



"Looking Back - The Man At the Plow" James Tissot

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Landry Duvall *piano*
"Will You Come and Follow Me?" Arr. Charles Callahan

Lighting of the Christ Candle Trevor Gill

Opening of the Bible William Bethel

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis

Based on Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we lived under the weight of the law:
guarded, waiting, longing.

But now faith has come!

Christ has set us free and clothed us in his grace.

No longer bound by division or status,
not Jew or Greek, not slave or free, not male or female.

We are one in Christ Jesus, children of God, heirs of the promise.

Come, let us worship the One who has made us whole,
who gathers us into a new family of faith.

**With hearts united and spirits set free,
we worship the Living God!**

†Hymn No. 356

"All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†Passing of the Peace Rev. Willis

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†Sung Acclamation GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God, _____ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

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Son, _____ whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, _____ whose love has

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set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Life of the Community Rev. Chris Cherry

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

†Hymn No. 580

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayers of God's People Rev. Willis

Scripture Lesson Luke 9:51-62 Rev. Cherry

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response No. 710

“We Are Called to Be God’s People” AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Stewardship Prayer Scott Culclasure *deacon*

Choral Offering “Offertory” Sanctuary Choir

by John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

†Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall *organ*

“Postlude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN” Arr. Alfred Fedak

*Flowers given in honor of Margaret and John Raines
on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
by their children and grandchildren.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

June 29, 2025

JUNE CHURCH CONFERENCE | Today after worship

Join us after worship for our June Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a light lunch and donations will be accepted. 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. 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.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT OF POETRY | Today at 7 pm

Join us this evening at the Double Oaks for A Midsummer Night of Poetry! This casual event is an opportunity to share a poem that has been particularly meaningful to you. It does not have to be one that you wrote (although it can be), but rather one that stirs your spirit. From Shel Silverstein to Shakespeare and beyond, the only requirement for attendance is that you bring a poem to read out loud or come to simply listen to the poems of others.

TRAIL TUESDAYS | 7 am on July 1, 15, August 12, 26 & September 9, 23

Trail Tuesdays are back this summer, beginning this Tuesday, July 1! We will meet at 7 am every other Tuesday to explore a local trail. We will hike out and back for an hour total, and you are welcome to walk at your own pace. Learn about all the different trails we'll explore together at: fbcgso.org/trail-tuesdays-2025 or scan the QR code. Our first trail will be Crockett Trail (5337 Church Street). This an easy trail and all are welcome to join!



SUMMER HANDBELL CHOIR | Sundays July 20 & August 10

We'd love for you to be part of our Handbell Choir as we ring on July 20 and August 10. You're welcome to join us for one or both dates. This opportunity is open to youth and adults with ringing experience, and it's a great way to make music together this summer. Let us know you are interested by filling out this short form at: tinyurl.com/summerhandbells or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Landry Duvall (landry@fbcgso.org).



PAINT THE TOWN | Saturday, July 12, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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. We need 8 to 15 volunteers ages 14+ for a team. ALL skill levels are welcome. Sign-up to volunteer at: tinyurl.com/paintthetown2025 or scan the QR code. For more information or questions, contact Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org).



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 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 at: fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025 or scan the QR code.



HIKE TO HANGING ROCK | Tuesday, July 29

All are invited to travel to Hanging Rock State Park for a morning hike to the beautiful Hanging Rock overlook (3.6 miles out and back), followed by a picnic lunch. This hike is for all ages, but requires moderate physical ability. Please RSVP at fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025 or scan the QR code so we know how many to expect.



STORY TIME AT THE FBC LIBRARY | Tuesdays at 1 pm in July and August

Join us for Story Time at the FBC Library! Every Tuesday at 1 pm through July and August, children and their families are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon of read-aloud stories, laughter, and imagination. Story Time will take place in our Children's Library, located on the second floor just around the corner from the main library. After story time, families are invited to browse the shelves and check out books, just like a regular library! It's the perfect midweek adventure to keep cool, spend some time with friends, and explore the worlds available to us within the pages of a book. All are welcome—bring a friend and come be part of the story!

PASTORAL STAFF

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WELCOME OUR SUMMER INTERNS

We're thrilled to welcome our Summer Interns - Tyler Smith and James Dolph! Tyler is our Summer Pastoral Intern. James is serving as our Youth Ministry Intern. Please help to welcome Tyler and James to these summer roles, and extend the hospitality and support of our church throughout this summer of growing and serving together. Learn more about Tyler and James: fbcgso.org/summer-interns-2025



Tyler Smith



James Dolph

VBS DECORATION SUPPLIES NEEDED!

If you have ANY of the following items to donate, we would greatly appreciate them brought to the church for decorating by July 7:

- Cardboard
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Dryer duct tubes
- Pool noodles

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org)

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with decorating the church during the week of July 7-11.

Whether you can join us for the morning, afternoon, a few hours, or the entire day, your help would be greatly appreciated! No special skills are necessary—just a desire to lend a hand. Please reach out to Keighley Johnson let us know you'd like to help. It's sure to be a fun experience!