



"The Road to Jerusalem," Robert Rosenberg

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Landry Duvall *organ*
"O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee" Johann Sebastian Bach

Lighting of the Christ Candle Raina Gould

Opening of the Bible Sophy Gould

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

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis
God hears our cries and restores our troubled souls.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!
God nurses and comforts us until our hearts are strong like mountains.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!
God's love sustains us to flourishing.
We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

†Hymn No. 50
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREDUDEN ZART

†Passing of the Peace Rev. Willis
May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

†Sung Acclamation *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"* GLORY TO GOD



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

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

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. Willis

Celebration of Baptism Rev. Sherouse and Rev. Willis
Melody Love

*Following baptism, children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church
and will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.*

†Hymn No. 758
"Baptized in Water" BUSNESSAN

Prayers of God's People Landry Duvall

Scripture Lesson Tyler Smith *pastoral intern*
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

Sermon Rev. Sherouse
"Looking Forward: Travel Light"

†Hymn of Response No. 379

"For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

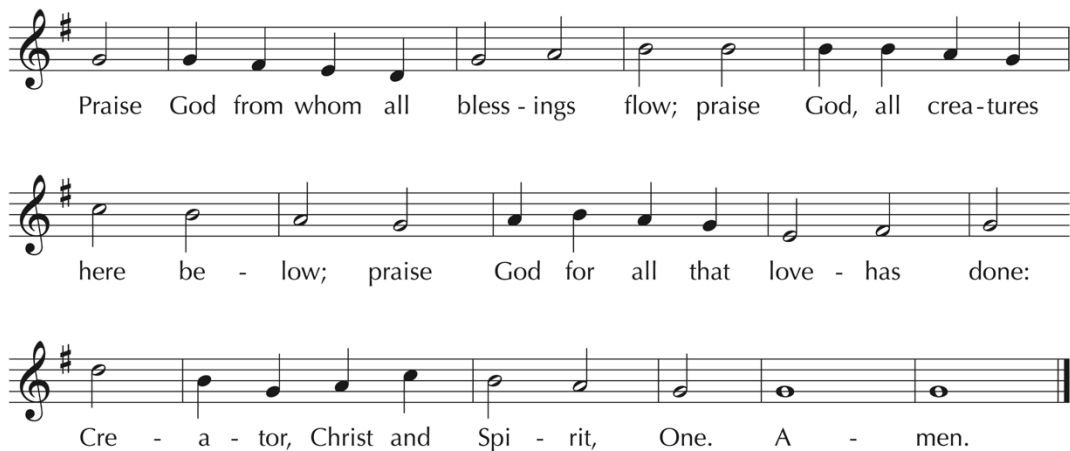
*If you would like to become a member of this congregation,
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.*

Stewardship Prayer Tom Smith *deacon*

Offertory Landry Duvall *organ*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Douglas Wagner

†Response *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH



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

here be - low; praise God for all that love - has done:

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

Celebration of Communion Rev. Sherouse, Rev. Willis & Margaret Crawford *deacon chair*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall *organ*

"Hymn to Joy" Arr. Albert Travis

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God,
in memory of Dale Caldwell,
on the 5th anniversary of her passing by her family.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

July 6, 2025

YOUTH AT PASSPORT CAMP THIS WEEK

Our youth are off again - this time to Passport Camp! They will be spending the week at Converse University in Spartanburg, SC having fun and learning together through the theme of "Wide Open Spaces". Please be in prayer for: Ingrid Carlson, Chris Cherry, Davis Cox, Emerson Culbreth, Ava Danford, Danielle Delgado, Marie Delgado, James Dolph, Cadence Gallagher, Caleb Hix, Madilyn Hix, Celeste Ibazebo, Samara Ibazebo, Anderson Koehler, JJ Moore, Sarah Moore, Emme Norman, Miller Norman, Grace Riffey, Lily Rodgers, Della Sherouse, Jack Sherouse, Jackson Spencer, Zavian Torres, Evy Wall, Finn Wallace, Perrin White, Patrick Whitehead, and Alisa Windsor this week.

VBS DECORATING WEEK | July 7-11

This week we are transforming the church into our VBS theme "Making Waves"! If you have time to give, we'd love to have you! 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 (keighley@fbcgso.org or scan the QR code) to let us know you'd like to help. It's sure to be a fun time!



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!

PARENT SOCIAL | Sunday, July 13 at 5 pm

All Youth parents are invited to a casual gathering at SouthEnd Brewery (downtown Greensboro) where you can connect with other parents of youth. Whether you're new to the youth ministry or have been involved for years, this is a great opportunity to enjoy some time together outside of our usual church setting. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRIS CHERRY SABBATICAL

Chris Cherry's sabbatical is approaching, July 21-September 28. Inspired by the biblical theme of "sabbath," sabbaticals are provided by First Baptist Greensboro to members of our pastoral staff in recognition of years of service and for the purposes of rest and renewal. In Chris' absence, the Youth Ministry will continue with the support of a team of leaders, including James Dolph serving as Acting Youth Minister. A student at Wake Forest University Divinity School, James has served as our Youth Ministry Intern the past two summers, and as College Ministry Intern the past two academic years.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | July 6 - August 10 at 9:30 in the Chapel

As many Sunday School classes take a summer break, all adults are invited to a combined class in the chapel at 9:30 am starting today through August 10. Rev. Courtney Willis will lead the class using the Formations literature. While it's not necessary to have the study guide to participate, copies will be available in the atrium if you'd like one. All adults are welcome to attend!

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

Paint the Town is next Saturday! Come be a part a day that helps provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to low-income households. We need volunteers ages 14+ for a team. ALL skill levels are welcome. For more information or questions, contact Chris Cherry (chris@fbcgso.org). Sign-up to volunteer at: tinyurl.com/paintthetown2025 or scan the QR code.



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).



Our Covenant of Concerns prayer list is available at all times at: fbcgso.org/prayerlist or you may scan the QR code.

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES
LANDRY DUVALL, MUSIC & WORSHIP
ALAN SHEROUSE, SENIOR PASTOR

AMY STARR RUSSELL, CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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FBC Fun HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING SOON!

LUNCH AND PRAY | Noon on Wednesdays July 9, 23, August 13, 27

Join us this Wednesday for the first Lunch and Pray of the summer! At noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of July and August, all are invited bring a bag lunch to eat together under the shade of the trees on the lawn. We will spend time praying for the needs of the church, and learn more about our faith through different activities and speakers this summer.

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

Trail Tuesdays are back! 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 next trail will be Palmetto Trail (4463 Old Battleground Road). This is a medium trail and we hope you can join us!



FBC RIVER TUBING DAY | Saturday, July 19 at Noon

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.



There is A LOT more happening this summer so be sure to check out all the FUN we'll have together at: fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025 or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, contact Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).



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