

WORSHIP

Sunday,
February 16, 2020

10:30am in the Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon: Unlearning a Truth

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"
– DAWSON

Soloist: Valeria Scott

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Erik Freeman and Fritz Whittemore and are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their mothers—in honor of Lory Freeman and in memory of Robin Whittemore.

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 or 233-2527 ext. 128. Upcoming open dates are February 23 and March 1.

From the Organist

Read more at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/the-organists-blog/>



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

In an interview with a television journalist, Meryl Streep once said, "I have a theory that movies operate on the level of dreams..." At the very least, movies draw us into the world of cinematic imagination and into the depths of our own imaginations. Watching a well-produced movie almost feels like dreaming a dream. (How many of us have walked out of a mid-afternoon matinee, had the sunlight hit our face, break into a yawn and feel that we've just awakened?) Movies operate on the level of dreams, and good movies—the best movies—help us to dream. They help us imagine a better world.

During the month of February, First Baptist is going to help the church and world dream through the medium of film. If you are a movie buff, this is one month you will love in the life of our church! On Saturday, February 15, at 10:00am, the documentary *Gay Chorus Deep South* will be shown in our Fellowship Hall. The film, coffee, water and popcorn are free, but donations will be received to benefit the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus. This film highlights First Baptist Greenville

and her relationship with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. If you've seen it, come see it again. If you haven't seen it, bring tissues.

February 20-23, First Baptist will again co-sponsor the Greenville Jewish Film Festival. This year's movies include: *Golda's Balcony* (Thursday evening, February 20), *Shoelaces* (Saturday evening, February 22) and an afternoon of Short Films on Sunday, February 23. For information and tickets, visit www.greenvillejewishfilmfestival.com.

Finally, again in our Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, February 29, at 10:00am is a free showing of the award-winning film *Love Is a Verb*. Released in 2014, this short documentary follows the work of Fetullah Gulen, a Turkish Muslim preacher whose personal spirituality inspired him to serve the world even while being fiercely criticized in his own country. *Time Magazine* named him one of the most influential men in the world in 2013. His story is still powerful today.

I hope you'll take the opportunity to enjoy these films during the month of February. Each of them will help you dream of and work toward a better world...and maybe even a better self.

—Jim

Reminders

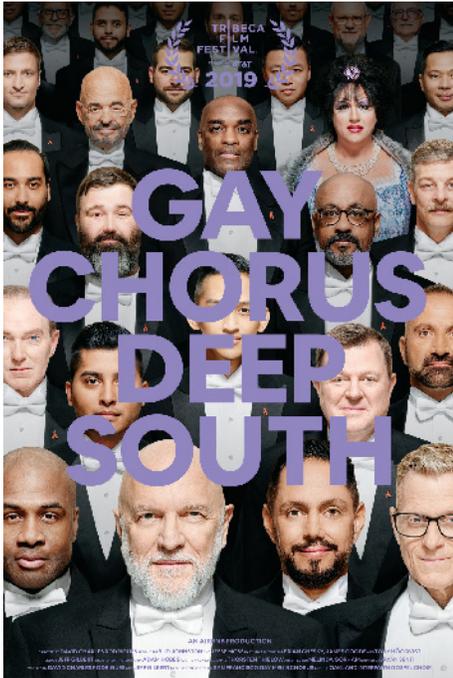
Gay Chorus Deep South
February 15, 10:00am
Fellowship Hall
Doors Open at 9:30am

Wednesdays at First Activities
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/registration-pre-child-2019-2020/>

Inasmuch Day
March 7, 2020
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/inasmuchday2020/>

Gay Chorus Deep South

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10:00AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL



After a west coast debut in California and an east coast debut at Greenville's Peace Center, the documentary film *Gay Chorus Deep South* went on to win audiences' hearts and critics' awards in film festivals around the world. The film began its festival journey winning the Audience Choice Award at the acclaimed Tribeca Film Festival in New York City. From there, it went on to win awards in Europe, Canada, Australia, Asia and multiple other festivals in the United States. The film has now been purchased by MTV and will soon be released for mass viewing.

Because First Baptist Greenville plays such an important role in the film, MTV has allowed us to host an exclusive showing of the film. If you missed it at the Peace Center, make plans to see it here. If you saw it at the Peace Center, come see it again. There is no charge for the film, but donations will be received to support the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus, so...bring a donation...bring a friend...and of course, bring tissues.

—Jim

Pride Link Mobile Community

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 12:00-4:00PM, AYMC TERRACE LEVEL

During the week, the AYMC is known to many of us as a facility that hosts an assortment of health, fitness and wellness classes for our church community and the larger community of Greenville. This Saturday, our AYMC will host Pride Link. With their partners, PrideLink will be fulfilling its purpose to be an inclusive community where all can access health and wellness.

Pride Link's mission is to improve the quality of life for all LGBTQ+ people in the Upstate of South Carolina. On Saturday, the LGBTQ+ community is invited to come hang out with friends, meet new people, access health services, and get connected to community resources. Pride Link's Mobile Community Center brings social support, culturally competent services, and community resources to where people are in their community.

Across the Upstate, the LGBTQ+ community faces many barriers, such as distance, lack of transportation, and limited finances, when it comes to socializing with other LGBTQ+ folks and getting the services needed to live a full and healthy life. The AYMC at First Baptist is excited to be the host for Pride Link's February Mobile Community to help provide these resources.

—Mary Carol

pride link
&
First Baptist
Greenville

**LGBTQ+
Mobile Community Center**

Saturday February 15th, 2020
12-4pm

Mental Health Screenings
HIV/STI Testing
Basic Medical Screenings
Brief Case Management
Board Games & Group Activities
Queer Library
LGBTQ+ Affirming Resources
Hang Time with LGBTQ+ Friends

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Valeria Scott Returns to FBG

FEBRUARY 16, 10:30AM

The guest soloist for our worship service this Sunday is no stranger to First Baptist Greenville. We first met Valeria (Val) Scott during the Lavender Pen Tour of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. We are blessed to have her with us to sing "Lawd, How Come Me Here," her solo from that evening, along with some others.

Val is known for her memorable interpretations of blues, jazz and gospel music. Blessed with a powerful soprano voice, Val's gospel roots are evident in her artistry and in her powerful vocal stylings.

As a soloist in the award-winning Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Val has captivated audiences with her performances at the Montreux, Copenhagen and Molde Jazz Festivals. Recently, she toured nationally to promote the award-winning, MTV documentary, *Gay Chorus Deep South*—the Lavender Pen Tour documentary which will be shown in our Fellowship Hall at 10am on Saturday. David Charles Rodrigues, Award-Winning Director of *Gay Chorus Deep South*,

says, "*Valeria is a soulful force of nature. When her solo appears in the film, every single audience member gasps and her voice echoes in the hearts of viewers worldwide forever.*"

Val lives and works in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and son. Her love for singing is evident whether she is performing at The Lincoln Center, San Francisco's world-renowned Davies Symphony Hall or practicing for people in the park. "*It's my best gift and I love to share it.*"

Come see the film on Saturday and return for worship on Sunday!

—Kimberly

The Love Lunch Is Almost Here!

The Children's Ministry would like to invite anyone who would enjoy being a grandparent for a day to join us for a Love Luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, February 23, in the Fellowship Hall. Our 1st-5th grade children are excited about sharing fellowship and a meal of soup and sandwich with you from 11:40am-1:15pm. The lunch is \$5 per person. Reservations are required and must be made by the end of the day, Wednesday, February 19. To reserve your spot, you may register here at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/love-lunch/> or call the church office at 233-2527. We're looking forward to spending time together!

—Becky



For Your Calendar!

- 2/11 7:30am-5:00pm Holy Rollers to Stone Mountain Park
- 2/12 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
MidWeek Fellowship: Jim Dant presents the Gospel of John
- 2/15 10:00am FBG Presents *Gay Chorus Deep South* (Fellowship Hall) Doors Open at 9:30am
Noon-4:00pm Pride Link Mobile Community (AYMC)
- 2/16 10:30am Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Jim Dant, Proclaimer
Valeria Scott, Soloist
2:15pm Roadrunners to John Denver Tribute Concert at Greenville Theatre
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00-7:30pm Sunday Night Live for Youth: Sex Series 2 (AYMC)
- 2/17 AYMC and Church Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day
- 2/19 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
MidWeek Fellowship: Jim Dant presents the Gospel of John
- 2/23 10:30am Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
Jim Dant, Proclaimer

LIVING GENEROUSLY Financial Needs as of 2/8

\$259,615

Receipts as of 1/27

\$202,429

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

February 10-16
Matt Rollins
346-0971 (m)

February 17-23
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 are open 4:45-6:00pm.

February 12

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

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

February 19

Adult: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert

Child: Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

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 2/10/2020

Hospitals

St. Francis – Downtown: Gwen Smith, Rosalind Tedards

Rehab

Roger C Peace: Wylina Holder

Cottages at Brushy Creek in Greer: Sharon Lewis

Recently Discharged

Jim Childress, Lara Mayers, Newt Stall

Sympathy

...to the family of Shirley Roberts.

...to Andy Johnston and family in the death of his grandmother.



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Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part the Congregational Care Team, offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be appreciated. Those in need of this service may contact Committee Chair Mary Rankin rankinma@yahoo.com or 630-2894.



Date: Saturday, Feb 29, 2020

Time: 10:00 - 11:30am

Location: First Baptist Church of Greenville

During a time in which violence and hatred dictate the media, the Atlantic Institute would like to invite you to witness the importance of sharing love and dialogue with people who have different and contrasting beliefs and traditions. As a non-profit organization that works to bridge different and contrasting cultures around the world and develop understanding and dialogue in order to facilitate global peace, the Atlantic Institute is currently promoting a screening of the revered film **Love is a Verb**. This documentary was directed and produced by American artist Ms. Terry Spencer Hesser and the message in this film is clear - love is shared through action.

The man who inspired this film:
Mr. Fethullah Gulen