

## WORSHIP

Sunday,  
November 24, 2019

Christ the King Sunday  
10:30am in the Sanctuary

### Baptism

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: Ruling over a Motley Crew

Service Choirs: Sanctuary Choir and  
Greenville Gay Men's Chorus

Anthems: "The Name of Jesus" —  
COURTNEY; "Zion's Walls" —  
COPLAND

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given  
in loving memory of Dr. W.S. Jackson Jr.  
by his family.

If you would like to enhance our worship  
space by placing flowers for one of our  
services, please contact Kimberly Coates  
at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com)  
or 233-2527 ext. 128.

### From the Organist

I am sure you have figured out that I  
love big, bombastic, shake-the-room  
organ music. Christ the King Sunday  
is where it really fits! It is a wonderful  
celebration of Christ's majesty and  
splendor, and typically we also focus  
on the Thanksgiving holiday. Give me  
all of that to go on, and you might have  
to bring your ear plugs! Read more at  
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Much of our history has been romanticized. As decades and now centuries pass, it's easy to reminisce in ways that affirm our current biases and undergird our present cultural idealized values. The truth is, our history is a messy mix of good and bad, justice and injustice, civility and brutality, giving and taking, healing and harming. The people whose memories we invoke—Pilgrims, Native Americans, founding fathers, Popes, kings, Caesars...even the holy family—had good days and bad days. They did honorable deeds and dishonorable deeds. They worked for the good of humanity and often slipped into self-interests. We are no different. We truly aren't. With all of this in mind, we could 'write off' any holiday on our calendar. Every holiday's history is a messy mix of truth and myth...the sacred and the unscrupulous...the holy and the heathen. Fully aware of this reality, I'm going to choose to celebrate Thanksgiving.

For me, Thanksgiving is a time to pause and express gratitude for my life and all that is in it—ALL that is in it—the blessings and the challenges. I'm grateful for the people in my life—those kin to me by blood or choice, those who love me, those who push me, those who annoy me (no one you would know), those who work with me, those who work against me, and those who are momentary acquaintances. It's a wonderful messy group of people who have helped shape my life, character and vocation. I'm grateful for my health. I'm grateful for the fabric and rhythm of my life. I'm grateful for gifts and talents—both mine and others—that bring joy and insight to my life. I'm grateful for a few 'things' that bring me moments of delight: Nestlé Nesquik®, sugar-free dark chocolate almonds from The Fresh Market, homemade dark chocolate candy with cayenne pepper (thought I'd get all the chocolate out of the way first), books, pencils (I like pencils better than pens), morning coffee, a deck of cards, button down oxfords and hoodies, *The Office*, and chili.

I hope you'll pause a moment—in the messiness of our history and in the messiness of your life—and just be grateful...

— Jim

## Reminders

### MinisTREE

Ornaments on Reception Desk Tree or  
[www.myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree](http://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree)

Return by December 15

### Wednesdays at First Activities

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/registration-pre-child-2019-2020/>

### Christmas Poinsettias

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/christmas-poinsettias/>

Order by November 25

## MinisTREE Time

Keeping with our tradition, we will celebrate Christmas with our *MinisTREE* again this year. We will provide presents to make Christmas brighter for our World Relief refugee family, United Ministries/ IHN families and others in our community. Look for the tree in the Reception Area the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

This year there are two ways to participate!

- 1) Ornaments on the tree will have wishlist items to purchase and return by Sunday, December 15.
- 2) There is an online wish list if you would like to make your selection and purchase from home or

on the go. You can shop now and have the gift shipped to the church by December 13 or ship it to you and bring it to the church by December 15. Feel free to browse and buy at [www.myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree](http://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/2019fbgministree)

Please feel free to contact Shanda LaForge at [shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville](mailto:shanda.laforge@firstbaptistgreenville) or 233-2527 ext. 111 at the church with any questions. We hope your family will participate in the *MinisTREE* this year during Advent. This is a great way to spread God's love to those who could use a little extra cheer during Christmas.

—Laura

## GrateFULL GVL

Do you want to make sure to enjoy Thanksgiving before Advent begins? If so, make plans to eat lunch downtown on Monday, November 25, for Greenville's first annual city-wide potluck—GrateFULL GVL.

First Baptist is proud to be a sponsor and grateful (yes, pun intended!) for the opportunity to provide transportation for some of our community neighbors to attend. We hope to see you there!

—Laura

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ANNUAL  
CITY-WIDE  
POTLUCK

# NOV. 25

**THE BRIDGE ON MAIN STREET**

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FROM 11:30am - 1:30pm

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**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

# Youth Winter Retreat 2020

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

**\$60/youth non-refundable deposit due by Friday, December 20**

**\$130/youth, \$65/youth (non-ski)**

What could be a better New Year's Resolution than for your youth to spend more time with their Youth Family? Your youth can join us for a night away with their friends, followed by a day filled with winter fun on a mountain! The cost is \$130 per skiing youth or \$65 per non-skiing youth.

**New! Registration Deadline**

Our lodging at Lake Junaluska has limited space due to the popularity of their location near Cataloochee

Ski Mountain. We have reserved space based on prior trip participation. However, to hold your reservation we require a non-refundable deposit of \$60 per youth by Friday, December 20.

The Wait List for late registrations will begin on December 21.

Final Payment and Paperwork due by Friday, January 17.

Registration Now Open!

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/winter-retreat/>

—Mary Carol

YOUTH



We hope to address that problem by dedicating the weekend of January 25-26 to the "World Within," the self-care and caregiving ministries of the church. On Saturday, we will have multiple opportunities for those vitally important self-care needs we often procrastinate about:

*Mind and Body Care*

*The Best Gift You Can Give Your Family: Preparing for the End of Life*

*Marriage Enrichment*

*Tending to Your Grief*

*Addiction Recovery: AA and Al-anon*

A registration fee of \$10 covers all costs and lunch for the Saturday Seminars.

Some of the best things that happen at First Baptist Greenville happen out of sight. They are the interpersonal, off-campus, or confidential ministries of self-care and caring for others. They are powerful and beautiful! If you only come to worship on Sundays, you might never know about the very things we are praying about, giving offerings to support, and attending committee meetings to administrate.

On Saturday evening, we will provide dinner and respite care for members who are caring for people with special needs at home. This **Caregiver Respite Dinner** will include a delicious meal, chair and hand massages, a quiet room, art and game tables, and fellowship—all free gifts to those among us who are caring for others. The registration page will include a place for you to nominate caregivers you know.

**Worship on Sunday**, January 26, will be devoted to these themes as well. The Narthex will be filled with a Ministry Fair where you can meet these member-ministries and find out how to both receive care and how to participate in care-giving through...

- Stephen Ministry
- Congregational Care Visitors
- Knit One, Crochet Two
- Centering Prayer Group
- LGBTQi Support Group
- Addiction Recovery: AA and Al-Anon support groups
- Transportation Ministries: Worship, Medical appointments, Golf carts
- Delivery Ministries: Bereavement Meals, Flowers to Friends, MidWeek Meals
- Counseling

I hope you will make plans now to attend! Register at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/world-within-weekend/>

—Kyle

PASTORAL CARE

## For Your Calendar!

- 11/20 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
 11/21 7:00pm Foster Care/Guardian ad Litem Informational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
 11/22 7:30pm S.C. Bach Choir Concert—ticketed event (Pre-concert Talk at 7:00pm) (Sanctuary)  
 11/24 10:30am Christ the King Sunday  
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
 Greenville Gay Men's Chorus  
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)  
 5:00pm LGBTQ Support Group (Parlor)  
 11/27-30 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Celebration of Thanksgiving  
 12/1 10:30am First Sunday of Advent  
 Hanging of the Green  
 Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 12/4 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
 12/6 10:30am First Friday Lunch and More: Kendra Plating (Fellowship Hall)

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 11/16  
 \$2,388,458

Receipts as of 11/14  
 \$2,109,755

Lula Whilden World Missions  
 Offering 2019 Goal: \$125,000

Receipts as of 11/14  
 \$51,835

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

November 18-24

Matt Rollins  
 346-0971 (m)

November 25-December 1

Jim Dant  
 478-737-7298 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

## Wednesday Supper

Required reservations for the meal must be made by noon on the Monday prior by visiting the church website or calling the church office. Permanent reservations for the 2019-2020 year are available. Serving lines open 4:45-6:00pm.

### November 20

**Adult:** Sliced Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes & Zucchini Bake, Butter Basil Carrots, Spinach Salad, Dessert

**Child:** Fish Sticks, Buttered Corn, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit, Cookies

### November 27

There are no Wednesdays at First activities tonight. Return on December 4 when activities return.

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00-6:00pm	Youth Hang Time and Supper
4:45-6:00pm	Supper Serving Lines Open
5:30-6:15pm	Children's Missions
6:00-7:00pm	Youth Bible Study
6:15-7:00pm	Children's Choirs
	MidWeek Fellowship
7:00-8:30pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Care List as of 11/18/2019

### Hospitals

Prisma/Greenville Memorial: Kathy Sharp, Jim Jernigan

### Rehab

Woodlands Rehab: Shirley Smith

### Recently Discharged

Joan Garrett, Carol Cline Stilwell, Gordon Herring, Michael Parrish, Betty Smoak

### Sympathy to...

the family of Nancy McKittrick.

### Congratulations to...

Allison and Anand Pariyadath on the birth of a son, Ramesh Gordon Pariyadath, on October 29, 2019. Ramesh's older sisters are Lali and Eden, and his grandparents in our church are Cassandra and Gordon Bray.

### Introducing...



Sarah Ramsey-Smith and Paul Smith, 11 Friartuck Road, Greenville, 29607, joined FBG during worship on Sunday,

November 10, by statement of previous profession of faith and baptism from another denomination. Sarah works with Spartanburg District 7, and Paul is

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employed with the Carolina Center for Behavioral Health. They have a two-year-old son, Josiah.

## The Misuse of Technology and Social Media

### The Impact on the Social and Emotional Development of Children

Join us for a presentation by Harry Shucker, retired VP of Student Services at Furman University, on the effects of technology and brain development in children at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in the Parlor. This event is sponsored by the First Baptist Day School.



Save the Date—March 7, 2020

It is one great day of ministry by the church to its neighbors in need!