



"Jesus is the One Risen From the Dead" by Scott Erickson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

"For Jesus, friendship is the ultimate relationship with God and each other... Such an understanding of friendship and the life of faith means that the way Christians account for their piety and make decisions about what is ethical or moral behavior must be reassessed. If we take Jesus' commandment to love seriously, and if we long to be called 'friend' by Jesus, then the Christian vocation is to give love freely and generously without counting the cost and without wondering and worrying about who is on the receiving end of our limitless love."

- Gail R. O'Day

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Janice Hix and Penny Rowe *pianists*

"God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. by Dan Forrest

Lighting the Christ Candle Davis Cox

Opening the Bible Aiden Kane

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship James Dolph

Rev. Susan A. Blain

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

†Hymn 70

“God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him” ABBOT’S LEIGH

†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

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

†Hymn 101

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” GORDON

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Seth Hix

Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 429

“Let Your Heart Be Broken” WYE VALLEY

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*

Offertory Meditation Shaunya Joyner *soloist*

“Amazing Grace” arr. by John Ness Beck

The Lord’s Supper Rev. Sherouse and Laura Wall *deacon secretary*

Communion Meditation Janice Hix and Penny Rowe *pianists*

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” arr. by Frank Milholland

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr. by Dan Forrest

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick



CELEBRATING 165 Years Sunday, May 19

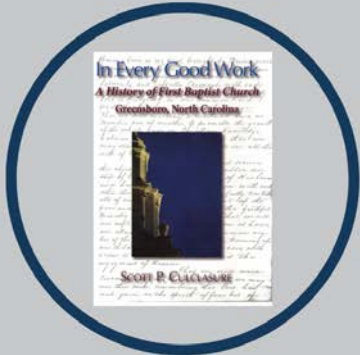
On Pentecost Sunday – traditionally considered the birthday of the universal Church – we will be celebrating the birthday of our local church, First Baptist Greensboro! This year marks 165 years since the formation of the Greensboro Baptist Church, which later came to be known as First Baptist Greensboro. Come celebrate with us!



MISSIONS DAY 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1 - 4 PM

As part of our anniversary weekend, join us for Missions Day! We will disperse into our community, partnering with many of our mission partners. This is for everyone! Let us know you'll be there: fbcgso.org/spring-missions



MAY BOOKCLUB

THURSDAY, MAY 30 AT 5:30 PM


Join us as we celebrate our 165th anniversary by reading and discussing our very own Scott Culclasure's history of First Baptist Greensboro, *In Every Good Work*. A free copy of the book can be picked up in the church office.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO
CONNECTIONS

May 5, 2024


WELCOME PASTOR ERIC!

First Baptist Greensboro joyfully welcomes Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis as our new Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. Eric was called through the unanimous and enthusiastic vote of the Congregation at the close of worship last Sunday morning. Read more about Eric at fbcgso.org/meet-eric, and learn more about why we're so hopeful about our ministry together. 

PRAYERS FOR GREECE TRIP

Today a group from our church is traveling to Greece and will be there until May 13 on a trip led by Rev. Courtney Willis and Dr. Jason Myers. Please be in prayer for Chuck Frye, Sarah Frye, Catherine Little, Thom Little, Monica Vaughan, Gayle Wiley, Richard Wiley and Becky Yaun as they travel and learn together. There will be many stories to share from this trip! You can hear them at the June Lunch and Learn, which you can read more about below.

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

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! fbcgso.org/spring-missions or scan the QR code. 

CELEBRATING 165 YEARS | Pentecost Sunday, May 19

On Pentecost Sunday — traditionally considered the birthday of the universal Church — we will be celebrating the birthday of our local church, First Baptist Greensboro! This year marks 165 years since the formation of the Greensboro Baptist Church, which later came to be known as First Baptist Greensboro. We will acknowledge our history and celebrate our future in worship. After worship we will gather together on the front lawn for a potluck lunch. Bring your favorite side and/or dessert, to pair with First Baptist favorite, "Theo's Famous Fried Chicken." We look forward to celebrating together!

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).

SPRING MIDWEEK | Wednesdays, starting at 5:30 pm

Join us for Midweek! We have an 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 Cafe Pasta! 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.



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.



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! Spots for VBS go fast, be sure to sign-up today! Learn more and register at: fbcgso.org/summer-2024

SUMMER 2024

You can learn more about all other Summer trips and camps for children and youth at fbcgso.org/summer-2024 or scan the QR code. Contact Amy Starr Russell (amy@fbcgso.org) or Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org) if you have any questions.



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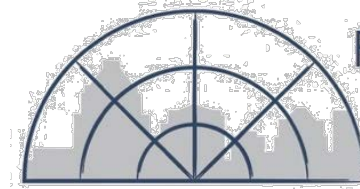
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