



“The Best Supper” by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for

The Worship of God

Senior Sunday, June 2, 2024

And the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.
-Jan Richardson

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Processional Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Trevor Gill

Opening the Bible Griffin Kesler

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

†Call to Worship Harrison Rose
by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy

Jesus will give us rest

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace

Christ will give us peace

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus

For our Savior will give us rest in our souls

Come, let us worship our God

Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

†Hymn 20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ODE TO JOY

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community James Dolph

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 107

"Christ Be My Leader" SLANE

Covenant of Concerns Rev. Courtney Willis

Prayers of God's People Noah Woodell

Choral Prayer Response Sanctuary Choir, Janice Hix *pianist*

"Holy is the Lord" Music by Franz Schubert, arranged by Fred Bock

Scripture Lesson Carter Bland

Luke 14:12-24

Sermon Rev. Chris Cherry

Open Table

†Hymn of Response

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

"Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE



"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
"Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
"Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?"



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare__ should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found__ to re - shape the world a - round,



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

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Stewardship Prayer Randy Bowers *deacon*

Offertory Meditation Harrison Rose

Original works by Harrison Rose

The Lord's Supper Rev. Sherouse and Thom Little *deacon chair*

Communion Meditation Sanctuary Choir

"Come, Share the Lord" Words and Music by Bryan Jeffery Leech; arranged by Ronald Tabell

We gather here, in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame. For through his loving Son, the Father makes us one. Come take the bread, come take the wine, come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing. We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming king. Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.

Come take the bread, come take the wine, come share the Lord.

For he will feed us with his presence here. This bread and wine will do us good. Our deepest hunger he will satisfy. For he is life, and peace, and rest, and drink and food.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread. The lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead. The one we love the most is now our gracious host.

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here. Everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrong. We are now a family of which the Lord is head. Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

Blessing Our Seniors Rev. Cherry and Rev. Sherouse

Carter Bland, Harrison Rose, Noah Woodell

†Congregational Response

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

†Benediction Rev. Cherry

†Postlude Matt Messick

Please stand and remain in place as graduates and pastors recess. Following the recessional you are invited to join graduates and their families on the front lawn for fellowship and refreshments.

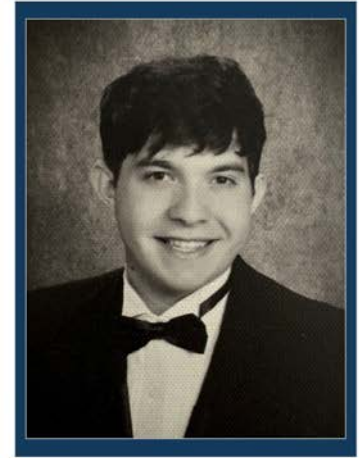
CLASS OF 2024



CARTER BLAND
SOUTHERN GUILFORD



HARRISON ROSE
GRIMSLEY



NOAH WOODELL
GRIMSLEY

COLLEGE GRADUATES

KATE AUSTIN | NC STATE

JAKE BARLOW | APPALACHIAN ST

HENRY ELLIS | UNC CHARLOTTE

CHRIS LYLE | APPALACHIAN STATE

MELISSA SAMPLE | NC STATE



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SUMMER INTERNS

We're thrilled to welcome two that are familiar to our church - James Dolph and Julia Lyle - as our Summer Interns! James will be our Summer Pastoral Intern, focusing in the youth ministry. Julia will be returning as our FBCKids intern. Please help to welcome James and Julia to these summer roles, and extend the hospitality and support of our church throughout this summer of growing and serving together. More about James and Julia: fbcgso.org/summer-interns-2024 or scan the QR code



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

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).

VBS VOLUNTEERS | July 15-18, 2024

We're so excited for this year's VBS! We are in need of volunteers to make it a successful and a meaningful week for all of our participants! We have many opportunities to get involved and no special skills are needed other than a willingness to pitch in. We could also use some help, the week before VBS transforming the church with decorations for VBS! Please fill out a short form and let us know your interest and availability: fbcgso.org/vbs-2024 or scan the QR code. You can also register your child for VBS! Any questions, reach out to Amy Starr Russell (amy@fbcgso.org).



THE CHURCH VAN FUND

As the summer begins, the Finance Committee invites the Congregation to give a special gift toward the purchase of a new church van. A generous member has offered to give a matching contribution of half the cost of a new van, leaving approximately \$35,000 to raise. We are hopeful we can raise this money and purchase a van before summer trips begin. If you would like to make a special gift beyond your usual offering towards the new van purchase, please indicate "Church Van" in the memo section of your contribution check, or if giving online use the category of "Church Van" in the dropdown menu to designate your gift at fbcgso.org/give or scan the QR code.



STAFF NEWS

Baker Lawrimore has shared his resignation as our Director of Music for Children & Youth, a role which he has held since the Fall of 2020. Baker is returning to the classroom as a Chorus Teacher at Kernodle Middle School. Baker also continues in his role as Director of INSPIRO. Baker, Addison and Vera Jo are beloved by our whole congregation, and we are expressing that through a gift to support supplies and needs for Baker's new classroom. We hope you will also share your love and appreciation for Baker in a personal way, and offer your prayers and support amidst transition.

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.



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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