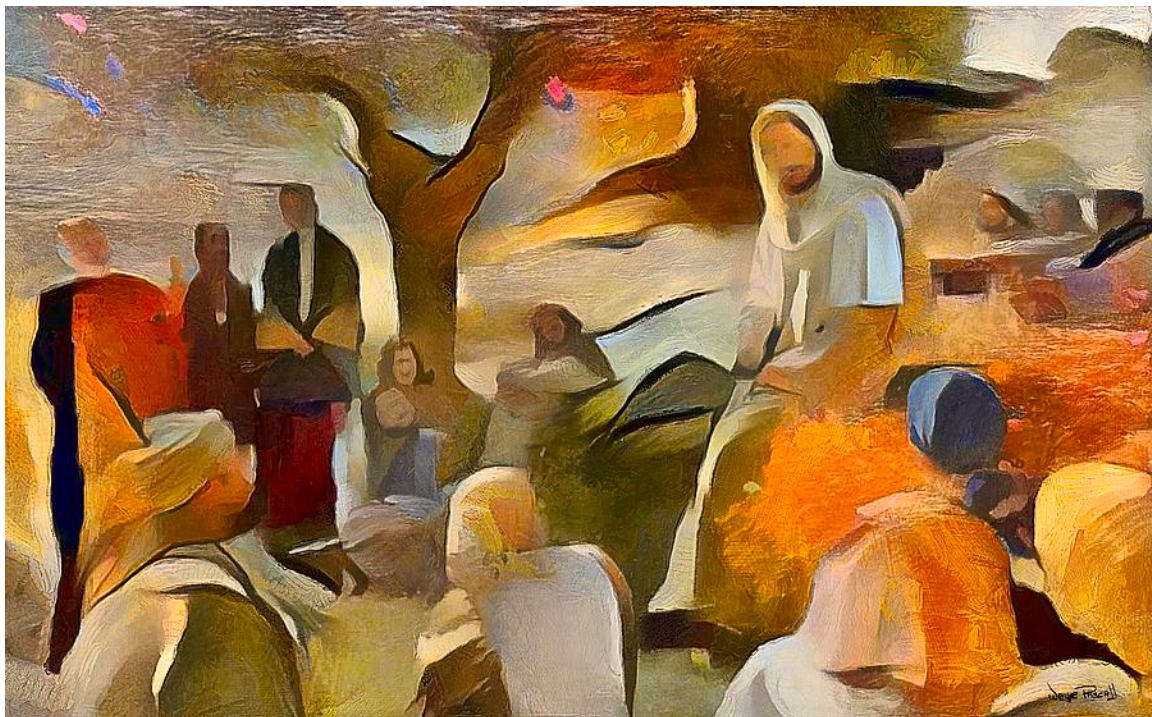




"Come Unto Me," Wayne Pascall

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude McKenzie Lofgren *soloist*; Landry Duvall *piano*

"On Eagles Wings" Arr. Mark Hayes

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle Hampton Purcell

Opening of the Bible Henley Purcell

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

†Call to Worship Robert Rios

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry,
sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed
down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the
widow.

The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

Come, people of God,

Let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Let all generations praise the Lord!

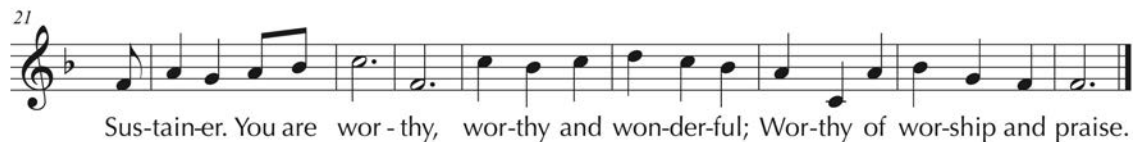
based on Psalm 146

†Hymn No. 43

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

†Passing of the Peace

†Sung Acclamation "Worthy of Worship" JUDSON

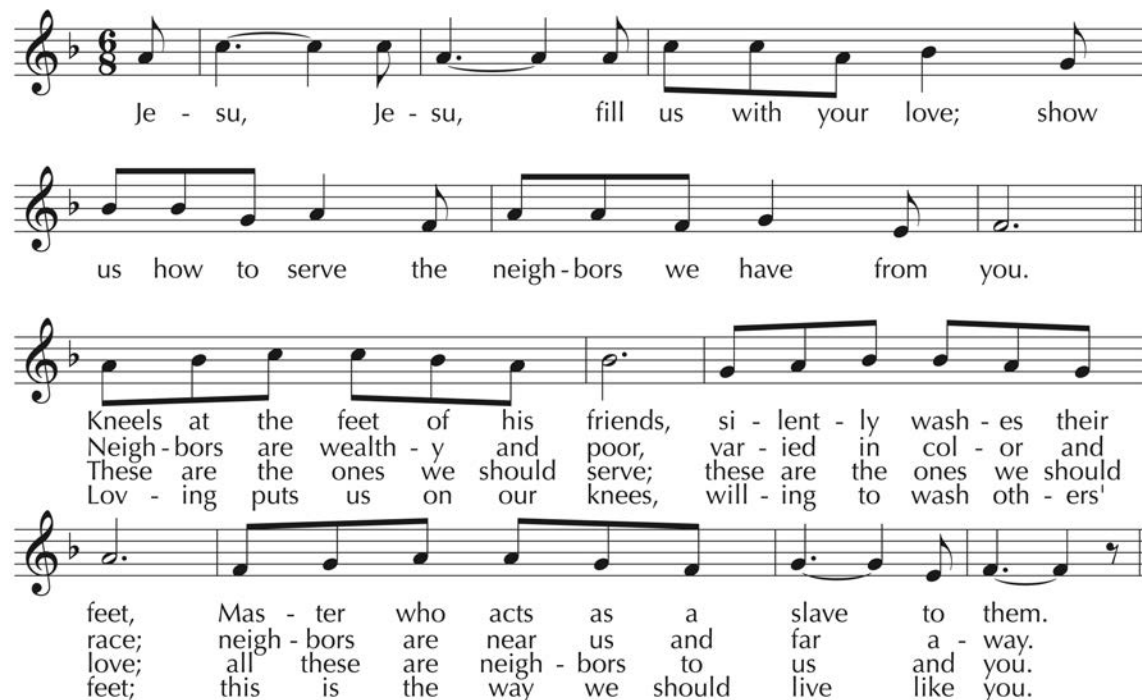


Life of the Community Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Time for Children Rev. Starr Russell

†Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
Neigh - bors are the wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'
feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh - bors are us and far a - way.
love; all these are to us to you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Prayers of God's People Landry Duvall

Scripture Lesson Chuck Frye
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response No. 433

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

Stewardship Prayer Tom Townes *deacon*

Offertory Sanctuary Choir

"Lord of the Small" by Dan Forrest

*Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.*

*Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid,
He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.*

*Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick and never to die.*

*Praise him, O praise Him all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise.
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.*

†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.

Called Church Conference John Setchfield *moderator*

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Landry Duvall *organ*

"Chorale and Fugue on Ein Feste Burg " Arr. Johann Pachelbel



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

September 28, 2025

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | Sunday, September 28 at 4 pm

This afternoon, we will celebrate the pets who bring joy to our lives at our Blessing of the Animals service in our Outdoor Chapel at 4 pm. Please bring a beloved pet and join us for this service that is rooted in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, who celebrated God's love for all creatures — and whose traditional Feast Day is October 4 — 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. All animals must be on leash or confined.

FALL BOOKCLUB | Starting Monday, September 29 at 5:30 pm

Come be a part of our Fall Bookclub! We have some wonderful books we will read and discuss together. Our first book will be "Consider the Birds" by Debbie Blue. We will gather together in the Living Room at 5:30 pm this Monday, September 29 to discuss it. Learn more about all the books we will read at: fbcgso.org/fall-book-club-2025.



FBCKIDS PUMPKIN PAINTING | Thursday, October 2, 10 am - 12 pm

Guilford County Schools is having a teacher workday, so FBCKids are going to play. Join us in the gym from 10 am - 12 pm to paint some pumpkins, have some snacks, and keep us busy on a day off. The cost is \$10 to cover pumpkins and painting supplies, as well as snacks. Please register at fbcgso.org/children or scan the QR code.



YOUTH CHOIR RESUMES | Sunday, October 5

Handbells 4:00 pm | Youth Group 4:30 pm | Youth Choir 5:30 pm

Starting Sunday, October 5, youth choir returns! Join Landry in the choir room following youth group to learn new anthems and prepare our voices for leading in worship. For the first youth choir rehearsal, we'll have PIZZA! Reach out to Landry Duvall (landry@fbcgso.org) with any questions or concerns.

MIDWEEK | Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm

It's good to be back together on Wednesday evenings for Midweek! Our meal this week is Breakfast for Dinner. Please reserve your meal by end of day on Monday.

If you would like to make a standing reservation, contact Keighley Johnson

(keighley@fbcgso.org). Our two current adult classes are: "Christian Messaging In 60's Civil Rights Music" taught by Rev. Rick Spell and "Naming God" taught by Rev. Courtney Willis.

You can read more about these classes and register for meals at: fbcgso.org/fall-midweek-2025 or scan the QR code.



YOGA CLASS | Wednesdays at 10:15 am

Take a midweek pause and join us for a gentle yoga class designed for all levels. Whether you are brand new to yoga or have practiced for years, this class will meet you where you are. This class is especially supportive for parents who spend much of their day bending, lifting, or carrying children, but it is open to everyone looking for a calm and refreshing practice. You'll leave feeling more centered, flexible, and at peace. Questions? Contact Debbie Huneycutt (dlphuney@hotmail.com)

TRIP TO THE NC STATE FAIR | Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Join us for a special outing to the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh on Senior Day, Tuesday, October 21! We'll enjoy all the sights, sounds, and tastes the fair has to offer. We plan to travel together, either by train (if tickets are available) or by church van. Space is limited, so please be sure to register no later than October 11 to reserve your spot at: fbcgso.org/senior-adults or scan the QR code. Don't miss this fun day at one of North Carolina's favorite fall traditions!



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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ALAN SHEROUSE, SENIOR PASTOR

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AMY STARR RUSSELL, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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COURTNEY WILLIS, FORMATION & CARE

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES NOMINEES

After reviewing congregational submissions and prayerful deliberation, the Committee on Committees is pleased to present the following members who have agreed to serve as church leaders in the following capacities starting October 2025. We will have a called Church Conference today, September 28.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Ted Hand
John Thornton
Cynthia Townes

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE

Karen Anderson
Clare Johnson
John Setchfield

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Laura Lomax

MISSIONS

Beverly Johnson
Jill Pegram
Brandon Pendry
Laura Wall

PERSONNEL

Kara Cox
Debbie Huneycutt
Rick Spell

PASTORAL DISCERNMENT

Nancy Allison

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee on Committees: Cheryl Angel, Darlene Biffle, Megan Kesler, Graham Lyles, Tammy Miller, Ben Norman, Beth Shaffer, Gayle Wager, Joe White, and Richard Wiley.



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