



"The Humble Seat" by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Matt Messick *piano*
“Heaven” Arr. Joey Raney

Lighting of the Christ Candle Della Sherouse

Opening of the Bible William Bethel

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

†Call to Worship James Dolph *acting youth minister*

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who delight in God’s commandments.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.
Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.
It is well with those who live in justice.
Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.
Let us praise the Lord!

†Hymn No. 20
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ODE TO JOY

†Passing of the Peace James Dolph

†Sung Acclamation “Worthy of Worship” JUDSON

Wor-thy of wor-ship, wor-thy of praise, wor-thy of hon-or and glo - ry;

Wor-thy of all the glad songs we can sing, wor-thy of all of the off-'rings we bring.

You are wor - thy, O God, Cre - at-or. You are wor - thy, Sav-ior,

²¹ Sus-tain-er. You are wor - thy, wor-thy and won-der-ful; Wor-thy of wor-ship and praise.

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.*

†Hymn No. 297

“Spirit of the Living God” SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Sherouse

Scripture Lesson Rev. Starr Russell

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Tyler Smith *pastoral intern*

†Hymn of Response No. 574

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" CANONBURY

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

Stewardship Prayer Hazel Fisher *deacon*

Offertory Sanctuary Choir

"Be Not Afraid" Craig Courtney

*Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you, Be not afraid I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the
floods, they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire, you will not be
consumed; you are mine; you are precious in my sight.*

*My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.
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†Response *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures
high and low; praise God for all that love - has done:
Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men.

†Benediction Tyler Smith

†Postlude Matt Messick *organ*

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. Don Hustad



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

August 31, 2025

CHURCH CONFERENCE | Today after worship

Join us after worship today for our August Church Conference. 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.

FALL KICK-OFF | Sunday, September 7, 4 - 6 pm

Next Sunday afternoon, we invite you to join us for our Fall Kick-Off at 4 pm on the front lawn! This will be an afternoon filled with fun and connection for all ages. Come to enjoy a variety of activities and learn about all the exciting fall opportunities in the life of our church. We hope to see you there!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING | Starting Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 am

One of the biggest shifts over the last 50-75 years of Christian history is how we read and use the Bible. People read the same passages and come away with very different interpretations. Join Rev. Amy Starr Russell as we explore this shift and how we can read scripture through a lens of healing and wholeness rather than as a tool of division. This class is for anyone who loves the Bible or wants to learn how to love the Bible in new ways. We will meet in Room 218 at 9:30 am beginning Sunday, September 7. You can check out all Sunday school offerings restarting also on Sunday, September 7 at: fbcgso.org/sundayschool



MIDWEEK RETURNS | Wednesday, September 10 starting at 5:30 pm

Midweek returns Wednesday, September 10! We're excited to be together once again on Wednesday evenings for a meal, celebrations, prayer, and programming for all ages. Our first meal back will be Theo's Fried Chicken! Please reserve your meal by end of day Mondays so we have an accurate head count for food. First Midweek meal sign-up can be found at: fbcgso.org/fall-midweek-2025 or scan the QR code. If you would like to make a standing reservation, please contact Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org)



JOINING SUNDAYS | Welcoming New Members, September 7 & 14

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Greensboro? While any Sunday is a great day to join, if you'd like to join the church as part of a larger group, you're invited to participate on Sunday, September 7 or 14. If you want to join this Sunday, let us know and we'll reserve a pew for you. We would love to welcome you formally into the life and ministry of our growing congregation. For questions or more information, contact Alan Sherouse (pastor@fbcgso.org).

FREE LUNCH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS | Sundays after worship in the Cafe

All college students (undergraduate and graduate) are invited to a FREE lunch after worship each Sunday in the cafe. Join us for food, fellowship, and a short Bible study. See Thom Little at the front of the sanctuary after the service for directions to the cafe.

LUNCH & LEARN | Monday, September 8 | 12 pm

Our fall Lunch & 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 3. All are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Margaret Crawford (mimicraw@gmail.com).



RAMP-A-THON | September 12-13

Join us for Ramp-a-Thon this Fall! Ramp-a-Thon is a yearlong ramp building effort through Community Housing Solutions to restore access to families with mobility needs. These ramps help restore hope and dignity and allow individuals to live independently. We are looking for 4-8 volunteers ages 14+ for each day. Sign-up to be a part at: fbcgso.org/ramp-a-thon-2025



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

PASTORAL STAFF

ALAN SHEROUSE, SENIOR PASTOR

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES*

AMY STARR RUSSELL, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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COURTNEY WILLIS, FORMATION & CARE

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