

## Looking Ahead

Playing the hammered dulcimer today is Benjamin Barker. Barker is a multi-instrumentalist and music teacher located in Greenville, SC. He is a National Hammered Dulcimer Champion and has released two albums featuring solo hammered dulcimer: "Nothing but the Blood: Solo Hymns for Hammered Dulcimer" and "Bach: Complete Cello Suites Performed on Solo Hammered Dulcimer." For more information, visit his website: [www.benjaminbarkermusic.com](http://www.benjaminbarkermusic.com).

Many in our congregation are away this weekend at the Churchwide Retreat, *Creation Calls and I Must Answer*, held at Lake Junaluska.

**Friday, March 7-Sunday, March 9**  
Churchwide Retreat at Lake Junaluska  
*The church family gathers for an extended period of time to commune with God, each other and nature.*

**Tuesday, March 11**  
**9:30am-3:30pm** Holy Rollers Visit Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC  
*Holy Rollers are our friends from the Haynie-Sirrine community that partner with our Senior Adults for outings.*

**Wednesday, March 12**  
**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** Sharing Our Stories: My Neighbor's Voice with Springfield Baptist (Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday, March 13**  
**9:00am-4:00pm** Engaged Aging Hike: Oconee Station, Walhalla Steak House Cafeteria and Cherokee Museum  
*Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, gather to ride the church bus (\$5) and enjoy a hike and lunch (pay your own).*

**Friday, March 14**  
**10:30am-1:00pm** Friday Lunch & More (Media Center, Fellowship Hall) with Program, "Two Sons of Atlanta," by Baxter Wynn  
*Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, Friday Lunch & More features games, book reviews and a program followed by lunch.*

**Saturday, March 15**  
**10:00am-1:00pm** Inasmuch Day – Yard Sale Setup (Practice Gym)

**Sunday, March 16**  
**10:30am** Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Family Dedication and Will Jordan, Soloist

**Wednesday, March 19**  
*Breathe Week - No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir*



### 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*: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 Minister of 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

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of FBG.



### Revenue Report

2/28/2025 YTD: \$541,650  
2/28/2024 Actual: \$472,501  
2/28/2025 Budget: \$497,000

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March 9, 2025  
First Sunday in Lent

Fellowship Hall  
Ten Thirty O'Clock

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

[www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/](http://www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/)

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

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## Words of Belonging

Greeting	Fred DeFoor
Music for Gathering	
Welcome of Worshipers	Fred DeFoor

## Words of Faith

*Opening Hymn	AUSTRIAN HYMN
“Word of God, across the Ages”	
Hymn is printed on inserted page.	

*Opening Sentences	Fred DeFoor
Living in the shelter of God’s Infinite Light, resting in the wings of God’s Infinite Love, <b>We raise our voices in praise: “You, O God, are our refuge and strength; in you alone will we trust.”</b> You have sent your angels to guide us in all our ways. <b>In your strength we will endure.</b> When we call to you, O God, you answer. You are with us through times of trouble. <b>All through the years, you, O God, will dwell in our hearts, as Loving Companion Presence, always.</b> (based on Psalm 91)	

Pastoral Prayer	Matt Rollins
*Children’s Hymn	KREMSER
“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”	
Hymn is printed on inserted page.	
(During the last two stanzas, children K4-Grade 5 are invited to come forward.)	
Children’s Reflection	Matt Rollins

## “God Be with You Here” Kyle D. Matthews

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God be with you here! God be with you there! there!

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God's love will al - ways hold you tight,

9

E - ven when you're out of sight!

Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Matt Rollins
Musical Offering		
Sermon	Finding Ourselves in the Story	Matt Rollins

## Words of Commitment

*Invitation Hymn	ST. PETER	
“In Christ There Is No East or West”		
Hymn is printed on inserted page.		
*Invitation to Offering	Deacon	
<i>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. (Romans 10:12)</i>		
Musical Offering		
Introduction of New Members	Matt Rollins	
Service and Fellowship of the Church		

## Words of Blessing

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Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spir - it blest,

To you be ev - 'ry prayer ad - dressed;

You are in three - fold name a - dored

From age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*Benediction	Matt Rollins
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**Our Service of Worship has ended.  
Our Worship through Service begins.**