



"Jesus Falls A Second Time" by Laura James

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
The Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Baker Lawrimore

Lighting the Christ Candle Emerson Culbreth

Opening the Bible Dean Terrell

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

**God comes near.**

When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

**God comes near.**

In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

**We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.**

†Hymn 669

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"* CWM RHONDDA

## ‡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.

## Call to Prayer Rev. Courtney Willis

Worshippers are asked to move toward the cross  
in the center of the sanctuary as we sing together our Call to Prayer.

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* HAMBURG

### Stanza 1

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

## ‡Prayers of God’s People

### Stanza 2

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

## Gospel Lesson Rev. Starr Russell

John 2:13-22

## Sermon Rev. Sherouse

*The Way of the Cross: A Way of Conflict*

## ‡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.

*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* BEACH SPRING

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

## Stewardship Prayer Kara Cox deacon

## Choral Offertory Sanctuary Choir, Janice Hix pianist

*“Only Jesus”* Words and Music by Amy Tate Williams

*Who can still my anxious heart? Who can ease my strain?  
What dear friend would ne’er depart in my hour of pain?*

*Only Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace  
He alone can calm the storm, make all war to cease.*

*Who can fill the void within? Who can meet my need?  
Who can cleanse me from all sin, And my footsteps lead?  
Who can change this troubled world bound by doubts and fears  
into peaceful union to last a thousand years?*

## The Lord’s Supper Rev. Sherouse and Thom Little deacon chair

## Communion Meditation Sanctuary Choir

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Arranged by Paul Christansen

## ‡Benediction Rev. Sherouse

## ‡Postlude Baker Lawrimore



# The Way of the Cross

LENT  
2024

"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me."

## Sundays

Bible Study (9:30 AM) & Worship (10:30 am)

## Wednesdays

Midweek meal (5:30 PM) and activities for children and youth (6pm), Lenten Vespers for adults (6:15 pm), featuring speakers from throughout our community

## Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17

Children & Youth Sunday, including Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration post-worship

## Palm Sunday, March 24

Processional of Palms and post-service fellowship

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

Service at the Table with Communion and Remembrance (Meal starting at 6:00)

## Good Friday, March 29

Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary "Stations of the Cross," 11:00 AM -1:00 PM

## Easter Sunday, March 31



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO  
**CONNECTIONS**

March 3, 2024

## FBCKIDS & YOUTH SPRING CELEBRATION | Sunday March 17 after Worship

FSpring is almost here and we want to celebrate! FBC children, youth, and their families are invited to celebrate spring after worship on Sunday, March 17. Following worship, we will enjoy a meal together in the fellowship hall followed by some games and, of course, our yearly egg hunt on the front lawn. And because spring break falls during Holy Week, we are providing each family with Holy Week-To-Go kits. Wherever you are this Holy Week we want this to be a meaningful time for your family. You do not want to miss this Spring Celebration! No sign-up required. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to either Amy Starr Russell ([amy@fbcgso.org](mailto:amy@fbcgso.org)) or Chris Cherry ([chris@fbcgso.org](mailto:chris@fbcgso.org)).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS | A Lenten Art Gallery

This Lent, our Sanctuary walls display the "Stations of the Cross" — a sacred art gallery from artist Laura James. Throughout the season of Lent, you are encouraged to notice the art along the walls of the Sanctuary and find time to reflect on each station. The Sanctuary is open each day during office hours for reflection, using the prompts provided. On Good Friday, from 11:00-1:00 we will offer a time for contemplation and prayer with accompanying music. More at [fbcgso.org/stations-of-the-cross](http://fbcgso.org/stations-of-the-cross)

## NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

There has been a great deal of interest in forming a support group for family caregivers. If you would be interested in joining such a group, please contact Linda Danford ([lindadanford03@gmail.com](mailto:lindadanford03@gmail.com)) or Courtney Willis ([courtney@fbcgso.org](mailto:courtney@fbcgso.org)) as soon as possible. We would like to get this group started soon, and we would also encourage you to invite friends and relatives that might benefit from it.

## GEA SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE | Saturday, March 9, 9 am - 11am

Our friends at Guilford Education Alliance are having a "Spring Cleaning Blitz" for their teacher supply warehouse. They are looking for gently used and new school supplies to stock up for the teachers of Guilford County. Items should be taken directly to the Teacher Supply Warehouse (311 Pomona Drive) on Saturday, March 9 anytime between 9 am and 11 am. To see the complete list of supplies needed at: [tinyurl.com/GEAsupplylist](https://tinyurl.com/GEAsupplylist) or scan the QR code.





**LENTEN MIDWEEK | Wednesdays in Lent starting at 5:30 pm**

Join us Wednesday evenings throughout Lent for Lenten Midweek. Our Midweek meal begins at 5:30pm. Activities for children and youth begin at 6 pm. Lenten Vespers for adults, featuring speakers from throughout our community starts at 6:15 pm in the Chapel. Reserve Midweek Meal each week by end of day Monday or making a standing reservation by emailing keighley@fbcgso.org. This week we are having a taco bar! Scan the QR code or go to fbcgso.org/lenten-midweek-2024.



**EASTER FLOWERS | Submissions through March 20**

Make a donation towards the purchase of flowers for the Easter cross in honor or in memory of a loved one. Donations of \$10 per name will need to be placed by Wednesday, March 20. Please designate "In memory/honor of" and "by whom" when placing submissions to Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org). You may also simply fill out the tear off form in the bulletin or fill out on-line form at: fbcgso.org/easter-flowers or scan the QR code



**TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 | April 7 at 4 pm**

Join us for another edition of Trivia Night! A night of fun, random facts, food, and fundraising. Every dollar collected will go towards the cost of our Youth Summer Mission Trip to Savannah, GA and to our week at Passport Camps. Sign up as a team with your team name, or sign up as an individual and we'll find you a team! Youth will be selling concessions and drinks, as well as offering childcare for our younger friends. The nursery will be available for children under 3! Sign-up today by scanning the QR code or go to: fbcgso.org/trivia-night-2024



**CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING VOLUNTEERS | March 14-15, 2024**

We are hosting the CBFNC Annual Gathering this year. 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).



**PASTORAL STAFF**

**CHRIS CHERRY**, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**BUCK COCHRAN**, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

**SETH HIX**, MUSIC (INTERIM)

**ALAN SHEROUSE**, SENIOR PASTOR

**AMY STARR RUSSELL**, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**March**

- 3 | 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
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Youth Group | 4 pm  
Handbell Rehearsal | 5 pm
- 13 | Lenten Midweek | 5:30 pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm
- 14-15 | CBFNC Annual Gathering
- 17 | FBCKids & Youth Spring Celebration  
Following Worship
- 21 | NCTCF Concert | 6:30 pm
- 23 | Ramp Build with Community  
Housing Solutions
- 24 | Palm Sunday
- 28 | Maundy Thursday Service | 6:30 pm
- 29 | Good Friday Guided Meditation  
in the Sanctuary "Stations of the Cross,"  
11:00 AM -1:00 PM
- 31 | Easter Sunday

**Easter Cross Flowers Memorial and Honorariums**



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In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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You may also send submissions directly to Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) by Wednesday, March 20 in order for names to be listed in Easter bulletin.