



"Be Thou My Vision" by Mike Moyers

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Introit Sanctuary Choir, Matt Messick *piano*
"Surely the Lord is In This Place" Herbert Colvin
Surely the Lord is in this place.
This is none other than the House of God.
And this is the Gate of Heaven.
Surely the Lord is in this place.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Charlotte Gill

Opening of the Bible Aiden Kane

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

†Call to Worship Tyler Smith *pastoral intern*
We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.
Even before we speak, God knows us completely.
The Holy One knows us and sustains us,
even in our moments of confusion and doubt.
Who can count the thoughts of God?
They are more than all the sands of the desert.
Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of God's love.
We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

†Hymn No. 45

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

†Passing of the Peace Tyler Smith

†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 James Dolph *acting youth minister*

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. 538

"I Need Thee Every Hour" NEED

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Lesson Landry Duvall

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response No. 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 Tom Smith *deacon*

Offertory Landry Duvall *organ*

"Meditation on Kingsfold" Arr. Dale Wood

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

†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.

Celebration of Communion Rev. Willis and Margaret Crawford *deacon chair*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall *organ*

"Grand March" Alexander Guilmant



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025

FALL KICK-OFF | Today from 4 - 6 pm

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!

JOINING SUNDAYS | Welcoming New Members, today and September 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED

Our Sunday school classes have returned from a summer break! If you have been looking for a Sunday school class, now is a great time to explore the many different classes we offer. There is something for everyone! You can check out all Sunday school offerings at: fbcgso.org/sundayschool or scan the QR code.



We'd like to highlight a new class that started this morning taught by Rev. Amy Starr Russell. 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. This class will 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.

TRAIL TUESDAY | Tuesdays, September 9 & 23 at 7 am

Our next trail on Tuesday, September 9 will be the Osprey Trail Piedmont Trail (4907 Yanceyville Road, Browns Summit). This is a medium difficulty trail. Save the date and join us for our last Trail Tuesday of the summer on Tuesday, September 23! We will meet at Laurel Bluff Trail Part II. More info can be found at: fbcgso.org/trail-tuesdays-2025

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

Midweek returns this Wednesday, September 10! We're excited to be together once again on Wednesday evenings for a meal, celebrations, prayer, and programing for all ages. Our first meal back will be Theo's Fried Chicken! Please reserve your meal by end of day on Monday 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)



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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | September 28 at 4 pm in the Outdoor Chapel

Bring a beloved pet and join us in the outdoor chapel for a special Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, September 28 at 4 pm. Rooted in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, who celebrated God's love for all creatures, this service is a way to give thanks for the joy our pets bring and to ask for God's care over them. Afterward, we'll gather across the street at Double Oaks for a chance to connect with friends and neighbors as we celebrate the gift of animals in our lives together.



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

LANDRY DUVALL, MUSIC & WORSHIP

COURTNEY WILLIS, FORMATION & CARE

*Chris Cherry is on Sabbatical through September 28

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