

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

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Dr. Eric J. Lapin is the clarinet soloist today. Lapin, a Senior Lecturer of Music in the Department of Performing Arts at Clemson University, teaches courses in applied clarinet, arts administration and jazz history.

Communion Committee members scheduled to prepare today are Mac and Regenia McClain.



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 call to worship is taken from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*, ©2014 Westminster John Knox Press. Communion liturgy is adapted from Richard Bott's piece posted on the Liturgy Alive website. Music selections today include: "For This Joy" by Susan LaBarr, ©2021 Walton Music Corporation; "Adoration" by Florence Price, arranged by Elzine Fine; "Méditation" by Cécile Chaminade; and Prelude on the Hymn Tune "Duke Street" by David Cherwein. (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*: 1st-5th 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	Jenna Manning Church Operations	Laura Ritter Music
Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School	Kyle Matthews Pastoral Care	Matt Rollins Community Engagement
Bridget Kokolis Children	Carol McEntyre Senior Minister	Charles Tompkins Organist
Camille Loomis Rehnberg Spiritual Formation and Outreach	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging	Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 21

11:30am-1:00pm FBG Kids Sunday Funday Scavenger Hunt
Children's Ministry hosts a fellowship event each month during the school year for grades 1-5.

4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.

4:00-7:00pm Engaged Aging Night at the Saad Farm
Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, gather at the Saad farm to share a meal, learn more about Engaged Aging, enjoy games, and more. Meet at FBG at 3pm to ride the bus.

5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

Wednesday, September 24

7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)
All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.

Noon-1:00pm Community Engagement Lunch & Learn (Media Center)
Gather for a laid-back monthly conversation at the intersection of faith and community issues that is also offered via Zoom. Contact Matt Rollins for further information.

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: Summer One Reads - *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman (Fellowship Hall) with Camille Loomis Rehnberg
How to Have Difficult Conversations (Media Center) with Matt Rollins
Watercolors with Patrick (AYMC) with Patrick Bairefoot

Sunday, September 28

9:30am Parent Education Initiative: Faith with Jennifer Bashaw (Fellowship Hall)

10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Jennifer Bashaw and Carol McEntyre, Bell Tower Ringers and Elementary Children's Choir

3:00pm Organist Charles Tompkins & Violinist Gregory Tompkins in Celebration Recital (Sanctuary)

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Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.

Revenue Report

9/16/2025 YTD: \$1,798,841

9/30/2024 Actual: \$1,938,298

9/30/2025 Budget: \$2,236,500

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**The Road
to Christlike Character**

September 21, 2025

Ten Thirty O'Clock



Invited to Belong

Call to Worship Camille Loomis Rehnborg

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn 338 EIN' FESTE BURG
"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

Welcome to Worship Camille Loomis Rehnborg

Choral Worship "For This Joy" Susan LaBarr

*Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glittering star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.*

*Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.*

*Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
Cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.*

*Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!*

– Charles Anthony Silvestri

Invited to Wonder

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-5 Michael McEntyre

page 922 of the Bible in the pew rack

Pastoral Prayer

*Children's Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S

Hymn is printed on the inserted page.

(During the last two stanzas, K4-Grade 5 children are invited to come forward.)

Children's Reflection Bridget Kokolis

*Please stand as you are able.

"God Be with You Here" Kyle D. Matthews

Hymn is printed on the inserted page.

(K4-K5 children depart for Worship Care.)

Sermon Edgardo Colón-Emeric

The Transfiguration of the Christian

Invited to the Table

The Lord's Supper Camille Loomis Rehnborg

When the time was right,

God sent Jesus to be among us.

Born into this life, seeing God's grace revealed in all things,

Jesus laughed with those who laughed and mourned with those who mourned.

Through God's love, he healed the sick and welcomed the outcast;

He challenged those in power and the structures that kept them there.

He called us back to God's love. In the power of the Holy Spirit, the Christ laughs and cries, heals and welcomes, challenges and loves,

Again and again and again.

We have been told that, on the night before he was taken to be tortured to death on a cross,

Jesus sat with his disciples and ate with them in a meal of remembrance.

Jesus took a loaf of bread, asked God's blessing upon it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take this – all of you – and eat it. This is my Body. Given for you. Each time you eat it, remember me."

The Bread of Life. Amen.

Passing of the Bread

All served communion bread is gluten-free.

"Adoration" Florence B. Price
arr. Elzine Fine

Close to the meal's end, he took a cup filled with wine, asked God's blessing upon it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this – all of you – and drink it. This is my promise in my life's blood – poured out for you and for the world. Each time you drink it, remember me."

The Cup of Salvation. Amen.

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

Passing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, as we have proclaimed your death by eating this bread and drinking this cup, help us to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn 267 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

*Invitation to Share Deacon

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Musical Offering "Méditation" Cécile Chaminade

Introduction of New Members Michael McEntyre

Invitation to Engage

Invited to Bless

*Doxology (Hymn 28, Alt. 2) OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*Benediction

*Benediction Response ST. BRENDAN'S

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will someday be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

Postlude Prelude on the Hymn Tune "Duke Street" David Cherwein
("Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun")

Please silence all electronic devices.