

The Preschool and Elementary Children’s Choirs are under the direction of Ellen Wilson, Will Jordan, Laura Ritter and Will Livingston and accompanied by Joanne Smith.

The Bell Tower Ringers are under the direction of Julie Treu.

The flowers are gifted in loving memory of Charles Watson by his life partner, Jane Birmingham Morlan.

We have a photographer and a videographer with us today to update our media presence, showing what Sundays are like at First Baptist Greenville. We encourage you to enjoy time with your church family, participate in worship and share a smile with a friend. If you would prefer to be less visible during worship, you may be seated in the pews under the balcony.



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: “There is a spirit that delights to do no evil” (from *A Quaker Reader*) by Ned Rorem; “I Have a Song” by Lynn Tracey, ©2015 Billingsly Square Music; “Guide My Feet” harmonized by Wendell P. Whalum, ©Estate of Wendell P. Whalum; “God Be with You Here” by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; “How Firm a Foundation” by Tom Trenney, ©2020 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP); “Just As I Am” arranged by Brenda E. Austin; and Psalm XIX (“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”) by Benedetto Marcello. (OneLicense.net #A717474; CCLI #1466252)

Wednesdays@First Schedule
4:00-7:00pm <i>YouthFamily@First</i> : Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)
5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm <i>FBGKids@First</i> : Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)
5:45-7:00pm <i>FBGKids@First</i> : K4 & K5 Choir & Making Space Blocks (C302)
5:45-7:00pm <i>FBGKids@First</i> : 1 st -5 th Grade Choir (C303)
<i>FBGKids@First</i> : Making Space Blocks (C300)
6:00-7:00pm <i>Adults@First</i> (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 Rehnborg Spiritual Formation and Outreach	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging	Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/worship-live/

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

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 19
11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.
4:00-7:00pm Church Picnic (Church Grounds)
The church family gathers for food, fellowship and fun.

Wednesday, October 22
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 Lunch & Learn with GOAL Justice (AYMC Lobby)
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.

Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 26
9:00-10:00am Coffee with Carol for Visitors & New Members (Chapel Lobby)
New to First Baptist? You’re invited to join Senior Minister Carol McEntyre for an informal time of coffee and conversation. Hear a bit of Carol’s story, learn more about FBG, ask questions and connect with others.
10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
11:30am-1:00pm First Baptist 101 (C403)
FB101 is a 3-week informational series for visitors, new members, and anyone curious to learn more about FBG’s history and ways to engage.
4:00pm Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.
5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.
6:30pm Blessing of the Pets (Labyrinth)
All are invited to bring their pets (on leash, in carrier or aquarium) to be blessed during this service when we honor God’s creation and all God’s creatures.

Wednesday, October 29
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.

Scan here to support the financial needs of FBG.



Revenue Report

10/14/2025 YTD: \$2,023,876
10/31/2024 Actual: \$2,121,626
10/31/2025 Budget: \$2,485,000

A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.



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The Road to Christlike Character

October 19, 2025

Ten Thirty O’Clock



Invited to Belong

GreetingMatt Rollins

Music for CenteringNed Rorem
“There is a spirit that delights to do no evil...” (from *A Quaker Reader*)

Call to WorshipMary Carol Anderson

From the beginning of our ancient stories, God formed us from the dust of the earth.

We are not yet who we long to be, but God does not give up on us.

We yearn to be re-formed until our character reflects the character of Jesus the Christ – hearts overflowing with the love of God.

Guide us in our transformation, O God. We will guard our hearts above all else, for we know that everything we do flows from it.

*Processional Hymn 140CORONATION
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Welcome to WorshipCamille Loomis Rehnborg

Invited to Wonder

Musical Offering“I Have a Song”Lynn Tracey

*Children’s Hymn“Guide My Feet”GUIDE MY FEET

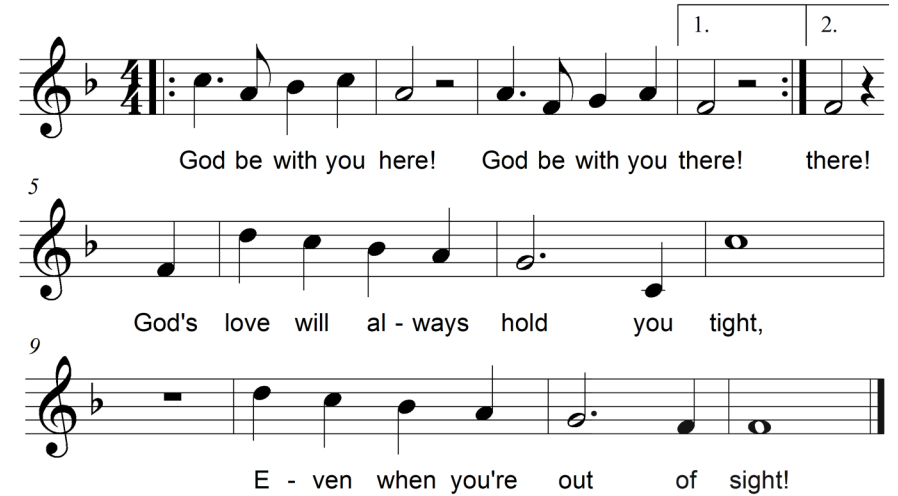
(K4-grade 5 children are invited to come forward.)



*Please stand as you are able.

Children’s ReflectionBridget Kokolis

“God Be with You Here”Kyle D. Matthews
(K4/K5 children depart for Worship Care.)



Epistle Reading2 Corinthians 13:4-11Michael McEntyre
page 944 of the Bible in the pew rack

Choral Worship“How Firm a Foundation”Tom Trenney
Text may be found in hymn 245

SermonReflection Leads to GrowthCarol McEntyre

Invited to Respond

Prayer Practice: The Daily Examen

Commitment to Christlike CharacterKyle Matthews

We believe God calls us to be transformed–
To grow in the likeness of Christ.
This holy work is the Spirit’s gift and the fruit of our intention.

We commit to the path of daily surrender.

Opening our hearts, habits and thoughts to be shaped by the Holy Spirit, who loves us into wholeness.

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

We seek to live in the way of Jesus–
Forgiving as we have been forgiven,
showing mercy even to our enemies,
seeking the well-being of the poor and powerless,
and growing in love for neighbors near and far.

We desire, like Jesus,
To embody the fruit of the Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.

God, you are lovingly at work within us.
Day by day, make us more like Jesus. Amen.

*Invitation Hymn 316“Go Forth for God”OLD 124TH SPRING

*Invitation to ShareDeacon
And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.
(Philippians 1:9-10)

Musical Offering“Just As I Am”arr. Brenda E. Austin

Introduction of New MembersCarol 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.*

*BenedictionCarol McEntyre

PostludeBenedetto Marcello
Psalm XIX (“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”)

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

Please silence all electronic devices.