

"Hosanna" by Laura James

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Reid Gilliam *organist*, Brass

"Fanfare and Processional" Music by Lynn Trapp; Arranged by Andrew Jacob

Lighting the Christ Candle Madilyn Hix

Opening the Bible Emerson Pendry

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship James Dolph

by Rev. Thom Shuman

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

†Processional Hymn 203

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

†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 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.*

†Prayers of God's People

Stanza 3

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Stanza 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Gospel Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran

Mark 11:1-11

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir

*"God Thou Art Love" Words by Robert Browning; Music by Craig Courtney
If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,
Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.
I dare not fear since certainly I know that I am in God's keeping,
Shielded so, from all that else would harm.
And in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by His power.
I tread no path in life to Him unknown; I lift no burden, bear no pain, alone;
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found: The everlasting Arms my life
surround.
God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that. I know Thee who has kept my path
And made light for me in the darkness, Tempering sorrow so that it reached me
like a solemn joy.
If were to strange that I should doubt Thy love.*

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

The Way of the Cross: A Way of Humility

†Hymn of Response 212

"What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

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

Stewardship Prayer Ben Norman *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Sanctuary Choir

"And Can It Be?" Arranged by Dan Forrest

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, should die for me?*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Reid Gilliam *organist*

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Holy Week

AT FIRST BAPTIST GREENSBORO

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 24, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE | Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a Table Service that includes a meal from Mythos, celebration of communion, and a service of shadows leading us toward Good Friday. There will be childcare provided for 4 years and under. Sign-up by tomorrow, March 25 for the meal by scanning the QR code or sign-up at: fbcgso.org/maundy-thursday-2024



GOOD FRIDAY | Friday, March 29 from 11 am - 1 pm

Durning Lent, we have been displaying in our Sanctuary the "Stations of the Cross" — a sacred art gallery from artist Laura James. On Good Friday, from 11:00-1:00 we will offer a time for contemplation and prayer with accompanying music. The musical reflections will be highlighted by violin selections performed by our own Rebekah Carlson from 12:00-12:30pm. Her musical offerings will center on a particularly relevant piece, "Passacaglia" by 17th century composer, Heinrich Biber. Written for unaccompanied violin, this piece is the finale of a series of sonatas inspired by the last days of Jesus life, many of which are depicted in the stations of the cross. We encourage you to make space for some reflection in the sanctuary on Good Friday. More at: fbcgso.org/stations-of-the-cross

JOINING SUNDAY | Sunday, March 31

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Greensboro? While any Sunday is a great day to join, if you'd like to join the church as part of a larger group, you're invited to participate in a Joining Sunday on Easter Sunday, March 31. Rows will be designated for new members, or you can meet Alan at the front of the sanctuary at the designated time. We would love to welcome you formally into the life and ministry of our growing congregation. For more information, contact Alan Sherouse (pastor@fbcgso.org).

TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 | April 7 at 4 pm

Have you signed up for Trivia Night yet?! Join us 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. \$10 per person or you can sign up a whole team at once for \$70. Max of 8 people per team. Sign-up today by scanning the QR code or go to: fbcgso.org/trivia-night-2024



THANK YOU, CBFNC VOLUNTEERS

Thank you! If you volunteered any amount of time to the CBFNC Annual Gathering last week, I can't thank you enough for your incredible work. It was such a joy to walk around the church and see countless blue t-shirts sharing a warm smile, a helping hand, or a kind word. You helped everyone get where they needed to be while presenting the most beautiful display of hospitality imaginable. I continue to be so proud of our congregation, and so grateful to you- for constantly offering the warm welcome and loving arms of Jesus to everyone who walks in the doors of First Baptist Church. YOU made the event a success, and I am deeply grateful. -Courtney Willis

SPRING MIDWEEK | Starting Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm

After Holy Week, Midweek will return on Wednesday, April 3. We'll have a new class for adults, along with weekly programming for children and youth. Midweek meal begins at 5:30 PM, activities for children and youth at 6pm, and adult class at 6:15 pm. Reserve Midweek Meal each week by end of day Monday at fbcgso.org/spring-midweek-2024 or making a standing reservation by emailing keighley@fbcgso.org.



MISSIONS CONSTRUCTION INTEREST BREAKFAST | Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 am

Have you participated in Missions construction projects previously? With a growing interest to see those return, we are planning a light breakfast and information session during the Sunday school hour on April 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is interested in learning about FBC's history of construction projects or about getting involved as we reinvigorate that mission is welcome. Let us know you are coming by signing up at fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code.



PLAYHOUSE BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY | Saturday April 13, 8:30 to 4

Playhouse Project is an initiative by Habitat for Humanity to provide children of Habitat Greensboro homeowner families their very own durable playhouse. FBC is excited to partner with Habitat in this initiative and gift a fully-decorated playhouse to one of these children. Volunteers 14 and older will gather in the morning to complete construction on the playhouse; no experience is needed and all materials will be provided. In the afternoon, our younger volunteers are welcome to join in the painting and decorating.



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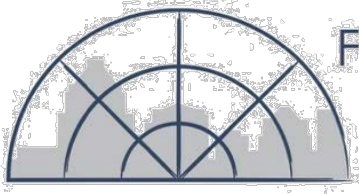
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