



Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

"Be Thou My Vision" arranged by Joseph Martin

Lighting the Christ Candle Jack Sherouse

Opening the Bible Janie Blair Petriskie

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

adapted from Mary J. Scifres

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

†Hymn 2

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" NICAEA

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community Rev. Courtney Willis

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 199

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" STORY OF JESUS

Prayers of God's People Rev. Starr Russell

Scripture Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 532

"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

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*

Choral Offertory Sanctuary Choir

"Come, Share the Lord" words and music by Bryan Jeffery Leech; arranged by Ronald Tabell

We gather here, in Jesus name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame. For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one. Come take the bread, come take the wine, come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing. We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming king. Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread, come take the wine, come share the Lord.

For he will feed us with his presence here. This bread and wine will do us good. Our deepest hunger he will satisfy. For he is life, and peace, and rest, and drink and food.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread. The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead. The one we love the most is now our gracious host. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here. Everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrong. We are now a family of which the Lord is head. Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

The Lord's Supper Rev. Sherouse and Thom Little *deacon chair*

Communion Meditation Matt Messick

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

"All Creatures of Our God and King" arranged by Don Hustad



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

February 4, 2024

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

FEBRUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE | Sunday, February 18 after Worship

Make plans to join us for our next Church Conference, on Sunday, February 18, following our worship service. We will have a light soup lunch as a part of our February Church Conference. 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.

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



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 class, "Travelers on a Journey," takes a closer look at our future as First Baptist Greensboro. This Wednesday's meal is Greek chicken and salad! You may reserve your meal at the QR code, at fbcgso.org/midweek-2024 or contact Keighley (keighley@fbgso.org) in the church office.



LOOKING AHEAD

February

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| 4 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 18 Church Conference
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm |
| 5 Lunch & Learn Noon | 21 Lenten Midweek 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm |
| 7 Midweek 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm | 23 Merge (Ministry for 4th & 5th Graders) |
| 9-11 Women's Retreat | 25 INSPIRO Concert 3 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm |
| 11 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 28 Lenten Midweek 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm |
| 14 Pancake Supper 5:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm | 29 Bookclub |

March

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| 3 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm | 10 INSPIRO: Triad Youth Choir 2:30 pm
Youth Group 4 pm
Handbell Rehearsal 5 pm |
| 5 Lenten Midweek 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm | 17 Egg Hunt Following Worship |

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES

BUCK COCHRAN, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

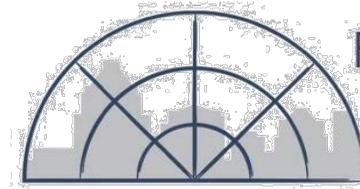
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