

## WEDNESDAYS@FIRST

### April 1

#### Maundy Thursday on Wednesday

This interactive worship experience for all ages to encounter the story of the Last Supper and reflect on Christ's love for all humanity will begin at 6:00pm. Supper lines open at 5:00pm. Make your reservations and view menus here: <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

## WORSHIP

### April 3

#### 6:00pm

#### Good Friday Worship Service

(Carpenter Chapel)

We will follow in Jesus' steps from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to his placement in the tomb through scripture and music.

### April 5, Easter Sunday

#### 7:00am

#### Sunrise Worship Service

(Remembrance Garden Columbarium)

Led by the Spiritual Formation Committee and Proclaimer Andrew Tonks, gather to celebrate the resurrection at the start of day with scripture, prayer, message and song!

#### 8:30am

#### Garden Worship Service

(Remembrance Garden Labyrinth)

Led by the Children's and Youth Ministries, this family-centered service will include a creative re-telling of the Easter story, music and activity, along with a take-home gift to remember the story.

#### 10:30am

#### Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Sermon Series:** Rediscovering Jesus

**Proclaimer:** Carol McEntyre

**Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**Sermon:** Rediscovering Jesus as Presence

**Service Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir, Brass Quintet, Timpani

Bring flowers to help decorate the cross.



## From the Senior Minister

CAROL MCENTYRE

Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Christian year, has begun. From Palm Sunday through Easter, we journey with Jesus through the final, powerful days of his earthly life: his arrival in Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his arrest, and ultimately the cross and resurrection.

For nearly two thousand years, the Church has set aside this week not just to remember these events, but to enter into them. Each year, as we return to this story, it's not just repetition. It's a chance to go a little deeper. Like walking a well-worn path, we return to the events of Holy Week each year, yet we notice something new each time, drawing us deeper into the meaning of Jesus life, death and resurrection.

This year, we invite you to join us for a special Maundy Thursday experience, held on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Why Wednesday? Quite simply, because we are already gathered as a church family that evening, and it allows us to share this worship service together in a way that's accessible to more people. Instead of sitting in pews, we will

gather around tables, just as Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper. You won't just hear about the Last Supper; through scripture, conversation around the table, and interactive prayer opportunities, we remember what it means to love and serve as Christ did.

This is a service for everyone: children, youth and adults alike. Whether you've observed Maundy Thursday many times or this is your first, come join us! Dinner will be served as usual that evening at 5:00pm. If you plan to attend, please make a reservation with the church office by noon on Monday.

Good Friday, April 3, is a solemn and sacred time as we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. We will gather for worship in Carpenter Chapel at 6:00pm. As we pause to reflect on the weight of the cross, we are drawn more deeply into the heart of the story. Sitting with the sorrow of this day prepares us to more fully receive the wonder of Easter morning.

By walking through the trials of Holy Week, we open ourselves anew to the depth of Christ's self-giving love that carries us from the cross to the empty tomb. Then, Easter morning becomes not just a celebration, but a joyful response to all we have experienced along the way.

On Easter, we have multiple opportunities to worship God and rejoice in the triumph of life over

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# Happy Birthday!

Remember these members celebrating birthdays in April who may not always be able to be with us in worship:

4/2	4/3	4/14	4/16	4/28	4/29
Howard Streifford	Janice Hyche	Hazel Harris	Gayle Gulley	Marjorie George	Nancy Goldsmith



## Inasmuch Day of Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 9:00AM-2:00PM

Looking for a way to serve that is intergenerational, focused and can make an impact all year long? For months dozens of volunteers have given their time and talents to receive, sort and store items for our annual

what can be accomplished. Once all items are cleared from storage and in place, we will begin unpacking and prepping for the sale. Parents get an opportunity to serve alongside their kids, youth can gain service hours for school and adults can help support the good work of Inasmuch Days and our Neighborhood Partnerships. Help make this happen by signing up to serve on Realm Connect!



fundraising event that supports our Neighborhood Partnership Ministry. The Inasmuch service day on Saturday, April 11, 9:00am-2:00pm is when all this year's donations get moved to the Practice Gym to begin organizing for the annual yard sale. Volunteers of all ages are needed to make this happen.

The practice gym will have clearly marked sections. Volunteers will carry items from the storage areas to the appropriate staging spots. This is a big undertaking, but with enough hands, it is amazing

### Where does all the Money From the Yard Sale Go?

Proceeds from the sale will benefit our Neighborhood Partnership ministry, supporting the work of trusted local nonprofits and ministry in neighboring communities such as helping with the community Trunk or Treat, support during the Christmas season for families, assistance with utility bills, building wheelchair ramps, and general repairs for nearby families in need.

—Michael McEntyre, Minister of Engaged Aging

**Mark your calendars for FBG's Annual Sale to support our Neighborhood Partnership Ministry!**

**Saturday, April 11  
9:00- 2:00 pm-  
Meet in the Practice Gym**



- Move in day
- Set up items
- Casual Lunch



**Friday, April 24  
1:00-7:00pm &  
Saturday, April 25  
8:00-1:00pm**

**Volunteers needed for one or more of the following shifts**

- Saturday, April 11 Inasmuch service day 9:00-2:00 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, April 13-17 shifts between 9:00-4:00 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25 (three-hour shifts) as clerks, cashiers, loaders, assistants, and at the end, clean up.

Sign Up to Volunteer!



## Focus on Mission in April: Pendleton Place

For the month of April, please join the Missions Committee in assisting Pendleton Place with items to refresh their bedrooms and bathrooms! Follow this link to sign up, and bring your donations to the Reception Area of the church in April: [tinyurl.com/3daxjpw](https://tinyurl.com/3daxjpw).

*Every young person deserves someone who believes in them and a safe place to call home. For many of the youth who have come to Pendleton Place over the past 50 years, life has included instability, time in foster care, periods of homelessness, or adults who were unable to provide the stability they needed. When they walk through our doors, they are often carrying more than just a backpack; they are carrying uncertainty about where they belong and what comes next.*

*Pendleton Place provides safe housing and support through our Emergency Shelter, Foster Care Group Home, Transitional Living Program for young adults building independence, and The Landing drop-in center, where young people can find basic needs and caring support. These programs provide not just a bed, but stability, structure and a place where young people can begin to breathe again.*

*Every day, our team helps youth learn practical life skills like managing money, preparing meals, continuing education, finding employment and building healthy relationships. Most importantly, we offer consistency, encouragement and trusted adults who show up day after day.*

*This work is only possible because of our village. Partners like First Baptist Greenville help make it possible for young people to experience not just shelter but belonging. Your support helps create the kind of community where young people can heal, grow in confidence and begin to imagine a future filled with possibility.*

Thank you to Monica Cole, Community Relations & Events Coordinator for Pendleton Place, for sharing these words with us about this wonderful organization. FBG also continues to accept donations of canned fruit for United Ministries and canned pasta for Mission Backpack throughout the year.

—Catherine “Clay” Gilbert, Missions Committee Member

## Calling All Graduates!

On Sunday, May 17, First Baptist Greenville will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2026—high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC, when graduates and their families are invited to share in a time of breakfast and fellowship with our Youth Family. During worship at 10:30am, graduates will wear their graduation caps and gowns and will be individually recognized and given a special gift from the church. A special luncheon for our high school graduates will follow worship.

We understand that some graduates may not be present for our 10:30am worship on Sunday, May 17. However, we ask that every graduate submit a recent photo of themselves by Sunday, April 12 so we can recognize them in our church newsletter, The Branch and display pictures of our graduates on the bulletin board outside Carol’s office.

All graduates who are connected to FBG and are graduating this May, please help us by completing a Graduate Info Form no later than Sunday, April 12! You can find the form by using the link listed here: <https://forms.gle/B3HFZPbryUABwxXs8>

—Sarah Dunn, Ministry Assistant to College & Youth

## Upcoming Events

**WATCH** indicates worship experiences broadcast via Vimeo and Facebook Live.

- 4/1 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
6:00pm Maundy Thursday on Wednesday Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/3 6:00-7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service (Chapel)
- 4/5 7:00am Sunrise Easter Worship Service (FBG Gardens)  
8:30am Family Garden Worship Service (FBG Labyrinth)  
**WATCH** 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Brass Quintet  
No Sunday Night Live for Youth
- 4/6 First Baptist Closed for Easter Monday
- 4/8 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 4/10 11:00am-2:00pm Caregiver Respite Event (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/12 **WATCH** 10:30am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnberg
- 4/15 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities
- 4/17 10:30am-1:30pm Engaged Aging Lunch & More (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/19 **WATCH** 10:30am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre
- 4/22 7:00am Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)  
*Wednesdays@First* Activities

## Sympathy

...to the family of Patricia Howle.  
...to Bob Morris in the death of his father.

## From the Senior Minister, continued from p. 1

death, hope over despair and love over fear.

- Easter Sunrise Worship at 7:00am in the Remembrance Garden Columbarium
- Family Easter Garden Worship at 8:30am in the Remembrance Garden Labyrinth

**Wednesdays@First Schedule**  
(exceptions noted in Upcoming Events)

**Youth@First**  
4:00-7:00pm Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)

**Wednesday Night Supper & Prayer Time**  
5:00-6:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

**FBG Kids**  
5:30-7:00pm Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)  
5:45-7:00pm K4 & K5 Making Space Block & Playtime (C302)  
5:45-6:10pm 1st-5th Grade Choir (C303)  
6:15-7:00pm Making Space Block (C300)

**Adults@First**  
6:00pm Sharing Our Stories (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu**  
Please make reservations by noon on Monday at <https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesdays-at-first/>

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**Adults:** Chicken w/Mango Sauce, Yellow Rice, Butter Basil Carrots, Mixed Green, Salad w/Mandarin Oranges, Fruit, Roll, Dessert  
**Children:** Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Fruit, Cookie

## Congratulations

...to Jeff and Beth Linville in the birth of their granddaughter.

...to Jean Linville in the birth of her great-granddaughter.

## Introducing

Amara Campanini who joined our church on Sunday, March 23. Amara is a freshman at Furman University, Herring Choral Scholar and a Sanctuary Choir Member.

- Easter Sunday Worship 10:30am in the Sanctuary

I hope you will join us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday as we gather in worship and celebrate this most sacred time of the year!

—Carol

  
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3/31/2026 Budget: \$769,750



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