

Communion Committee members scheduled to prepare today are Elaine Barnhill and Rebecca Feldman.



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The prayer for worship is adapted from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*, Year C, Volume 1, ©2012 Westminster John Knox Press. The prayer of confession is adapted from Susan Mark Landis posted on <http://prayersforenemies.blogspot.ca/>. Music selections today include: "God Be with You Here" by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; "Jesus, Full of Grace" by Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling, ©2018 Hal Leonard, LLC and Robert Matthew Sterling Music; "Now the Silence" by Braeden Ayres, music ©2019 Augsburg Fortress, text ©1969 Hope Publishing Company; and "Go Forth for God" by Charles Tompkins.



Youth Ministry Fundraising Week

Building Community,
Raising Awareness,
Supporting Youth Ministry Initiatives!



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Wednesdays@First Schedule

- 4:00-7:00pm *Youth@First*: Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30-7:00pm *Children@First*: Childcare for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)
- 5:45-7:00pm *Children@First*: K4 & K5 Co-Creator Block & Playtime (B422)
- 5:45-6:10pm *Children@First*: 1st-5th Grade Choir (B423)
Children@First: Gathering Time (Media Center)
- 6:15-7:00pm *Children@First*: Co-Creator Block (B424)
- 6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)
- 7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Mary Carol Anderson
Youth and College

Bridget Kokolis
Children

Michael McEntyre
Engaged Aging

Fred DeFoor
Interim Music and
Worship

Camille Loomis Rehnborg
Spiritual Formation
and Outreach

Matt Rollins
Community Engagement
and Outreach

Julie Fayssoux
First Baptist Day School

Jenna Manning
Church Operations

Charles Tompkins
Organist

Amy Joye
Music Associate

Kyle Matthews
Pastoral Care

Andrew Tonks
Associate Youth and College

Carol McEntyre
Senior Minister

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/

Links to view or listen to previous services are also available.

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Looking Ahead

Monday, February 17

FBG Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 19

7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.

Wednesdays@First Activities

Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages.

6:00pm Adults@First Opportunities

MidWeek Classic (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Book Group: *How to End Christian Nationalism* by Amanda Tyler (Media Center) with Matt Rollins

Sweet Treats (AYMC Kitchen-Grove Room) with Sara Herbert

Friday, February 21

Noon-1:00pm GAPS Group (AYMC Walking Track, Media Center)

The Greenville Area Parkinson's Society (GAPS) gathers to support those with Parkinson's and their caregivers.

Sunday, February 23-Sunday, March 2

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Events include \$1-\$200 Envelope Fundraiser, Profit Share Dinners, Parent Social and more. Learn more at FirstBaptistGreenville.com/YouthMinistryWeek

Sunday, February 23

10:30am Engaged Aging Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre

11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.

11:30am-1:30pm Children's Sunday Preparation (Parlor)

2:00-6:30pm Roadrunners to Mill Town Players "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie (Tickets: \$15)

Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, Roadrunners enjoy monthly outings and day trips around our community.

5:00-7:00pm Adults vs. Youth Games Fundraiser for Youth Ministry (AYMC)

5:00-7:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)

All are welcome to support, learn and fellowship with the LGBTQ community in our church.

Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.



Revenue Report

2/12/2025 YTD: \$403,000
2/28/2024 Actual: \$472,501
2/28/2025 Budget: \$497,000

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February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Ten Thirty O'Clock



Words of Belonging

Greeting Andrew Tonks

Music for Centering

Prayer for Worship Andrew Tonks

O God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Processional Hymn AURELIA
“Help Us Accept Each Other”
Hymn is printed on inserted page.

Welcome of Worshipers Camille Loomis Rehnberg

Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-36
page 838 of the Bible in the pew rack

Prayer of Confession Bridget Kokolis

Lord, one of the hardest things you asked is that we love those we perceive as our enemies.

We confess that loving our enemies feels impossible.

We’d love our enemies to be far away. We’d love them not to provoke our fears. We’d love them to see things our way. We’d love them to be lovable. Yet, you, O God, ask us to love our enemies. We know we are called to a radical love, but we confess our resistance. We’d love it to be popular to love enemies. We’d love our neighbors to respect us for this good deed. We’d love the people on the news to provide examples of how to love. But you remind us, God, that loving enemies is hard. If it were easy, we wouldn’t need your strength to bear us up. We wouldn’t need Christ to save us from sin. We wouldn’t need the Spirit to wipe away our tears.

Teach us, O Lord, to love as you love.

God of mercy, who loved us when we were your enemies, who saved us through immeasurable grace, who gave us a gift we did not deserve,

Teach us, O Lord, to love as you love.

*Please stand as you are able.

Teach us to love our enemies, to wish them the best of the life you intend for each person. Teach us to pray and act, so that our wishes for their good may come true.

Teach us, O Lord, to love as you love.

Teach us hope, so we know that with your blessing, impossible dreams become reality. Teach us faith, so we know that only the strength to stop hating will break the cycles of violence and revenge. Teach us forgiveness, which is suffering love through piercing tears.

Teach us, O Lord, to love as you love.

Teach us, O Lord, your ways, so that our community may know that you, the God of love, live among us, and all who come can learn about Christian love of enemies.

We pray this in the name of Christ, who loved us first. Amen.

*Children’s Hymn 295 O WALY WALY
“Though I May Speak”
(During the last two stanzas, children K4-Grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

Children’s Reflection Bridget Kokolis
“God Be with You Here” Kyle D. Matthews
Hymn is printed on inserted page.
(Children, K4-K5 ages, are dismissed for Children’s Worship.)

Choral Worship “Jesus, Full of Grace” Nicole Elsey (ASCAP)
Robert Sterling (ASCAP)

*Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin,
Open your arms and take me in.
Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish will,
And love this faithless sinner still.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like you.
Illuminate my heart ‘til your love shines through.
May your perfect will be all I pursue.
Jesus, full of grace, make me more like you.*

*Patient Shepherd, you know the way to bring me back.
Restore in me the faith I lack.*

*Gentle Healer, please make my broken pieces whole,
My fallen spirit to console.*

The ruins of my soul repair.

Please, make my heart your house of prayer.

– Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Sermon Temptation to Condemn Carol McEntyre

Words of Communion

The Lord’s Supper
All communion bread served is gluten-free.

Please contact an usher for a hearing aid receiver or magnifying glass.

“Now the Silence” Braeden Ayres

*Now the Silence, Now the peace, Now the empty hands uplifted,
Now the kneeling, Now the plea, Now the Father’s arms in welcome,
Now the hearing, Now the power, Now the vessel brimmed for pouring,
Now the body, Now the blood, Now the joyful celebration,
Now the wedding, Now the songs, Now the heart forgiven leaping,
Now the Spirit’s visitation, Now the Spirit’s epiphany,
Now the Father’s blessing, Now*

– Jaroslav J. Vajda

Words of Commitment

*Invitation Hymn 209 SCOTT
“Open My Eyes that I May See”

*Invitation to Offering Deacon
[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... (Matthew 5:43-44)

Musical Offering

Introduction of New Members Carol McEntyre

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Words of Blessing

*Doxology GLORY TO GOD
“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Hymn is printed on inserted page.

*Benediction Carol McEntyre

*Choral Benediction Response Charles Tompkins
“Go Forth for God”

*Go forth for God; go to the world in love; strengthen the faint,
Give courage to the weak; help the afflicted;
Richly from above his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.*

– John Raphael Peacy (1896-1971), alt.

**Our Service of Worship has ended.
Our Worship through Service begins.**

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