



Today is a fifth Sunday, a Stephen Ministry awareness day. Our Stephen Ministry consists of trained lay people who provide one-to-one confidential Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are struggling with difficult circumstances. Stephen Ministers are wearing name tags this morning and invite any question you might have about their ministry. Information can also be obtained on our church's website.



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 Prayer for Worship is adapted from Brittany McDonald Null. The Affirmation of Faith is written by Brittany McDonald Null. Music selections today include: Prelude on "Brother James's Air" by Dale Wood; "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, alt., ©2002 Thank You Music; "God of Our Life" by Sally Ann Morris based on the tune GANT, ©2002 GIA Publications, Inc., and text by Hugh Thomson Kerr, ©1982 F.M. Braselman, renewed 1956 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education; and Allegro (from Organ Concerto in F major, Opus 4 No. 5) by Georg Friedrich Handel. (OneLicense.net #A717474; CCLI #1466252)

**Wednesdays@First Schedule**

4:00-7:00pm *YouthFamily@First*: Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)  
5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30-7:00pm *FBGKids@First*: Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)  
5:45-7:00pm *FBGKids@First*: K4 & K5 Choir & Making Space Blocks (C302)  
5:45-7:00pm *FBGKids@First*: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir (C303)  
*FBGKids@First*: Making Space Blocks (C300)  
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

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

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

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## Looking Ahead

Saturday, August 30-Monday, September 1

Youth Fall Retreat

*The Youth Family will kick off the year with a weekend of faith, fun and memory-making at Camp Kanuga.*

Monday, September 1

FBG Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 3

*Wednesdays@First* Activities

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

6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities

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

Fall into Fitness (AYMC) with AYM Personal Trainer Thomas Stroud

Nurturing Healthy Family Systems (Media Center) with Canterbury Counseling Center Practitioner Briana Dodson

Thursday, September 4

11:30am-1:00pm Yard Sale Committee Kickoff Lunch (Parlor)

RSVP to [mediacenter@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:mediacenter@firstbaptistgreenville.com).

Friday, September 5

4:30pm Engaged Aging Fall Kickoff and Trivia Night (Fellowship Hall)

*Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, this evening is a time to gather for food (\$5), information about the upcoming year, and fellowship - including a pub-style trivia challenge.*

Sunday, September 7

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

11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

*Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

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

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.*

Wednesday, September 10

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6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* Opportunities

Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.



**Revenue Report**

8/20/2025 YTD: \$1,601,984

8/31/2024 Actual: \$1,745,425

8/31/2025 Budget: \$1,988,000

**A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.**



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# The Road to Christlike Character

August 31, 2025

Ten Thirty O'Clock



Invited to Belong

Prayer for Worship Laura Ritter

Gardening God, from the beginning of our ancient stories,  
You bent down with your fingers in the dirt and shaped us into who we are.  
With care and patience, you planted your image into us.  
You formed us and continue to help us grow.  
Your church joyfully gathers to worship and lift our voices in praise.  
Accept our gifts of praise and bless us on our journey of growth until your image is reflected in ours. Amen.

\*Processional Hymn 53 ELLACOMBE  
“With Joy, We Come Before You, Lord”  
Stanzas 1-4 Only

Welcome to Worship Laura Ritter

Invited to Wonder

Epistle Reading Colossians 3:12-17 Bridget Kokolis  
page 958 of the Bible in the pew rack

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God,  
Who speaks goodness into us,  
who loves us unconditionally,  
and who calls us to be transformed.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
God incarnate,  
who shows us what love looks like:  
compassionate, selfless, brave and kind.  
We trust in the Holy Spirit,  
Who cultivates Christlike character in us:  
love, joy, peace and patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.  
We trust we are being formed,  
Not all at once,  
but little by little,  
as we open our lives  
to the wholeness God desires for us.

We trust in the slow, sacred work of becoming like Christ:  
Seeking peace, loving neighbors,  
choosing forgiveness,  
and working for the restoration of all creation.  
This we trust.  
This we are becoming. Amen.

\*Children’s Hymn 218 PROMISE  
“As We Come into God’s Presence”  
(K4-K5 children gather at the Come Unto Me Window to depart for Worship Care.)

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:23-28 Duke McCall  
Stephen Minister

page 805 of the Bible in the pew rack

Sermon What Will They Say About You? Carol McEntyre

Invited to Respond

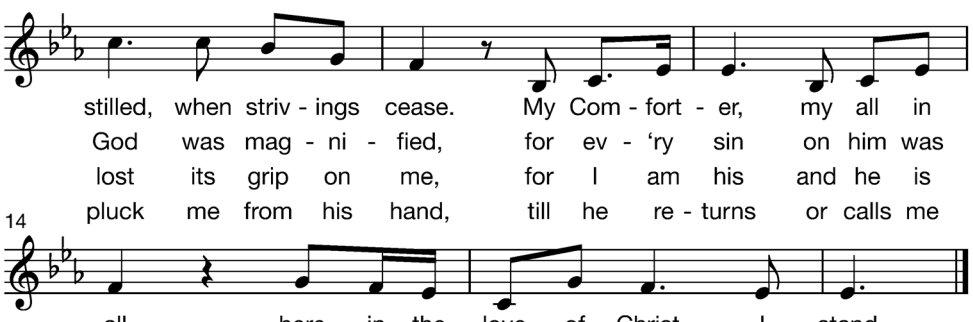
Invitation to Reflect

Prelude on “Brother James’s Air” Dale Wood

\*Invitation Hymn “In Christ Alone” IN CHRIST ALONE



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod - dy lay, light of the  
3 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the  
light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ - teous-  
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
6 pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to fi - nal  
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
- ness, scorned by the ones he came to  
day, up from the grave he rose a -  
8 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -  
storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are  
save, till on that cross, as Je - sus died, the love of  
- gain. And as he stands in vic - to - ty, sin’s curse has  
- ny. No pow’r of hell, no hu - man plan can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my all in  
God was mag - ni - fied, for ev - ‘ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is  
14 pluck me from his hand, till he re - turns or calls me  
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Chist.  
home, here in the pow’r of Christ I stand.

\*Invitation to Share Deacon  
*...for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.*  
(1 Samuel 16:7b)

Musical Offering “God of Our Life” Sally Ann Morris

Introduction of New Members Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Engage

Invited to Bless

\*Doxology (Hymn 53, St. 5) ELLACOMBE  
*Praise God, the Creator, God the Christ from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God the Holy Comforter, the Spirit we all know  
Who fills our lives with grace and love and promises to stay,  
Whose tender mercies give us life and guide us through each day.*

\*Benediction Carol McEntyre  
Postlude Allegro Georg Friedrich Handel  
(from Organ Concerto in F major, Opus 4 No. 5)

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

\*Please stand as you are able.

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

Please silence all electronic devices.