

Dr. Janice Crews is our guest oboist today.

Kyle Matthews is the soloist today.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Teresa Gray by her family.



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.

Music selections today include: "Andante Pastorale" by Josef Rheinberger; "Jesus Invites Us" by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2016 Catalytic Songs; "God Be with You Here" by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; "Be Thou My Vision" by Kyle Pederson, ©2022 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP); "An Irish Blessing" arranged by Gregg Perry; and Chorale Prelude, "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich" by J.S. Bach. (OneLicense.net #A717474; CCLI #1466252)

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*: Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)

5:45-7:00pm *Children@First*: K4 & K5 Choir & Making Space Blocks (B422)

5:45-7:00pm *Children@First*: 1st-5th Grade Choir (B423)

Children@First: Making Space Blocks (B421)

6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 17

Small Groups Fair (Narthex)

3:00-4:30pm FBG Kids Block Party

Children and their families are invited to complete yearly paperwork, eat, meet the children's staff, and learn more about the upcoming year.

4:00pm Youth New Parent Meeting

Families new to the Youth Family gather for information.

5:00-7:00pm Youth Family Block Party

Youth and their families are invited to complete yearly paperwork, eat, meet the youth staff, and learn more about the upcoming year.

Wednesday, August 20

Wednesdays@First Activities Resume

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

5:45pm Bake-Off for Missions

6:00pm MidWeek Classic: Invited to Remember & Share Your Spiritual Story (Fellowship Hall) with Carol McEntyre

Thursday, August 21

10:00am-3:00pm Roadrunners to Strawberry Hill

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

Sunday, August 24

Small Groups Fair (Narthex)

10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Baptism

11:30am-5:00pm Merge Retreat

Rising 6th and 12th grade students gather with youth leaders as a time of introduction to and bonding with the Youth Family.

5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)

6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

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, August 27

Noon-1:00pm Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)

"Loving Our Neighbor Through Christian Advocacy," with CBF's Congregational Advocacy Officer, Sharon Felton. Contact Matt Rollins for further information or to join by Zoom.

Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.



Revenue Report

8/12/2025 YTD: \$1,561,748
8/31/2024 Actual: \$1,745,425
8/31/2025 Budget: \$1,988,000



Invited: God Reached Out – So Do We

August 17, 2025

Blessing Sunday

Ten Thirty O'Clock

Mary Carol Anderson
Youth and College

Julie Fayssoux
First Baptist Day School

Bridget Kokolis
Children

Camille Loomis Rehnborg
Spiritual Formation and Outreach

Jenna Manning
Church Operations

Kyle Matthews
Pastoral Care

Carol McEntyre
Senior Minister

Michael McEntyre
Engaged Aging

Laura Ritter
Music

Matt Rollins
Community Engagement

Charles Tompkins
Organist

Andrew Tonks
Associate Youth and College

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/

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Invited to Belong

Opening Invitation	Andrew Tonks
Music for Centering	“Andante Pastorale” <i>Josef Rheinberger</i>
Call to Worship	Michael McEntyre
God has <i>invited</i> us – To belong and to be blessed. God has <i>invited</i> us – To know and to be known. God has <i>invited</i> us – To lift our voices in praise. We accept the invitation! We come with joy! We come to celebrate! We come to worship with all God’s people.	
Welcome to Worship	Camille Loomis Rehnborg
*Processional Hymn 9	“God Is Here” ABBOT’S LEIGH
Bible Presentation to Third and Sixth Grade Students	Bridget Kokolis Mary Carol Anderson

Invited to Wonder

Epistle Lesson	Romans 15:4-13	Child/Youth Readers
page 924 of the Bible in the pew rack		
Solo	“Jesus Invites Us” <i>Kyle D. Matthews</i>	
Prayer	Matt Rollins	
*Children’s Hymn	“Hands of Blessing” ELLESDIE	
Hymn is printed on inserted page. (During the last two stanzas, K4-Grade 5 children are invited to come forward.)		

Blessing of the School Year

Bridget Kokolis
Mary Carol Anderson

*Litany of Blessing

Together, we are the body of Christ.
And we are *invited* to love and value one another.
May we see the sacred worth of all people,
Helping each person recognize that in God’s eyes, they are more than enough.

We are *invited* to share our joy, laughter and hope.
We can share our fears, overwhelm and sadness.

When we share what is good,
It is multiplied.

When we share what is difficult,
Our burden is divided.

In our schools and communities,
May we learn and grow.

In our classes and groups,
May we show support and make space for all.

In our homes and families,
May we embody care and spark love.

In the life of our church this year,
We are committed to opening wide our doors,
Opening wide our hearts and our tables,
Extending bold invitations and embodying the welcome of Christ to all.

*Prayer of Blessing

Congregational Song of Blessing
“God Be with You Here”
Kyle D. Matthews

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(K4-K5 children depart for Worship Care.)

Sermon
Invited
Carol McEntyre

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn 327	“Partners in Ministry”	HOLY MANNA
*Invitation to Share		Deacon
<i>Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.</i> (Proverbs 22:9)		
Musical Offering	“Be Thou My Vision”	<i>Kyle Pederson</i>
Introduction of New Members		Carol McEntyre
Invitation to Engage		

Commissioning of Laura Ritter as Minister of Music

Invited to Bless

*Doxology		O WALY WALY
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*Benediction		Carol McEntyre
Benediction Response	“An Irish Blessing”	<i>arr. Gregg Perry</i>
<i>May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields And 'til we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.</i>		

Postlude
Chorale Prelude, “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich”
 (“Let All Together Praise Our God”)
J.S. Bach

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