

Dr. Jennifer Bashaw, our guest proclaimer today, is Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Ministry at Campbell University and the author of *Scapegoats, John for Normal People*, and the forthcoming *Serving Up Scripture* (Jan 2026). An ordained American Baptist minister, she has a heart for helping adults and families engage the Bible with confidence and curiosity. Dr. Bashaw appears as a part of the Parent Education Initiative from Children's and Youth Ministries.

The Bell Tower Ringers are under the direction of Julie Treu. Laura Ritter is today's percussionist.

The Elementary Children's Choir is under the direction of Laura Ritter and Will Livingston and is usually accompanied by Joanne Smith.

Dr. Matt Olson is playing saxophone today. Matt is Professor of Saxophone and Director of Jazz Studies at Furman University.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Peggy Ellison Good by her family.

Music selections today include: "Beach Spring" arranged by Kevin McChesney, ©2009 Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc.; "Come, Let Us Gather," a traditional song; "Jesus Loves Me" by William B. Bradbury, arranged by Michael Hassell, ©1997 Augsburg Fortress; "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" by William Walker in Southern Harmony, arranged by Cathy Moklebust, ©2012 Choristers Guild; and Chorale Prelude, "Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist," BWV 667 by J.S. Bach. (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

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 28

- 11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.
- 3:00pm Organist Charles Tompkins & Violinist Gregory Tompkins in Celebration Recital (Sanctuary)
- 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, October 1

- 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.
- 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

Friday, October 3

- 10:30am-1:00pm Engaged Aging Friday Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, Friday Lunch & More features games, book reviews and a program followed by lunch.

Sunday, October 5

- 10:30am World Communion Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre and the Clemson University Singers, including Communion
- 11:30am FBG Kids Sunday Funday: Denver Downs
Children's Ministry hosts a fellowship event each month during the school year for grades 1-5.
- 11:30am Youth Family to Denver Downs
- 6:00pm High School Youth to Haunted House



September 28, 2025

Ten Thirty O'Clock

<p>Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.</p>		<p>Revenue Report</p> <p>9/22/2025 YTD: \$1,826,442 9/30/2024 Actual: \$1,938,298 9/30/2025 Budget: \$2,236,500</p>
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Invited to Belong

Greeting Mary Carol Anderson

Music for Centering "Beach Spring" arr. Kevin McChesney

Introit "Come, Let Us Gather" Traditional

Call to Worship Mary Carol Anderson

How I love God's Word! God's commandments, teachings and assurances are always with me.

How sweet are God's words, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Source of hope and truth and mercy – how sweet are God's words!

They are sweeter than honey to me.

*Processional Hymn 305 AUSTRIAN HYMN
"Word of God, across the Ages"

Welcome to Worship Mary Carol Anderson

Invited to Wonder

Music to Illumine Refrain: "Ancient Words" Lynn DeShazo

An - cient words ev - er true,

chang-ing me and chang-ing you;

we have come with o - pen hearts,

O let the an - cient words im - part.

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:10-16 Bridget Kokolis
page 967 of the Bible in the pew rack

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe the Bible is unique.
God breathes life into the Scriptures and through it,
into our community of faith and our very souls.**

**We believe the Bible has a unique role in our community,
resourcing, challenging and guiding us
in ways that no other text can.
It teaches, reprovcs, corrects, trains and equips us
for love and good works.**

**We confess the Bible is sometimes confusing,
at times it can be disturbing,
and we do not pretend to understand everything about it.**

**Yet we commit to meditate on the Bible,
to study the words within
and to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
believing that when we do, God will bless us richly.**

*Children's Hymn 182 "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY
(During the last two stanzas, K4-Grade 5 children are invited to come forward.)

Children's Reflection Jennifer Bashaw

Choral Worship "Jesus Loves Me" William B. Bradbury
arr. Michael Hassell

(K4-K5 children depart for Worship Care.)

Sermonic Conversation Jennifer Bashaw
Interpreting Scripture for Yourself Carol McEntyre

Music to Reflect Refrain: "Ancient Words" Lynn DeShazo

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn "Ancient Words" Lynn DeShazo

Hymn is printed on inserted page.

*Invitation to Share Deacon

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Musical Offering "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Cathy Moglebust
William Walker, Southern Harmony

Introduction of New Members Carol 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 Carol McEntyre

Postlude J.S. Bach
Chorale Prelude, "Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist," BWV 667
("Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit")

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