



"Pentecost Fire" by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
gathers for  
**The Worship of God**  
Pentecost Sunday  
June 8, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Reid Gilliam *organ*

*“Theme, Pastorale, and Finale on ‘When In Our Music God is Glorified’”*  
arr. by Micahel Burkhardt

Lighting of the Christ Candle Madilyn Hix

Opening of the Bible Ben Stone

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

Come, Holy Spirit, the Wind of God, the breath of Life.

**Come, Holy Spirit, our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Come, Holy Spirit, Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit. May we feel God breathing through our worship.

**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

†Hymn 2 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* NICAEA

Janice Hix *piano*, Reid Gilliam *organ*

## † Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Family Covenanting Rev. Sherouse, Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Nora Brooks Conover and Eden James Conover

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

## † Hymn      “God of Past, Who By Your Spirit” HYFRYDOL

Stanza 1: (Choir)      *God of past, Who by Your Spirit, led Your people through each age,  
May we learn from their example, by their faith our doubts assuage.  
May their steadfast resoluteness as they followed in Your way  
Be for us an inspiration as we serve the present day.*

Stanza 2: (Choir)      *God of present undertakings, give us wisdom as we build  
For our service in Your kingdom that Your presence be fulfilled.  
May our vision be far-reaching, and our work by You decreed,  
That in building for the present, we discern tomorrow’s need.*

Stanza 3: (ALL)



3. God of hope, to Whom our serv - ice is en -  
trust - ed for the day, When Your king - dom  
is es - tab - lished and all peo - ple know Your way,  
By the lead - ing of Your Spir - it guide us now, new  
faith in - still, That we face the fu - ture  
bold - ly for the do - ing of Your will.

Life of the Community Rev. Courtney Willis

Missions Moment Melody and Sam Harrell *Africa Exchange*

Prayers of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:1-21 Rev. Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 539

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* HOUSTON

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

Stewardship Prayer Linda Danford *deacon*

Choral Offering *"To Love Our God"* Sanctuary Choir

Words adapted from Ecclesiastes 1 & 12 by John Parker; Music by Mark Hayes

*Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?*

*Blowing north and south, how does it know?*

*The rain flows gently to the sea, but the sea is never full.*

*How can these things be? How can they be?*

*Humanity works hard to make a name. Toiling in the sun yet nothing gained.*

*We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty. All is vain.*

*To love our God, the reason we live. To love our God, the highest call.*

*Nothing satisfies our souls, gives life meaning, makes us whole*

*For this purpose we were made, to love our God.*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Choral Response: *"No Hands But Yours"* Sanctuary Choir

Text by St. Teresa of Avila, 16th Century; Music by J. Jerome Williams

*Christ has no body now on earth, No hands, no feet,*

*no eyes on earth but yours. No hands but yours.*

†Postlude Reid Gilliam *organ*

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"* arr. By Piet Post

*Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Seth Hix by the First Baptist Pastors and Staff.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

# LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

June 8, 2025

## **CELEBRATING SETH HIX | Today following worship**

Following worship today, we will celebrate Rev. Seth Hix on his last Sunday as our interim minister of music. Seth has served our church with excellence and faithfulness for the duration of our music interim. We will share gifts of love and gratitude from our Congregation, and gather for a reception on the lawn. We hope you will come and share your appreciation!

## **MERGE POOL PARTY | June 8 at 12:15 pm**

MERGE, our ministry to 4th and 5th graders, will gather today for a pool party at Starmount pool. Bring a towel, bathing suit, and sunscreen. All our 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join Amy in the atrium at 12:15pm and we will carpool in the church van together. Connect with Amy Starr Russell if you have any questions.

## **LEADERSHIP NOMINEES**

After reviewing congregational submissions and prayerful deliberation, the Committee on Committees is pleased to present a list of nominees who have agreed to serve as church leaders beginning October 2025. A list is available at the Sanctuary doors and can be found at: [fbcgso.org/leadership-nominations-2025](https://fbcgso.org/leadership-nominations-2025) or scan the QR code. You will be asked to vote on these nominees during a called special Church Conference in worship on Sunday, June 15.



## **FBC RIVER TUBING DAY | Saturday, July 19**

We will meet at River Girl Tubing in Todd, NC at noon for an afternoon spent floating down the New River. This trip is a great for all ages. If you can sit in a tube while relaxing on a river, this trip is for you! Reserve your tube now so we will have plenty of tubes for all! Tubes: \$15 each or Cooler tube: \$15. Sign-up and learn about all the fun summer opportunities at: [fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025](https://fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025) or scan the QR code.



### VBS VOLUNTEERS | July 14-17 from 8:30-12:15 each day

This year's VBS — "Making Waves" — is taking us into the water to wonder at the beauty and majesty of what God has made. Not only is this week a valuable experience for all the children in attendance, but it's also transformative for the volunteers who make it happen. We have opportunities to get involved for all skills and abilities. If you're willing, we want you there! We will host a volunteer meeting on July 13 following worship, including lunch and volunteer shirts. You can choose from a variety of ways to help on a short form at: [fbcgso.org/vbs-2025](https://fbcgso.org/vbs-2025) or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, contact Amy Starr Russell ([amy@fbcgso.org](mailto:amy@fbcgso.org)).



### VBS 2025 | July 14-17 from 9 am to 12 pm

Let's make waves as we get out into God's creation this summer at VBS! We will ride with Jesus through a wavy storm, watch water come from rocks, and imagine a fully healed heaven and earth where all are invited to receive God's life-giving water. Through worship, scripture, art, science and more we will explore how we can make waves of grace and mercy flow from us to God's beautiful creation all around. Cost is \$25 per child with a \$60 family max. This includes activities, daily snacks, a T-shirt, and Thursday evening celebration. Sign your child up today at: [fbcgso.org/vbs-2025](https://fbcgso.org/vbs-2025) or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, contact Amy Starr Russell ([amy@fbcgso.org](mailto:amy@fbcgso.org)).



### PAINT THE TOWN | Saturday, July 12

Paint the Town is an annual one-day event when our community joins together with Community Housing Solutions (CHS) to help provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to low-income households. Eligible homeowners are neighbors who are elderly or disabled and living on a fixed income who are unable to do the repairs themselves. We need 8 to 15 volunteers ages 14+ for a team. ALL skill levels are welcome. Sign-up to volunteer at: [tinyurl.com/paintthetown2025](https://tinyurl.com/paintthetown2025) or scan the QR code. For more information or questions, contact Chris Cherry ([chris@fbcgso.org](mailto:chris@fbcgso.org)).



### PASTORAL STAFF

**CHRIS CHERRY**, YOUTH & FAMILIES  
**SETH HIX**, MUSIC (INTERIM)  
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**AMY STARR RUSSELL**, CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
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# Easter Offering with Africa Exchange



On Easter Sunday, First Baptist Greensboro launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 to build a preschool in Kenya through our partnership with Africa Exchange. We are overjoyed to share that we met our goal! Thanks to your generosity, vision, and passion, we have officially raised \$100,000 in just over 3 weeks to build a preschool in the Maasai Mara region of Kenya.

This photo, showing members of the Nkaimurunya community gathered at the exact site where the school will be built, was taken by Sam Harrell recently! The people you see here will be partners in the development of this remarkable project. They have already begun to do the work of securing the land and gathering the materials that will be used when the project begins.



Thank you, First Baptist, for all of your generosity and support in helping to make this preschool a reality!

Today, Sam and Melody Harrell of Africa Exchange are with us today and will share in worship.



# FBC *Fun*



Join us for a fun and faith-filled summer with First Baptist Greensboro! We have a full lineup of events this summer for all ages and interests—whether you love books, the outdoors, prayer, or community! Come grow and enjoy God's creation together.

Grab a physical copy of this booklet to have all summer! You may also find a digital version of this booklet at [fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025](https://fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025) or scan the QR code. You may register for all events there as well. Register early to reserve your spot - space is limited for some trips!

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Courtney Willis ([courtney@fbcgso.org](mailto:courtney@fbcgso.org)).