

This Sunday is set aside to honor members of the Engaged Aging community in our fellowship. Providing offertory music today are Billy and Janice Haywood.



This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Max and Nancy Whatley by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Music selections today include: "In Heavenly Love Abiding" setting by Jerry van der Pol; "Go and Tell John" by Lloyd Pfautsch, ©1970 Hope Publishing Co., "God Be with You Here" by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" setting by Eric Thiman; "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" by Paul M. Vasile, ©2008 Paul M. Vasile; 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

Fred DeFoor
Interim Music and
Worship

Julie Fayssoux
First Baptist Day School

Amy Joye
Music Associate

Bridget Kokolis
Children

Camille Loomis Rehnborg
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Michael McEntyre
Engaged Aging

Matt Rollins
Community Engagement
and Outreach

Charles Tompkins
Organist

Andrew Tonks
Associate Youth and College

Looking Ahead

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

Sunday, February 23

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.

Wednesday, February 26

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.

Noon-8:00pm Youth Ministry Profitshare at S. Pleasantburg Barberitos – Tell them First Baptist Greenville!

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

6:00pm *Adults@First Opportunities*
MidWeek Classic: Wednesday in Nazareth (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnborg
Book Group: *How to End Christian Nationalism* by Amanda Tyler (Media Center and Zoom) with Matt Rollins
Sweet Treats (AYMC Kitchen-Grove Room) with Sara Herbert

Sunday, March 2

10:30am Youth Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary), including Communion

11:30am Youth Sunday Celebration Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

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

Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.



Revenue Report

2/19/2025 YTD: \$468,869
2/28/2024 Actual: \$472,501
2/28/2025 Budget: \$497,000

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February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Engaged Aging Sunday

Ten Thirty O'Clock



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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Words of Belonging

Greeting	Frank Smith
Music for Centering	<i>setting, Jerry van der Pol</i> “In Heavenly Love Abiding”
Prayer of Invocation	Jean Linville Friday Lunch & More Committee Chair
*ProceSSIONAL Hymn 52	LAUDES DOMINI “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Welcome of Worshipers	Michael McEntyre

Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson	Luke 7:18-23	Anne Cargill
	page 839 of the Bible in the pew rack	
Choral Worship	“Go and Tell John”	Lloyd Pfautsch
Gospel Lesson	Luke 7:24-35	Jim Fayssoux
	page 839 of the Bible in the pew rack	
Prayer of Confession and Praise	Barbara Watson	

O God of mystery, just as the crowds wondered about Jesus,
we wonder, too.

Are you the one? Do we dare to follow where you lead?

We confess that your Gospel is confusing. It calls into question
assumptions we have long held. You teach of the
vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability.

**We look up to strength and power, but you teach of humbleness,
gentleness and mercy.**

We often settle for easy answers instead of living with the
questions in our lives and struggling with the mystery
that you are.

**Forgive us for preferring the familiar and certain to the unknown
and mysterious.**

Strengthen us for the question-filled journey ahead, knowing
that we can rest in your presence as we move into the
unknown. Fill us with courage to follow where you lead.

**As you gave sight to the blind, help us to see the wonders of
your creation all around us.**

You bring good news to the poor, heal the sick and strengthen
the faint of heart. You love the unlovable, forgive the
unforgivable, and give new life to the dead. You are
beyond our understanding.

**We join with the saints in every age to sing your praise, the
glories and triumphs of your grace. Amen.**

*Children’s Hymn 23 AZMON
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(During the last two stanzas, children K4-Grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

Children’s Reflection Bridget Kokolis, Michael McEntyre
Rob Pyett, Senior Adult Committee Chair
Evelyn Scaringi
Pam Shucker

“God Be with You Here” Kyle D. Matthews

(Children, K4-K5 ages, are dismissed for Children’s Worship.)

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God be with you here! God be with you there! there!
God’s love will al - ways hold you tight,
E - ven when you’re out of sight!

Sermon Beyond Expectations Carol McEntyre

Words of Commitment

*Invitation Hymn 43 MIT FREUDEN ZART
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Generational Testimony Becky Bouton

Invitation to Offering Bert Strange

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces
salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” (Isaiah 52:7)*

Musical Offering *setting, Eric Thiman*
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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”

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*Benediction Carol McEntyre

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

*Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;
To serve God’s people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy!
– John Raphael Peacy (1896-1971), alt.*

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