



"Where the Way Leads" by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

On the outskirts of Jerusalem the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding, he stood and waited.
How horse, turned out into the meadow, leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages, clatter away, splashed with sunlight!
But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away. Then he let the stranger mount.
Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.
I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.
-Mary Oliver "The Poet Thinks about the Donkey"

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Woodson Faulkner *organ*
"Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God) by George Bizet

Lighting of the Christ Candle Della Sherouse

Opening of the Bible Jonah Carlson

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Chris Cherry

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms
of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only
of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

†Processional Hymn 203

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELACOMBE

†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.*

Music for Meditation Jeff Perry soloist

"The Call" from Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughn Williams

Call to Prayer Rev. Chris Cherry

*As we sing together, worshipers are asked to
move toward the cross in the center of the sanctuary.*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

Stanza 3: See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

April 13, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY | Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 am

All are welcome to gather Easter Sunday at First Baptist Greensboro for worship at 10:30 am. Our Easter service will include the beauty of music, the joy of community, and the hope we share as Easter people. After worship, join us on the lawn for a reception, photos at the flowered cross, and fellowship with one another. We hope to see you Easter Day! Please note that church offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | Thursday, April 17 at 6 pm

On this holiest of weeks, we will gather on Maundy Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a Table Service that includes a meal from Mythos, celebration of communion, and a service of shadows leading us toward Good Friday. There will be optional childcare provided for kids 4 years and under. To reserve your meal, contact Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) or visit fbcgso.org/maundy-thursday-2025.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS | DUE BY APRIL 13

We invite all members to fill out a Leadership Nomination form. The Committee on Committees is beginning the annual process of requesting nominations of church members to serve on our Deacon board and standing committees. Nomination forms can be found at the Sanctuary doors or you can fill out nominations on-line at: fbcgso.org/church-leadership-nominations-2025. We request nomination forms be submitted no later than April 13. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



SPRING BOOK CLUB | Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 pm

Join us for Spring book club! In April we will be discussing "Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul" by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun. We will gather together in the Living Room at 5:30 pm Thursday, April 24. If you have any questions, connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org). Learn about all the books we'll read this Spring at: fbcgso.org/spring-bookclub-2025



ROMEO LUNCH | Thursday April 24 at 12:30

Thursday April 24, ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will gather together for their monthly lunch at Pavilion Restaurant! If you'd like to join this group, please let Jeff Bennett (jeff@fbcgso.org) know, and he'll add you to the email list. To learn about all the ROMEO Lunch dates, visit fbcgso.org/senior-adults

FBC COMMUNITY GARDEN MISSIONS DAY | Saturday, April 26 at 9 am

The Missions Committee invites everyone out to the FBC Community Garden on Saturday, April 26 at 9 am. All ages are welcome to help in the garden! Please bring your shovel, gloves, and any other digging tool you have. There will be tomatoes, cucumbers, colorful peppers, and flowers to plant. Once we have a harvest, all produce is donated to community partners, including Backpack Beginnings. We hope you mark your calendars and plan to come out for this day in the FBC Community Garden!

APRIL CHURCH CONFERENCE | Sunday, April 27 after worship

Please mark your calendars for our April church conference after worship on April 27. Our meeting will include updates from church leadership on the life and ministry of First Baptist Greensboro and opportunities for members to dialogue about the life of the church. We will have a light lunch and donations will be accepted. Our regular conferences are an essential way members contribute to the work and mission of First Baptist Greensboro, so we hope you will plan to be a part.

EMERGENCY SHELTER NEEDS MEALS

Our Emergency Shelter has been extended through April! With this opportunity, we are in need of some more meals for our guests. Individuals, groups, and Sunday School classes can sign up at: fbcgso.org/shelter to provide food and hospitality. If you have any questions, please reach out to John Thornton (john@heldgso.org).



PASTORAL STAFF

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After a joyful Call Weekend, First Baptist Greensboro welcomes Landry Duvall as our new Minister of Music & Worship. Landry was called with the affirmation of the Congregation at the close of worship on Sunday. Landry will begin his tenure at First Baptist Greensboro mid-June. Read below for a note from Landry. And learn more about Landry and why we are so excited about the life and ministry we will share at fbcgso.org/meet-landry

"This weekend truly felt like coming home. I'm so thankful for the kindness, grace, and genuine welcome you've shown to me—and to Robert—as we've begun stepping into this new chapter. From the moment we arrived, we felt embraced by a spirit of warmth and hospitality that was present in every conversation and interaction. One of the greatest joys for me was leading worship from the organ and hearing a congregation that truly SINGS—with heart, joy, and deep sincerity. It's clear that this is a church with an extraordinary legacy of music and worship, and I feel deeply honored to be invited into that story. Thank you for your trust and for the generous way you've received us. I'm so looking forward to the road ahead and to all we'll share in the seasons to come!"



EASTER CROSS FLOWERS | Submissions through tomorrow, April 14



Tomorrow is the deadline for submissions for the Easter cross flowers. You can make a donation towards the purchase of flowers for the Easter cross in honor or in memory of a loved one. Donations of \$10 per name can be placed with Keighley Johnson (keighely@fbcgso.org) or fill out a form below or at fbcgso.org/easter-flowers-2025. You will be sent an invoice to pay with a credit card or you can simply bring cash or a check to the main office.



Easter Cross Flowers
Memorial and Honorariums

In Memory Of _____ by _____

In Memory Of _____ by _____

In Honor Of _____ by _____

In Honor Of _____ by _____



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