



"The Road to Jerusalem," Robert Rosenberg

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Jerico Carrillo *flute*, Landry Duvall *organ*
"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Lighting of the Christ Candle Aaron Kane

Opening of the Bible Emerson Pendry

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Courtney Willis

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us hear what God will speak!

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other;

faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

Let us hear what God will speak!

God will speak peace to God's people,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Let us hear what God will speak!

†Hymn No. 745

"Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

†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.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: "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 James Dolph *acting youth minister*

Time for Children Tyler Smith *pastoral intern*

†Hymn No. 447
“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” LAFFERTY

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Amy Starr Russell

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an-swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me."

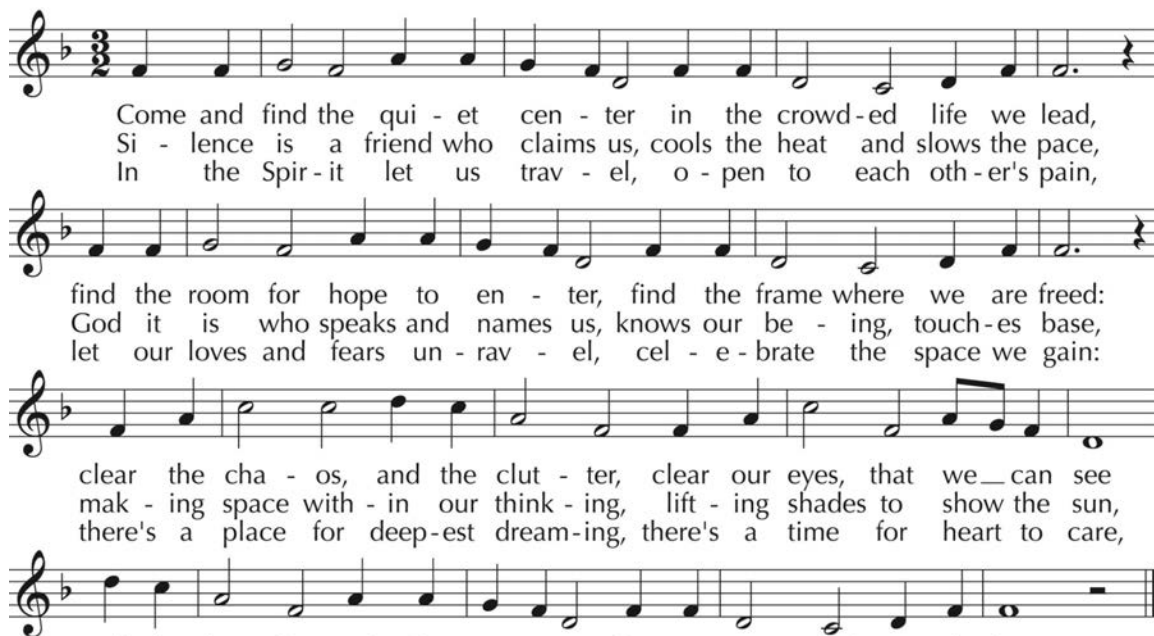
Scripture Lesson Landry Duvall
Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Rev. Sherouse
"Looking Forward: After Hours"

†Hymn of Response

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING

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



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: clear the chaos, and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be. raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun. in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touch-es base,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:
clear the cha - os, and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care,
all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
rai-sing cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be-gun.
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare!

Stewardship Prayer Libby Shull *deacon*

Offertory Jerico Carrillo *flute*, Landry Duvall *piano*
"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" Arr. Brent Olstad

†Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH



†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall organ

"Postlude on Duke Street" Arr. Frederick Swann



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

July 27, 2025

FBCKIDS LEBAUER PARK MEET-UP | Today at 3 pm

Join FBCKids at 3pm at LeBauer Park for a fun-filled afternoon with other families! It's a great opportunity to connect, play, and enjoy time together. Kids can cool off in the splash pad and explore the playground. All are welcome—feel free to bring friends! No RSVP needed. If you have any questions, contact Amy Starr Russell at amy@fbcgso.org.

FBCYOUTH GAMES WITH JAMES | Today at 1-3 pm

All youth are invited to come hang out at the church for a fun time with James, our Acting Youth Minister while Chris Cherry is on sabbatical! James has planned a fun scavenger hunt type game that is all around the church. It's going to be a blast! If you have any questions, reach out to James Dolph (james@fbcgso.org)

HIKE TO HANGING ROCK | Tuesday, July 29

This Tuesday is our FBC Hike to Hanging Rock! If you plan to hike with us, please let us know today by simply signing up at: fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025 or scan the QR code. We will gather in the church parking lot at 7 am. It will be beautiful morning hike (3.6 miles out and back), that will be followed by a picnic lunch. This hike is for all ages, but requires moderate physical ability. If you have any questions, reach out to Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org).



SUMMER BOOKCLUB | Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm

Our July book is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. This is a great book for adults, teens, and older children. All are welcome to discuss this book! This fantastical, time-traveling adventure throws our main characters into conflicts of love, divinity, and goodness as they wrestle with spirituality and purpose. As they encounter good and evil, our protagonists must embrace love and courage to overcome darkness and save their father. You can purchase any of the Summer Bookclub books by ordering them from Scuppernong Books. If you need any help getting the books, connect with Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org). Learn about all the books at: fbcgso.org/summer-book-club



LUNCH AND PRAY | Noon on Wednesdays, August 13, 27

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.

LUNCH & LEARN | Monday, September 8, 2025 | 12:00pm

Save the date! The Senior Adult Council is pleased to present the first of our fall Lunch and Learns. Our speaker will be David Haynes, sharing his personal life story of hope and encouragement entitled "Servanthood, Investing in the Lives of Others". Sign up now to reserve your lunch for \$10/person at: fbcgso.org/senior-adults or scan the QR code. Registrations are due by September 3rd. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com).



FBC JOURNEYS TO TURKEY | March 5-16, 2026

We are happy to announce that for our next FBC Journey, we will be traveling to Turkey in March of 2026! You are invited to join Rev. Courtney Willis and friend of FBC, Dr. Jason Myers as we travel together and learn more about the churches referenced in the book of Revelation and the beginnings of the early church as we know it. We will also spend time discussing what these historical locations have to teach us about our faith. If you are interested, pick up a brochure at the church with all of the pertinent details. To answer any further questions, there will be an interest meeting in the chapel at 8:45am on Sunday, August 24. All are welcome to join us in this exciting opportunity to travel, learn more about the early church, and grow in our faith together. Deposits will be due October 15 and space is limited, so sign up soon! Any questions? Contact Courtney Willis (courtney@fbcgso.org)



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

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*Chris Cherry is on Sabbatical through September 28

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COMING UP!

Sign-up at: fbcgso.org/fbc-fun-2025

Questions? Contact Courtney Willis
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FBC RIDES THE VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 16



Meet in Damascus, Virginia on Saturday morning to ride the lower portion of the famous Virginia Creeper Trail. We will be shuttled from Damascus to Abingdon, VA and then ride back to Damascus before departing for home.

Most levels of physical fitness can participate in this ride that is mostly flat or downhill.

COST:

Adult bike & shuttle: \$40

Kid bike & shuttle: \$25

E-bike & shuttle: \$65

Have your own bike and just need the shuttle? \$24

ADDITIONS:

Tag-along Bike to connect big kid to a parent: \$25 in addition to adult bike
Trailer for kids under 5: \$25 in addition to adult bike



OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 17
9:30 AM



SAVE
THE
DATE!