



"Emerging Star 2" by Virginia Wierenga

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
gathers for  
**The Worship of God**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

December 29, 2024

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick

Lighting the Christ Candle Caleb Wall

Opening the Bible Katherine Wall

Gathering Rev. Amy Starr Russell

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

†Call to Worship Rev. Bill Hix

We see light, hope, and joy;

**We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;**

We share blessings and fears;

**We bring faith and doubt.**

With all that we are and all that we have,

**let us worship God.**

†Hymn 157 *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* IN DULCI JUBILO

†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. Cochran

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

†Hymn 166 *“While by the Sheep We Watched”* JUNGST

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Nancy Allison

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 Rev. Starr Russell

Sermon Rev. Starr Russell

†Hymn of Response 151 *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* GO TELL IT

*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*

Musical Offering Janice Hix *piano*

†Benediction Rev. Cochran

†Postlude Matt Messick *organ*

Thank you to Rev. Bill Hix for leading our congregational song this morning.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

# LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

December 29, 2024

## **FBC ROLLS: ALL AGES EPIPHANY PARTY | Sunday, January 5 from 2 to 4 pm**

Everyone is invited to the gym on Sunday afternoon, January 5, for an Epiphany party for All Ages! This will be a fun time of fellowship with your church family, marking a holiday of joy and light. Mark your calendars and get ready to roll into a good time.

## **MIDWEEK RETURNS | Wednesday, January 8 starting at 5:30 pm**

Our first Midweek of 2025 will return with offerings for all ages! Our two classes for adults will be an Enneagram workshop and a bible study in the Chapel. Our Youth and Kids will pack snack bags for our Winter Emergency Shelter. Our first meal back will be Mytho's! Reserve your meal at: [fbcgso.org/midweek-2025](https://fbcgso.org/midweek-2025)



## **UPCOMING NEW DATABASE**

In January, we will transition our database to ACS Realm. We are excited to share more as we approach the transition date. We ask that prior to January 6, you log in to AccessACS (<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login>) and confirm your information is accurate. Any questions, contact Keighley Johnson



## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | January 1**

It is our practice to close the Church Offices for the Christmas holiday and the day after. We will reopen on Friday, December 27 at 9 am. In the event of a pastoral emergency, call the church (336.274.3286) and dial extension 103 to leave a message with our pastoral emergency line. A pastor will receive your message remotely and respond promptly.

## **JANUARY LUNCH & LEARN | January 13 at Noon**

Our January Lunch & Learn will focus on grief support, with Rev. Peggy Hames as our visiting speaker. Peggy is a therapist in Greensboro, as well as an ordained minister. Learn more about the program and reserve your lunch for \$10/person at [fbcgso.org/senior-adults](https://fbcgso.org/senior-adults) or contact Keighley Johnson in the church office. Please sign-up by Thursday, January 9.



## **PASTORAL STAFF**

**CHRIS CHERRY**, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**BUCK COCHRAN**, MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

**SETH HIX**, MUSIC (INTERIM)

**ALAN SHEROUSE**, SENIOR PASTOR

**AMY STARR RUSSELL**, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**COURTNEY WILLIS**, FORMATION & CARE

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