



"Pentecost" by John August Swanson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for

The Worship of God

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024

"The gesture of speaking another language is born not of the desire of the disciples but of God, and it signifies all that is essential to learning a language...Speak a language, speak a people. God speaks people, fluently. And God, with all the urgency that is with the Holy Spirit, wants the disciples of his only begotten Son to speak people fluently too. This is the beginning of the revolution that the Spirit performs. Like an artist drawing on all her talent to express a new way to live, God gestures the deepest joining possible, one flesh with God, and desire made one with the Holy One."

-Willie James Jennings

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Lighting the Christ Candle Emerson Culbreth

Opening the Bible Evie Crandall

Prelude Preschool Choir

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. by Carol Huffman Dickerson

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Choral Introit Children's Choir, Youth Choir, INSPIRO, Matt Messick *pianist*

"Grow, Little Tree" by Andrea Ramsey

Grow, little tree. Stretch your arms, and spread your leaves. What will you be?

Grow, little tree. Wave your branches wild and free for all to see.

I'll grow, too. Just like you, I'll grow tall. Nurture me, I look to you for what to do.

Dance, dance in the wind. Stand, and soak up the sun. And when the storm brings a shower, let the earth catch my tears, and sprout a new flower.

Grow, little tree.

"All God's Children" Words and Music by Baker Lawrimore

For children all, a sense of welcome

For children all, a belly fed

For children all, strong minds that wonder

For children all, a loving friend

For we're a world of diverse people,

And all our needs here on Earth are broad,

So look around, see the beauty in difference,

And work to love all the children of God.

For those alone and those ignored, a sense of welcome

For those alone and those ignored, a belly fed

For those alone and those ignored, strong minds that wonder

For those alone and those ignored, a loving friend

For enemies, a sense of welcome

For enemies, a belly fed

For enemies, strong minds that wonder

For enemies, a loving friend

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

Come, listen to stories of faith and trust from long ago.

We come, celebrating Christ with us in the here and now.

Come, dream exciting new possibilities for the future.

We come, conscious of the need to have the courage of past generations.

Let us join generation upon generation in worshipping God.

We come, worshipping God - Creator, Spirit, and Son. Alleluia! Amen!

†Hymn 45

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

†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.

†Hymn 710

"We Are Called to Be God's People" AUSTRIAN HYMN

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Lesson Rev. Buck Cochran

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 689

"The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

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

Stewardship Prayer Lynn Huneycutt *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Children's Choir, Youth Choir, INSPIRO

"Better Is One Day" arr. by Trey McLaughlin

Better is one day in your courts

Better is one day in your house

Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick

LOOKING AHEAD

May

- 26 | Called Church Conference
Inspiro Final Concert | 7pm
- 27 | Office Closed
- 29 | Summer Kickoff | 5:30 - 7 pm
- 30 | May Book Club at 5:30 pm
- 31 | Senior Night

June

- 1 | Senior Brunch
- 2 | Youth & Graduate Sunday
- 3 | Lunch & Learn | Noon
- 7 | FBCKids Family Friday @
Grasshoppers | 6:00pm
- 9 | FBCYouth Gaga Pit Build | 2 pm
- 10 | Deacons Meeting | 7 pm
- 12 | FBCYouth Meet-to-Eat | Noon

A church-wide Summer Calendar will be available on May 29 at the Summer Kick Off!



Join us on the front lawn for a cook out, water fun and learn about all the many ways to be a part of the life of the church this summer!

Summer
KICK-OFF

Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 to 7 pm



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO CONNECTIONS

May 19, 2024

CELEBRATING 165 YEARS | Pentecost Sunday, May 19

Today after worship, join us as we celebrate our 165th birthday over a potluck meal! There is plenty to eat, stay and enjoy a meal together as we celebrate all that God has done through First Baptist Greensboro.

SUMMER KICK-OFF | Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 pm - 7 pm

This Wednesday, we will take a week off then have a Summer Kick-Off next Wednesday, May 29! Join us on the front lawn for a cook out, water fun and learn about all the many ways to be a part of the life of the church this summer. There also will be an appearance by our new Associate Pastor of Music & Worship, Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis! We hope to see you there.

MAY BOOKCLUB | Thursday, May 30, 5:30 pm

Join us as we celebrate our 165th anniversary by reading and discussing our very own Scott Culclasure's book "In Every Good Work". A free copy of the book can be picked up in the church office or at the atrium desk. If you have any questions, reach out to Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).

LUNCH & LEARN | Monday, June 3 at Noon

The Senior Adult Council is pleased to offer a series of "Lunch and Learn" events featuring various topics for adults of ALL ages! Our June event will be a presentation on the Greece Trip. Lunch will be \$10/person and will be from Mythos. Reserve your spot by May 27! If you know of friends who could benefit from this topic, please invite them! All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com). Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/lunch-and-learn or scan the QR code.



SUMMER CHOIR | Sundays June 16, 30, July 14, 28 & August 11, 18 at 9:45

Our last choir practice of the season will be Wednesday, May 29 after Summer Kick-Off. Then it's time for the Summer Choir! Ever wanted to see what the choir is all about? Summer Choir is a perfect place to try it out! Just show up on a Sunday morning listed at 9:45 am at the choir loft to learn an anthem to sing in worship. Come one, come all! Questions? Contact Seth Hix (seth@fbcgso.org).

WELCOME PASTOR ERIC!

First Baptist Greensboro joyfully welcomes Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis as our new Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. Eric will formally begin his tenure at First Baptist Greensboro on September 3, with his first Sunday on September 8. He will join us throughout the summer at various points, while fulfilling a commitment to lead First Baptist Church DC during Senior Pastor Julie Pennington-Russell's sabbatical. Read more about Eric at fbcgso.org/meet-eric, and learn more about why we're so hopeful about our ministry together.



YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP | JUNE 23-29, 2024

This summer our Youth Summer Mission Trip will be to Savannah, Georgia! We will be staying at First Baptist Savannah and working alongside several of their mission partners. We will also be able to explore the city and have a great time. Mission Trip is \$350, which will cover everything except meals on the road and any little things you buy along the way. Let Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org), know if you have any questions. Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024 or scan the QR code.



ADVENTURE AWAITS VBS 2024 | JULY 15-18

Our VBS theme this year is Adventure Awaits! Using their investigative skills kids will discover how they have the ability to make a difference in the world just like Jesus! Come join the adventure and imagine this new world where we where we reach across our differences and care for all people! Cost is \$20 per child with a \$50 family max. Spots for VBS go fast, be sure to sign-up today! Learn more and register at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024 or scan the QR code



MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP | AUGUST 5 - 9

Campers who have completed 1st - 5th grade can enjoy music of many styles as they develop their voices individually and discover the joy of singing and making music in community. The daily worship time is enriched through experiences in choral music, drama, visual arts, instruments (guitar, drums, handbells) and sacred dance. Cost is \$50 for the week! Sign-up by July 1 at fbcgso.org/summer-2024



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