



"Christ shows himself to Thomas" by Rowan and Irene LeCompte

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

"In the different seasons of our life, Jesus' appearance is certain to change...One moment he may come to us dressed in golden garb, calling us to celebrate joyously the richness of spirit faith promises. The next, however, he may come wearing beggar's rags, reminding us that the love, which saves, is vulnerable and costly, and that the glory which awaits us is humble in texture and well-worn in feel. At still other times, he may come to us wrapped in the wool shawl of the wise old grandmother who simply holds us as we weep. Whatever his appearance may be, though, we will know it is he, if inside those golden garbs, street-faded rags, or warm knitted cape, we find not a logically argued response to our questioning faith but a surprising proclamation of peace and touching love that is stronger than even violent death itself. In the wonder of those wounds, he finds us."

-Serene Jones

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Reid Gilliam *organist*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Arranged by Jason Payne

Lighting the Christ Candle Caroline White

Opening the Bible Lila Turner

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

†Hymn 250

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LLANFAIR

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community Rev. Buck Cochran

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 239

"I know That My Redeemer Lives" DUKE STREET

Prayers of God's People Rev. Sherouse

Gospel Lesson Rev. Courtney Willis

John 20:19-31

Sermon Rev. Chris Cherry

†Hymn of Response 229

"Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

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

Stewardship Prayer Laura Wall *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 Reid Gilliam

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Reid Gilliam *organist*

"Carillon from 24 Pieces in Free Style" by Louis Vierne

"The evidence of Easter is a reconfigured Easter people, people who are no longer afraid of the dark, people who dare to live by their affections and not by their fears, people who know that they need not die in order to truly experience resurrection living... In short, people such as you and me who aspire to be people like that. We are the Easter people for death, in all of its cynical, calculating, greedy ways, no longer has control over us. We have a better idea, we claim a greater truth, we live because we are loved; and because we are loved, we can live." — Peter Gomes



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO CONNECTIONS

April 7, 2024

TRIVIA NIGHT 2024 | Tonight at 4 pm

This evening is Trivia Night! This event is the our main fundraising event for our Youth Summer Mission Trip to Savannah, GA and our week at Passport Camps. If you are unable to be a part of Trivia Night and would like to support these amazing experiences for our youth, please connect with Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org). We look forward to a fun evening full of random facts, food, and fundraising!

LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS | Due by April 21

We invite all members to fill out a Leadership Nominations form. The Committee on Committees is beginning the annual process of requesting nominations of church members to serve on our Deacon board and standing committees. Nomination forms have been handed out this morning or you can fill out nominations on-line at: fbcgso.org/church-leadership-nominations-2024. We request nomination forms be submitted no later than April 21. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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

Last Sunday, at the close of Easter Sunday 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.



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.



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 taco 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.



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.



APRIL CHURCH CONFERENCE | Sunday, April 21 after worship

Make plans to join us for our next Church Conference, on Sunday, April 21, following our worship service. 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. 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 Sunday, April 21 at 5:00 pm

With the support of our Deacons and Pastors, First Baptist Greensboro is discerning ministerial ordination with our member, Amelia Britt. On April 21 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 that evening at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

PASTORAL STAFF

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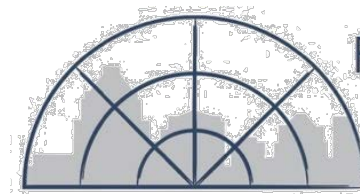
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