worship our God who calls us beloved!

†Hymn 77

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 192

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” KINGSFOLD

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Chris Cherry

Prayer Response Peyton Wheeler *soprano*

“Give Me Jesus” Traditional Spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Gospel Lesson Rev. Courtney Willis

John 1:43-51

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 60

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

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

Stewardship Prayer Corie McCrae *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Peyton Wheeler *soprano*

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Words by Francis of Assisi, Music arranged by Mark Hayes

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.

Oh, 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 Matt Messick



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14, AT 6:30 PM

WE WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN SEASON WITH A CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE AT 6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY. THIS WILL BE A SERVICE OF CONFESSIONAL PRAYER AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES. ALL ARE WELCOME, AND THERE WILL BE OPTIONAL CHILDCARE FOR 4 YEARS AND UNDER.

PRIOR TO THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 5:30 PM, JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP OVER PANCAKES! WE'LL HAVE TOPPINGS FOR PANCAKES AND BREAKFAST CLASSIC SIDES. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL AT:
[FBCGSO.ORG/ASH-WEDNESDAY-2024](https://fbcgso.org/ash-wednesday-2024)



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO
CONNECTIONS

January 28, 2024

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 a 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 this Wednesday, January 31 at fbcgso.org/lunch-and-learn or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com).



WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION

We have heard from a few women who believe they have signed up for the Women's Retreat next month, but we do not have them on our list! There seems to have been a glitch in our registration system for the Women's Retreat and we want to make sure you are on our list if you want to go. If you have not received an email confirmation for your deposit about the Women's Retreat or haven't received an e-mail from Courtney (dated January 24) we may not have you on our list. Please check your email records and if you believe you have registered for the retreat and don't see a confirmation email, contact Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org) to confirm.

ASH WEDNESDAY | Wednesday, February 14

We will mark the beginning of the Lenten Season with a church-wide service at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a service of confessional prayer and imposition of ashes. All are welcome, and there will be optional childcare for 4 years and under. Prior to the Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 pm, join us for fellowship over pancakes! We'll have toppings for pancakes and breakfast classic sides. Please reserve your meal at: fbcgso.org/ash-wednesday-2024

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 Theo's Famous Fried Chicken! You may reserve your meal at the QR code, at fbcgso.org/midweek-2024 or contact Keighley (keighley@fbcgso.org) in the church office.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

January

- 28 | INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir | 2:30 pm
Youth Group | 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal | 5 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 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
Youth Group | 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal | 5 pm
- 14 | Pancake Supper | 5:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Service | 6:30 pm
- 18 | Church Conference
Handbell Rehearsal | 5 pm
- 21 | Lenten Midweek | 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm
- 23 | Merge (Ministry for 4th & 5th Graders)
- 25 | INSPIRO Concert | 3 pm
Youth Group | 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal | 5 pm
- 28 | Lenten Midweek | 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm
- 29 | Bookclub

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES

BUCK COCHRAN, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

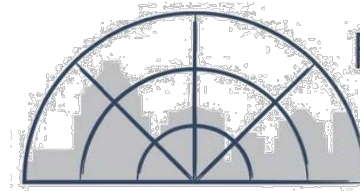
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