

"Myrrh Bearing Women" by Laura James

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

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

*In time of silver rain the earth puts forth new life again, green grasses grow
and flowers lift their heads, and over all the plain the wonder spreads*

Of Life, Of Life, Of life!

*In time of silver rain the butterflies lift silken wings to catch a rainbow cry, and trees put
forth new leaves to sing in joy beneath the sky as down the roadway
passing boys and girls go singing, too,*

In time of silver rain when spring and life are new.

-“In Time of Silver Rain” by Langston Hughes

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Lily James Kesler

Opening the Bible Josey Persia

Choral Introit Sanctuary Choir, Matt Messick *organist*, Brass, Handbells

“Christ Is Alive”

*Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine.
But, saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth, Revealed in Jesus freed for all.*

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, can never die.*

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with resurrection power in all the places of our lives!

We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life in all the places of our lives!

We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!

We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living and so are we!

Alleluia indeed!

†Hymn 234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

†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.

†Song of Praise Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Congregation

“To the Lamb Upon the Throne” Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Dan Forrest

Choir:

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.*

Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.

*"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
 God rules in the height almighty to save; Though hid from our sight His presence we have,
 The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.*

Congregation:

Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all
 glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might; all
 hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and
 thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Prayers of God's People Rev. Buck Cochran

Gospel Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry
 John 20:1-18

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir, Janice Hix *pianist*, Rebekah Carlson *violinist*

*"Amazing Grace" Music and additional text by Craig Courtney
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
 The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,
 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 92

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

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 Sanctuary Handbells

"Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory" Arranged by Cathy Moglebust

†Affirmation of Faith Rev. Sherouse

We gather again at the cross, where death has been overwhelmed by new life.

Christ is risen indeed.

We affirm our faith in God,

Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness, and rolls away stones of fear and doubt.

We give thanks for Jesus Christ,

Who comes to us in our grief, calls us by name, and sends us down the path to speak of a love that is not overcome by death.

And with the help of the Spirit, we affirm our intention to live as those who have seen the Lord.

May our church be an instrument of God in this place and time, striving for justice, celebrating in joy, living in hope, praying for healing, and proclaiming Good News of God's persistent and redeeming love.

Let the people of God say again,

Hallelujah!

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Choral Response

"Christ is Alive!" TRURO



All: 1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The
Choir: 2. Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound To
All: 3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift and war, Where
Choir: 4. Wom - en and men, in age and youth, Can
All: 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good



cross stands emp - ty to the sky, Let
dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, But
col - or, scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ
feel the Spir - it, hear the call, And
news to this and ev - 'ry age, Till



streets and homes with prais - es ring. Love,
sav - ing, heal - ing, here and now, And
suf - fers still, yet loves the more, And
find the way, the life, the truth, Re -
earth and sky and o - cean ring With



drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
lives, where e - ven hope has died.
vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

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†Postlude Matt Messick

"Toccata on 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'" Arranged by Diane Bish



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO CONNECTIONS

March 31, 2024

JOINING SUNDAY | Today, 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 today. 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 | April 7 at 4 pm

Have you signed up for Trivia Night yet?! Join us for 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 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. \$1 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



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.



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

Midweek will return this 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. Our Midweek meal this week is a pasta bar! 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.



OFFICE CLOSED | Monday, April 1

This is not an April Fools joke! It is our practice to close the Church Offices the day after Easter. We will be closed Monday, April 1 and reopen on Tuesday, April 2. Reminder that our church office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm and Friday 9 am - Noon. In the event of a pastoral emergency call the church (336.274.3286) and dial extension 103 to leave a message with our pastoral emergency line. A pastor will receive your message remotely and respond promptly.

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. Sign-up at fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MISSIONS DAY | Saturday, April 20, 9 am to 12:30 pm

Join us Saturday, April 20 from 9am – lunch for our Children and Family Mission Day! Our children and families are invited to spend the morning tending to the FBC Community Garden and getting it ready for another amazing growing season. Following our mission project, the Missions Committee is hosting a cook-out for our families. If you do not have children involved with FBC Kids, there is still a place for you. We need volunteers to help make this day successful and what a great way to get to connect with some of our youngest friends. Let us know you are coming by signing up at fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code.



PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES

BUCK COCHRAN, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

SETH HIX, MUSIC (INTERIM)

ALAN SHEROUSE, SENIOR PASTOR

AMY STARR RUSSELL, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

COURTNEY WILLIS, FORMATION & CARE

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Easter Cross Flowers

We are grateful to those who have given donations to flower the cross this Easter Sunday.

In Memory

George and Gae Armstrong by Buck and Cathy Cochran

Cheryl Austin by Charlie and Gayle Adams

Dr. Fred Austin by Charlie and Gayle Adams

Beverly by Anita Cranford

Susan Bieber by Mary Ellen Burke and Pete Bieber

Melvin Black by Sidonna Black

Melvin Black by his children

Ken Brannon by the FBC Pastor Search Committee

Alice Burch by Pat and Anita Wilson

Ward Burch by Pat and Anita Wilson

Scott Burch by Pat and Anita Wilson

Mary Caffee by Don Caffee

Baxter and Betty Campbell by Children's Sunday School

Michael Campbell by The Sound Crew

Hilton and Betty Charles Cochran by Buck and Cathy Cochran

C. Mack Conway by Phyllis B. Conway

Ralph Cox by Frances Cox

Jean and Jerry Cranford by Ann Durbin

Jackie Creed by her children, Deedie and Drew, and her grandchildren Andrew & Ana Maria

A.B. Creed by her children, Deedie and Drew, and her grandchildren Andrew & Ana Maria

Melvin Davis by Larry Davis

Connie Donaldson by Cindy Kohler

The Gurley Family by Tom & Anne Gurley

John Fisher by Hazel Fisher and family

Henry Flannagan by Grace Flannagan

Varnie C. Hodges and Elizabeth K. Hodges by daughters, Susan H. Woodlief and

Elizabeth H. Johnson

Jim and Christa Holleman by Elizabeth Holleman

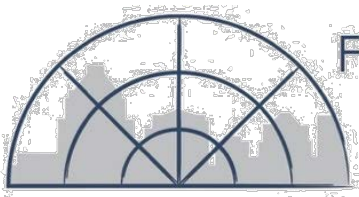
Eric Hodges Johnson by Mom and family

Dale Weston Johnson, Sr. by Elizabeth and family
Myron Johnson by Elizabeth Holleman
Jeannie Smith Jones by Courtney, Stephen, and Berkley Willis
Janet Jones by Christy Jones
Jack Keeter by Tammy and Mark Miller
Harold Kohler by Cindy Kohler
Ray Lakey by The Alkire Family
Don Lyles by Rick and Alison Lyles and family
Esther Bagwell Mathews by Sylvia Ledford
Donna Miller by Fairey Horton
Bill Miller by Mark and Tammy Miller
Marguerite Miller by Mark and Tammy Miller
Mother and Daddy by Anita Cranford
Ed Morrah by Bonnie Morrah
Rev. B.E. Morris by Delia DeVries
Connie Abernathy Morris by Delia DeVries
Gerald Munroe by Rick and Alison Lyles and family
Denise Munroe by Rick and Alison Lyles and family
Hugh Myrick by Cynthia Myrick
Alan Myrick by Cynthia Myrick
Lester G. Nunn by Robert Nunn
Pauline B. Nunn by Robert Nunn
Michael Perry by Christy Jones
Miriam Dawn Pike by Larry and Gerry Pike
Pat and Normal Prince by Ross, Laura Caroline and Palmer Grey Rick
Arthur Sr. and Helen Rick by Ross, Laura Caroline and Palmer Grey Rick
David Ruberg by Ted Hand and Clare Johnson
Charles and Nancy Scott by Thom, Catherine, Virginia, and Rebecca Little
Ruth Scott by George and Levone Scott
Sara Sears by Thomas Sears, Jr.
Jan Shore by Jim and Sally Skidmore
Mari Kay Smith by Tom Smith and Family
R.B. Spell by Ross, Laura Caroline and Palmer Grey Rick
Frank and Donna Stanley by Megan Stanley Kesler

Vito and Lorraine Straznickas by Ross, Laura Caroline and Palmer Grey Rick
Daniel Tribbett by The Alkire Family
Dr. Edwin Vaughan by Monica Vaughan
Robert Ward by Ruth Ward
James Watkins by Diane Watkins
Melba and Latcher Webster by Larry and Susan Vallance and Hillery Willis
Alice Sue Weddle by Chris and Sandra Canipe
Bob and Mable Ann Wiggins by Pam, Perry, Courtney, and Steven Key
Glenwood Wilson by Pat and Anita Wilson

In Honor

Randy and Susan Bowers by Ruth Ward
Buck and Cathy Cochran by Lemuel Cox
Jewell Davis by Larry Davis
Rev. Seth Hix by Don Fuller
Janice Hix by Don Fuller
Aaron and Emily Holmes and family in Mauritius by Robert and Alice Angell
Failey Horton by Anonymous
Mae Keeter by Tammy and Mark Miller
Baker Lawrimore by Don Fuller
Matt Messick by Don Fuller
Geneva Metzger by Thom, Catherine, Virginia, and Rebecca Little
Elvina Spell by Ross, Laura Caroline and Palmer Grey Rick
Women in Ministry, Rev. Courtney Willis and Rev. Amy Starr Russell
by Robert and Alice Angell
FBC Preschool Teachers by The Culbreth Family
Happy Heart Teachers by Jim and Sally Skidmore



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