



"Holy Trinity" by Mimulux Patricia No

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Trinity Sunday, May 19, 2024

"I'm convinced that beneath the ugly manifestations of our present evils—political corruption, ecological devastation, warring against one another, hating each other based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or nationality—the greatest disease facing humanity right now is our profound and painful sense of *disconnection*. We feel disconnected from God, certainly, but also from ourselves (especially our bodies), from each other, and from our world. Our sense of this fourfold isolation is plunging our species into increasingly destructive behavior and much mental illness. Yet many are discovering that the Infinite Flow of the Trinity—and our practical, felt experience of this gift—offers the utterly grounded *reconnection* with God, with self, with others, and with our world..."

-Richard Rohr

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Lily Rodgers

Opening the Bible Sophy Gould

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

by Rev. Joanna Harader

Loving God, Life of the universe,

we gather to worship You.

Great Creator who created us in Your image

we gather to worship You.

Holy Redeemer who became flesh and lived among us;

we gather to worship You.

Sustaining Spirit who breathes into us always the holy breath of Life,

we gather together to worship.

†Hymn 2

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICAEA

†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. Courtney Willis

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

†Hymn 495

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” LANDAS

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Chris Cherry

Scripture Lesson Rev. Amy Starr Russell

John 3:1-17

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 289

“Holy, Spirit, Ever Dwelling” IN BABILONE

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

Stewardship Prayer Cookie Hamilton *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Sanctuary Choir

“Offertory” Micah 6:6-8; Music by John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

*Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling
and calves?*

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

*Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?*

He has shown you, O mortal; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Called Church Conference

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Choral Response Sanctuary Choir

“Ascription of Praise” Jude 1:24-25; Music by David Schwoebel

Now to him who's able to keep you from falling,

and to present you without blemish before the presence of the glory

with rejoicing to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ

our Lord be the glory, majesty, dominion and the authority before all time.

Now and forever, Amen.

†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 26, 2024

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

Join us on the front lawn this Wednesday evening for a cook out 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.

INSPIRO SEASON FINALE CONCERT | Tonight at 7 pm

All are invited tonight to the season finale concert for INSPIRO (Triad Youth Choir)! INSPIRO will be singing works from a variety of musical traditions that they have learned throughout this last year. We hope you make plans to enjoy this free concert this evening!

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" this Thursday evening. 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 the June "Lunch and Learn" which will be a presentation on the Greece Trip. Lunch from Mythos will be \$10/person and reservations are due by tomorrow, May 27. 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.



SENIOR SUNDAY | June 2 in worship

The Class of 2024 will be leading us in worship on Sunday, June 2. Come experience our Seniors using their gifts through calling us into worship, prayer, scripture reading and assisting in serving communion. We also will be recognizing our graduating seniors on this amazing accomplishment. We hope you make plans to be a part of this wonderful Sunday in worship.

SUMMER BOOKCLUB | June 27, August 1 & August 29

Join us this summer as we gather together for Summer Bookclub! We will gather at 5:30 pm on the listed dates. Our first book in June will be "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. Learn more about all our summer books and order a copy at fbcgso.org/summer-bookclub or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).



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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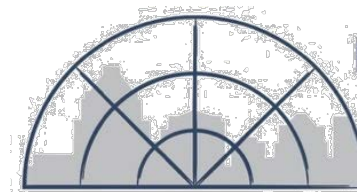
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