



The Transfiguration by Cornelis Monsma

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 2024

Fresh beauty opens one's eyes wherever it is really seen, but the very abundance and completeness of the common beauty that besets our steps prevents its being absorbed and appreciated. It is a good thing, therefore, to make short excursions now and then to the bottom of the sea among dulse and coral, or up among the clouds on mountain-tops, or in balloons, or even to creep like worms into dark holes and caverns underground, not only to learn something of what is going on in those out-of-the-way places, but to see better what the sun sees on our return to common everyday beauty.

-John Muir

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Ingrid Carlson *violinist*

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arranged by Mandi Kitchen

Lighting the Christ Candle Perrin White

Opening the Bible Raina Gould

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

adapted from Christine Jerrett

We worship you, O God, with songs of praise.

**We worship you with words of prayer and with ears that listen for you to
speak your saving truth into our lives.**

We long for a glimpse of your glory.

The glory that touches lives with a beauty so holy that it heals the wounded soul.

The glory that gives strength to the weary and hope to those who despair.

Give us hearts to see your glory today! Alleluia! Amen.

†Hymn 130

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

†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

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

†Hymn

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” BEACH SPRING

*We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.*

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:

Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess.

That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Hix

Gospel Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†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 Thom Little *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Rebekah and Ingrid Carlson *violinists*

“Simple Gifts” Traditional Shaker Hymn

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Baker Lawrimore

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Dr. Edwin Vaughan

on the occasion of his birthday

by Monica Vaughan.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Some of our women are away on the Women's Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Virginia. These women have been experiencing a weekend together over the theme of Journeying. Please pray for Nancy Allison, Karen Anderson, Alice Angell, Amelia Barnes, Darlene Biffle, Susan Bowers Amelia Britt, Cameron Cochran, Cathy Cochran, Victoria Crandall, Anita Cranford, Margaret Crawford, Linda Danford, Hazel Fisher, Genelle Hix, Janice Hix, Elizabeth Holleman, Trisha Hooper, Megan Kesler, Jennifer Lewis, Catherine Scott Little, Laura Lomax, Molly Lyle, Maggie Martin, Rebekah Matthews, Elaine McRae, Holly Messick, Betty Morgan, Bonnie Morrah, Lisa Myers, Cindy Myrick, Marietta Noel, Stacey Pendry, Sarah Persia, Mary Petriskie, Laura Caroline Rick, Erin Robertson, Penny Rowe, Amy Starr Russell, Angel Sherrill, Sharon Smith, Susan Spell, Becky Starnes, Sharon Starr, Katie Tesh, Helen Vaughan, Monica Vaughan, Gayle Wager, Laura Wall, Ruth Ward, Lollie White, Gayle Wiley, Courtney Willis and Shelly Worsley as they wrap up the weekend and travel back home.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 14, AT 6:30 PM



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO
CONNECTIONS

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FEBRUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE | Sunday, February 18 after Worship

Make plans to join us for our next Church Conference, next Sunday, February 18, following our worship service. We will have a light soup lunch as a part of our February Church Conference and donations will be accepted. Our meeting will include updates from church leadership on the life and ministry of First Baptist Greensboro. Our regular conferences are an essential way members contribute to the work of our church, so we hope you will plan to be a part.

CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING VOLUNTEERS | March 14-15, 2024

We are hosting the CBFNC Annual Gathering this year. All CBF churches in North Carolina will gather together for a time of fellowship and learning on our campus. We need your help with hospitality for this event! If you are able to help volunteer on either Thursday March 14 or Friday March 15, or both days, please let us know. There is a First Baptist Greensboro t-shirt involved too if you are able to volunteer. Let us know if you can volunteer by filling out this short form or reach out to Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).



FIRST BAPTIST FORWARD | STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTINUES

As we continue to consider initiatives and opportunities for our church and its future, our Deacons are assembling a team of lay leaders and pastors to guide continued strategic planning. The Deacons will draw from existing committees, but if you have a nominee among the congregation, please email Deacon Chair, Thom Little (tlittle@sllf.org).

SUMMER AT FIRST BAPTIST GREENSBORO | YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUMMER TRIPS AND CAMPS

We know families are already making summer plans and we want to be a part of them! Our Summer 2024 at First Baptist Greensboro page has all youth and children's summer trips and camps in one place. Save the dates and sign-up for these life-changing weeks this summer. Learn more at the QR code or at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024



LOOKING AHEAD

February

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| 11 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 23 Merge (Ministry for 4th & 5th Graders) |
| 14 Pancake Supper 5:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm | 25 INSPIRO Concert 3 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm |
| 18 Church Conference
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 28 Lenten Midweek 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm |
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Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm | 29 Bookclub |

March

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| 3 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 17 Egg Hunt Following Worship |
| 5 Lenten Midweek 5:30 pm
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| 10 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 21 NCTCF Concert 7 pm |
| | 24 Palm Sunday |
| | 28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm |

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES

BUCK COCHRAN, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

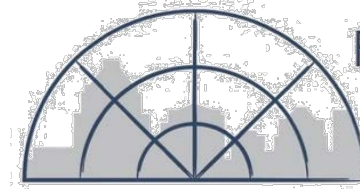
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