



"The Risen One Forgives and Entrusts to Feed his Sheep" by Scott Erickson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

"Shepherd me, Love.
Lead me out from my attachments.
Lead me to the green meadow of your heart,
your deep well of peace and nourishment.
Fill me with your breath again,
breath of your Spirit.
Lead me in your way,
not mine,
even through darkest canyons
shadowed by death,
for your presence is my safety,
your will my comfort.
You invite me to your table with my enemies
to share with them your grace:
gift that overflows,
blessing that makes life beautiful.
Lead me where goodness and mercy go;
then on every road
I will still be at home in you.
-Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick *pianist*

"A Spanish Rhapsody 'All Creatures of Our God and King'" Arranged by Joel Raney

Lighting the Christ Candle Evy Wall

Opening the Bible Warner Sherouse

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis

by Joanna Harader

In the darkest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at the moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality,

at times set aside—

like this time, now—

for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us;

our cups overflow.

†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. Amy Starr Russell

Time for Children Rev. Chris Cherry

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

†Hymn

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” KINGSFOLD

I Heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;

I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give

the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream,

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;

Look unto me, your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

And in that Light of life I’ll walk, till traveling days are done.

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Buck Cochran

Gospel Lesson Rev. Seth Hix

John 10:11-18

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 612

“How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

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

Stewardship Prayer Cheryl Angel *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Jake Robertson *trumpet*

“Aria: Ombra Mai Fu” Music by George Friedrich Handel

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick *organist*

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Arranged by Don Hustad



Call Weekend, April 27-28 Associate Pastor: Music and Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM | MUSIC MINISTRY MEET-AND-GREET

10:00 AM | CHOIR REHEARSAL

2:00-4:00 PM | CONGREGATIONAL MEET-AND-GREET

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL GATHERING

9:00 AM | CONVERSATION WITH CANDIDATE

10:30 AM | WORSHIP WITH CANDIDATE LEADING

 CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE AND VOTE

12:00 PM | POST-SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHURCH WIDE



MISSIONS DAY 2024 SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1 -4 PM

ORDINATION SERVICE OF

AMELIA BRITT



TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 21
AT 5 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO CONNECTIONS

April 21, 2024

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS | Due today

Today is the deadline to submit Leadership Nomination forms! Please fill out the forms that can be found at the info boards, fbcgso.org/church-leadership-nominations-2024 or scan the QR code. This helps the Committee on Committees as they discern who to ask to serve on our Deacon board and standing committees.



APRIL CHURCH CONFERENCE | Today after worship

Following our worship today, we encourage members to head to the Fellowship Hall for our April church conference. We will have a light lunch (donations accepted) as well. Our meeting will include updates from church leadership on the life and ministry of First Baptist Greensboro and opportunities for members to dialogue about the life of the church. There will be a presentation and discussion of our Candidate for Associate Pastor: Music & Worship. Our regular conferences are an essential way members contribute to the work and mission of First Baptist Greensboro, so we hope you will plan to be a part.

ORDINATION OF AMELIA BRITT | Planned for today at 5:00 pm

With the support of our Deacons and Pastors, First Baptist Greensboro is discerning ministerial ordination with our member, Amelia Britt. Today at the Church Conference, the Congregation will receive the recommendation of the Ordination Council. Pending the affirmation of the Congregation, a Service of Ordination will be held this evening at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE | Save the date for next Sunday, April 28

A few weeks ago at the close of worship, Matt Messick, chair of the Music Ministry Search Committee, shared on behalf of the committee a special announcement and a save-the-date of Sunday, April 28. You can read more about the committee's work and process on calling our next Associate Pastor of Music and Worship at the QR or at fbcgso.org/music-search-update. We're grateful for the work of the Music Ministry Search Committee and excited to update soon on the various opportunities to meet the candidate.



Music Ministry Search Committee: Will Crawford, Sarah Frye, Elizabeth Holleman, Laura Lomax, Maggie Martin (Secretary), Mark McCracken, Matt Messick (Chair), Levone Tobin Scott, Tommy Starnes and Pastor Alan Sherouse.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS | Wednesday, April 24, at 11 AM

If you or someone you know is a caregiver to a family member, a Caregiver Support Group is having their first meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 11 am in the Living Room (Room 205). Alexis Williams from Caregiver Connect will join us for this first session. This group is for anyone who would like to attend so we encourage you to invite friends or relatives that might benefit from it. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Linda Danford (lindadanford03@gmail.com).

PARENT SOCIAL | Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm at Double Oaks

Parents of Children and Youth are invited to a parent social on Saturday, April 27 at 7pm at the Double Oaks. Appetizers will be provided and beverages will be available for purchase. We may also have a special drop-in visit from our candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Music and Worship at this social! Schedule your childcare and join us for a time to get to know each other better. No sign-up required. We look forward to being together!

MISSIONS DAY 2024 | Saturday, May 18 1 - 4 pm

Join us Saturday, May 18 starting at 1 pm for our 2024 Missions Day! This event is intended for EVERYONE; kids, youth, and adults alike. We will disperse into our community with work locations at Backpack Beginnings, Habitat for Humanity, Community Housing Solutions, and more. Sign up today to join a team and make a difference in our local community. Let us know you are coming! Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code.



SPRING MIDWEEK | Wednesdays, starting at 5:30 pm

Midweek in April includes a new adult class, along with weekly programming for children and youth. Midweek meal begins at 5:30 pm, activities for children and youth at 6 pm, and adult class at 6:15 pm. Our Midweek meal this week is a Mythos! 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.



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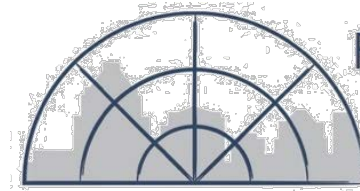
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