

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30am

Sanctuary and via FBG Website,
Facebook and Radio

Proclaimer: Jim Dant

Sermon: Meeting God Again:
A Present God

Scripture: Luke 15:11b-32

Service Choir: Sanctuary Choir

Service Musicians: Bell Tower Ringers;
Catherine Crowe, Violin

If you would like to place flowers in our
Sanctuary for worship, please contact
Kimberly Coates at kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com or
233-2527 ext. 128.

WATCH

Access FBG Website here:
<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/>

Access Facebook here:
<https://www.facebook.com/fbcgreenvillesc/>

Access Radio here:
89.3-HD4, 89.7 FM, 91.9 FM

If you are having trouble viewing
stream, please email
live@firstbaptistgreenville.com.
Include your name, email and
description of your problem. Thank
you for your continued support.

—Will D.

AYMC Hours

AYMC Walking Track and
Fitness Room

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
8:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday and Friday,
8:00am-2:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-12:00noon

Sunday 1:00-5:00pm



Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

One morning last week, I found myself drinking a cup of coffee... watching the sun rise over the Atlantic...listening to the rhythmic splash of the rising tide. I was enjoying the spring break with my children, grandchildren and friends. Sitting in that quiet morning space (that wasn't quiet for long), the words of old Henry came to mind (Wadsworth Longfellow)...

The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight darkens, the curfew
calls;
Along the sea-sands damp and
brown
The traveller hastens toward the
town,
And the tide rises, the tide
falls.

Darkness settles on roofs and
walls,
But the seas, the sea in darkness
calls;
The little waves, with their soft,
white hands
Efface the footprints in the sands
And the tide rises, the tide
falls.

As March ends, the first of four church staff members will retire—Juli Morrow (Preschool Ministry). In the weeks that follow, Peggy Paul (Administrative Ministry), Rosemary New (Day School Ministry), and Dewanda Martin (Day School Ministry) will follow. Each of these persons has dedicated significant years of service to the work and witness of First Baptist Greenville. I hope you'll help me honor them. During the month of April, Love Offerings will be received for these friends. You may indicate on your check, on an offering envelope, or online amounts for each person. If a Love Offering donation is given with no specific person indicated, it will be split between the four. Then, on Sunday, May 22, we will honor these servants in our morning worship hour and at an afternoon reception in our Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00pm.

Longfellow knew that change was a part of the journey of life. We know it as well. We've been blessed to walk the shores of ministry with these friends.

—Jim

Lenten Devotional Booklets

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/lent-holy-week/>

Stations of the Cross

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAAAD2DA2F58-stations2>

Common Ground Found

Every year, the Youth Family centers our study and projects around a theme. This year's theme is "Common Ground," a place where all people can find safety, love and acceptance. Youth Sunday worship opened with this invitation: "We are all called into God's common ground seeking safety, love and acceptance. We come as we are; in anger, in hurt, seeking compassion and love." What a powerful way to begin the first in-person Youth Sunday in two years! Our youth confidently led us in worship through music with strings, piano and singing. They engaged and challenged our minds through a homily, children's sermon, scripture readings and prayers. They provided spiritual

nourishment through communion and collecting our tithes and offerings! Our Youth Family not only led us in worship, but they also modeled how to gather on common ground when they welcomed us into our church's most sacred space with smiles and friendly greetings. This church is our common ground! The congregation returned the hospitality by welcoming seven youth who professed their faith and requested baptism.

If you joined us for worship or watched online, I hope you noticed the beautiful mosaic garden stones that were on display around our communion table. These stones were created by our Youth during

our 2021 Fall Retreat at Camp Rockmont. Youth designed and created images of "common ground" utilizing glass, beads, and found objects. Each image interprets a facet of common ground: community, love, risk, challenge, acceptance, joy. The stones also represent the physical "ground" we walk together along our faith journeys. This congregation is the reason our Youth Family continues to flourish and grow in our individual faith journeys! Thank you for providing a space for our youth to teach and take part in worship! I have already heard such wonderful comments. I hope you will take a moment to share with our youth as well!

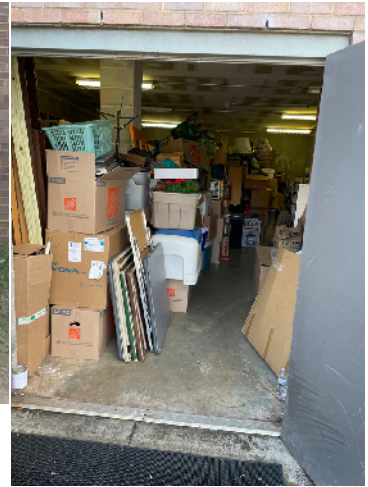
—Mary Carol



Happy Birthday!

Please remember this member of our congregation celebrating a birthday in April who is not always able to be with us in worship:

April 10
 Joe Leaphart (94)
 Woodlands at Furman
 50 Arboretum Lane
 Apt. 114
 Greenville, SC 29617



Yard Sale Set-Up Begins This Week!

Thank you to the Anderson University grad students who gave up a Saturday to help organize and to all other volunteers who have already been helping us to get ready for the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale happening Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9! We have a LOT of items this year that have to be set up and need all the help we can get in the next two weeks.

If you'd like to sign up to volunteer on one of the following dates, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445AFA92FA7FB6-yard>.

April 2—All-day pricing

- April 8—Carrying items to cars
- Money takers
- Floater/sellers on the floor
- Parking lot helpers

April 9—Carrying items to cars

- Money takers
- Floater/sellers on the floor
- Parking lot helpers
- Clean up

If you'd like to help with one of the following activities that can be done any time between now and April 8, please email Frank (frank.smith@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

- Pick up furniture and bring to the church
- Washing and polishing
- Publicity
- Ongoing pricing
- Moving items and tables
- Organizing items



For more information about the Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale, please visit [firstbaptistgreenville.com/yardsale](https://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/yardsale).

—Jennifer

Calling ALL Graduates!

On Sunday, May 15, First Baptist Greenville will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2022—high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC, when graduates and their families are invited to share in a time of breakfast and fellowship with our Youth Family. During worship at 10:30am, graduates will wear their graduation caps and gowns and will be individually

recognized and given a special gift from the church. A special luncheon for our high school graduates will follow worship.

We understand that some graduates may not be present for our 10:30am worship on Sunday, May 15. However, we ask that every graduate submit a recent photo of themselves by Sunday, April 24, so we can recognize them in our church newsletter,

The Branch, and display pictures of all of our graduates on the bulletin board outside Jim Dant's office.

All graduates who are connected to FBG and are graduating this May, please help us by completing a Graduate Info Form no later than Sunday, April 24! You can find the form by using this link: <https://forms.gle/7jednNRQmFx9VjBV8>

—Mary Carol and Sarah

Upcoming Events

WATCH indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 4/3 **WATCH** 10:30am Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant
11:30am-3:00pm Children's Ministry Event: Roller Skating
- 4/6 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
6:00pm First Baptist 101: Church Life at First Baptist (Parlor)
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *When I Survey the Cross: The Loving Side of God* with Jim Dant
- 4/8 4:00-7:00pm Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale (Practice Gym)
- 4/9 8:00am-1:00pm Neighborhood Partnership Yard Sale (Practice Gym)
11:00am Preschool Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/9-10 Children's Ministry Event: Discipleship Retreat for 4th and 5th Graders
- 4/10 **WATCH** 10:30am Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 3/26
\$669,228
Receipts as of 3/25
\$529,432

Pastoral Care On Call Nights and Weekends

March 28-April 3
Frank Smith
864-268-3890 (h)

April 4-10
Matt Rollins
864-346-0971 (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."

Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar

- 3:00-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm Preschool and Children's Music and Missions (C300 and B400 halls)
6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 4/10 4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
- 4/12 9:45am Holy Rollers to Chimney Rock State Park and Lunch at Lake House Restaurant at Lake Lure (Enoree at 10:00am)
- 4/13 *Wednesdays at First Activities*
WATCH 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *When I Survey the Cross: Embracing the Cross* with Jim Dant
- 4/14 **WATCH** 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/15 **WATCH** 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

Care List

Care List as of Morning, 3/28

Hospital

As of this morning, there are no hospitalized church members of whom the Pastoral Care Ministry is aware.

Rehab

Brenda Ballard, Gerry Benston, Claudia Caldwell, Freddie Jameson, Nina Martin

Discharged

Jane Watson, Kevin Cobb

Sympathy

...to Gabriela Rueda and family in the death of her father.

...to Kathy Stewart and family in the death of her cousin.

...to the family of Sharon Lewis.

Congratulations

...to Cameron and Samantha Linville on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Anneleise Linville, on March 22, 2022. Sarah Anneleise's grandparents in our church are Beth and Jeff Linville, and her great-grandmother in our church is Jean Linville.



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Wednesday Night Supper

Make your reservations by noon on Monday. Menus and reservation information are available here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

March 30

Adult: Chicken Divan, Seasoned Rice, Salad, Roll, Dessert

Child: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie