



"Emerging Star 2" by Virginia Wierenga

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick, Jerico Carillo *flute*
"We Three Kings" arr. by Gary Lanier

Lighting the Christ Candle Ava Danford

Opening the Bible Margaux Cherry

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

†Call to Worship Rev. Chris Cherry
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 174 "Angels From the Reams of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Community Rev. Courtney Willis

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 174 "Our Savior's Infant Cries Were Heard" FOREST GREEN

Text by Thomas H. Troeger, *altered* (1986)

Our Savior's infant cries were heard and met by human love
Before he preached one saving word or prayed to God above.
In Joseph's arms, at Mary's breast, while Herod's violence spread,
God's love by human love was blessed, protected, nurtured, fed.

By trusting Christ to human care, God blessed forevermore
The care of children everywhere – the bruised, the lost, the poor.
Whoever calms a child by night, or guides a youth by day
Serves hum whose birth by lantern light was on a bed of hay.

"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today,
But charged with faith may we be bold to hollow in his way.

Prayers of God's People Rev. Cherry

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Willis

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 171 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

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

Stewardship Prayer Chris Culbreth *deacon*

Musical Offering Shelby Moss *soloist*

“Love Came Down at Christmas” *words by Christina Rossetti, music by Howard Helvey*

The Lord's Supper Rev. Sherouse and Margaret Crawford

Communion Meditation Jerico Carrillo *flute* Matt Messick *piano*

“This Is My Father's World” *arr. by Brent Olstad*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick organ

Thank you to Jerico Carrillo for leading our music this morning.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

January 5, 2025

CELEBRATING REV. BUCK COCHRAN | Next Sunday, January 12, after worship

First Baptist Greensboro celebrates the ministry of Rev. Buck Cochran, who retired as our Associate Pastor of Missions & Community Ministry at the end of 2024. Join us next Sunday after worship for a reception honoring Buck. We are grateful for his ministry as one of our pastors, and excited that he and Cathy remain a part of the life and ministry of our church as members.

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

Our first Midweek of 2025 will return on January 8 with offerings for all ages! Our Youth and Kids will pack snack bags for our Winter Emergency Shelter. Our first meal back will be Mythos! Reserve your meal at <https://fbcgso.org/midweek-2025/> or scan the QR code.

Adult offerings for the upcoming midweek session are as follows:



RISE AGAINST HUNGER | Sunday January 26 2:00-5:00 pm

We will be joining with our friends from Rise Against Hunger once again on Sunday, January 26 to package meals for people facing hunger around the globe. It will be a fun event that will make a difference in peoples' lives. This event is for all ages!

WOMEN'S RETREAT | February 7-9, 2025

Join us this February for an intergenerational women's retreat in which we hope women of ALL ages will come for fellowship, faith formation, and fun!



Standard: \$190 (\$50 deposit due by 1/8) A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$75. Registration includes two nights in a shared hotel-style room, four full meals, and a LOT of fun! Any questions or concerns? Please contact Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org). Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/womens-retreat-2025 or scan the QR code.

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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