



# Furman Singers Alumni Choir

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Ten Thirty O'Clock



First Baptist  
Greenville

## Invited to Belong

Prelude Fugue in G Major, BWV 576 *J.S. Bach*  
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *arr. Charles Knox*

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Music for Celebration "Gloria in Excelsis" (from LUX: The Dawn from on High) *Dan Forrest*

*Translation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace*

*– Luke 2:14*

Call to Worship Laura Ritter, '90

Listen: All creation rejoices. Can you hear it?

**The sound of music calls us home.**

Listen: The wilderness and desert are breaking out in song. The crocus blooms with joyful singing, and the mountains join in the refrain. Can you hear it?

**The earth rejoices in beautiful music that calls us home. We join our voices in praise, glorifying our God who brings forth a new song in the world.**

\*Opening Hymn 50 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" *ENGELBERG*  
*arr. Robert J. Powell*

Stanzas 1-2: All  
Stanza 3: Choir Only  
Stanzas 4-5: All

Welcome Carol McEntyre

## Invited to Wonder

Psalter Lesson "Psalm 150" *César Franck*

*Alleluia. O praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his temple.  
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his pow'r.  
O praise him for his might, and the greatness of his wonders.  
O praise him according to his majesty.*

*Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  
Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.  
Praise the Lord with the timbrel and the dance.  
O praise him with the organ and instrument of strings.*

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.  
Let ev'rything that hath breath praise the Lord!*

Choral Worship

“Like a River”

*Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Tim Osiek, edited Dan Forrest*

*I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.  
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.  
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!  
I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.*

Call to Prayer

“Walk with Me, Lord”

*African-American Spiritual  
arr. and adapt. Rosephanye Powell*

*Walk with me, Lord.  
All along this tedious journey, walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me.*

*When I'm burdened, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me, O Lord, hmm.*

*Along this tedious journey, Lord, walk with me.  
You are my shield. You are my sword.  
Lord, walk with me.*

*Until I make it safely home, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me.*

*O Lord, walk with me.  
I am weary.  
Lord, walk with me.*

Pastoral Prayer

Carol McEntyre

(K4/K5 children gather at the Come Unto Me Window to depart for Worship Care.)



1. O God who makes mu - sic from in - fi - nite space - With choirs of bright  
 2. Your tim - pa - ni thun - der a - cross the broad sky, And o - cean waves  
 3. You waltz in the clouds with the birds through the day And twirl with the  
 4. Com - pos - er of days, our Cre - a - tor and Lord; Re - deem - er whose

stars all pro - claim - ing your grace, And plan - ets and moons sing - ing  
 crash with your cym - bals re - ply, From gla - cier to des - ert, through  
 fire - flies in twi - light's bal - let. The trees and the flow - ers make  
 har - mo - ny trans - forms dis - cord; And Spir - it, sus - tain - ing both

in - tri - cate rounds - The u - ni - verse ech - oes your glo - ry in  
 for - est and field, The earth swells with mu - sic and you are re -  
 curt - sy and bow As you call cre - a - tion to dance with you  
 sing - er and song; To you, Three - in - One, all our wor - ship be -

sound! O Maes - tro with heav - ens at your fin - ger - tips,  
 - vealed! O Maes - tro whose glo - ry ac - com - pa - nies dawn,  
 now! O Maes - tro, let none but your rhy - thms en - trance;  
 - longs! O Maes - tro of Ma - jes - ty, Bless - ing and Grace,

I still feel you close as this song on my lips.  
 Please make me your in - stru - ment, teach me your song.  
 Move in me, move through me - O make me your dance.  
 Ac - cept now this hymn and my love and my praise!

Choral Worship

“Sing a Mighty Song”

Daniel E. Gawthrop

*Singers! Awake and arise!  
Lift up your voices as the waves of the sea.  
Sing a mighty song.*

*Make the very earth resound,  
For the Lord delights in the song of the heart.  
Sing ye! Arise!*

*Woven with melody, thy word is sweet to my soul.  
In concert, confirmed in harmony, thy yoke is easy.  
O, blessed am I, that I may sing my devotion.*

*Singers! Awake and arise!  
Lift up your voices. Sing ye! Let all who have breath give praise,  
For the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God.  
Sing alleluia, Amen.*

– Jane Griner

“True Light”

Keith Hampton

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.  
In the beginning out of the darkness God created Light. He lives in us as True Light.  
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.*

*Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.  
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.  
He lives in us as True Light.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know  
God gave the world True Light!*

*Hold on to the true light, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know  
God gave the world True Light!*

*God's love, God's grace, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know  
God gave the world True Light!*

# Invited to Respond

Invitation Hymn

“Upon This Rock”

John Ness Beck

Please come forward to greet the pastor during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith,  
identify with this fellowship, or share a vocational call.

*Upon this rock I will build my church;  
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

*I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven,  
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.  
And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.  
Upon this rock I will build my church.*

*Lo, the winter is past;  
The rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds has come.  
Arise, and come away; arise!*

*Upon this rock I will build my church;  
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

– Matthew 16:18, 19; Song of Solomon 2:11-13

\*Hymn 344: “The Church’s One Foundation”

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Stanzas 1 and 4 Only

\*Invitation to Share

Deacon

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God,

Giving thanks and praise to God, the rock of our salvation.

Loving God, receive these gifts we offer. Bless them and multiply them for use in your kin-dom.

Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience,  
that we may share your song with all creation. Amen.

Musical Offering

“My Song in the Night”

arr. Paul Christiansen

*O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,  
Come to us with thy tender love, my soul’s delight.  
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day and my song in the night.  
O why should I wander, an alien from thee,  
Or cry in the desert thy face to see,  
My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight,  
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

Invitation to Engage

\*Doxology (Hymn 32)

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Benediction

Carol McEntyre

\*Benediction Response

"Father, Give Thy Benediction"

*David Schwoebel*

Commissioned by Aubrey and Beky Daniels for the Furman Singers, Dr. Bingham Vick Jr., Conductor,  
at the dedication of the Nan Trammel Herring Music Pavilion, Furman University, March 6, 1998

*Father, give thy benediction, give thy peace before we part:  
O still our minds with truth's conviction, calm with trust each anxious heart.  
Let thy voice with sweet commanding, bid our griefs and struggles end:  
Peace which passes understanding on our waiting spirits send.*

*– Samuel Longfellow, alt.*

Postlude

Toccata in G Major

*Théodore Dubois*

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

First Baptist Greenville welcomes the Furman Singers Alumni Choir today to lead in worship. The Furman Singers has enjoyed a very close relationship with First Baptist since 1946 when DuPre Rhame, then also director of music at First Baptist, founded the Furman Singers. The first (of what has become a biennial event) "Furman Singers Reunion" was in 1979, with DuPre Rhame and Bingham Vick Jr. conducting. That first gathering culminated with the Singers leading in worship at First Baptist Greenville. Dr. Stephen Gusukuma, Director of Choral Activities at Furman University; Dr. Hugh Floyd, '84, conductor emeritus; and Dr. Bingham Vick Jr., conductor emeritus, will be leading the Furman Singers Alumni Choir.

Tim Effler, '86, is our guest organist today.

Members of the brass quintet includes trumpets: Gary Malvern and Melissa Horn; horn: Colby Gerald; trombone: Art Haecker; and tuba: Christopher Sparace.

Composers of "O God Who Makes Music" are Tony Jones, '88, and Gina Garrett Jones, '89.

Kathryn Knauer, '05, is the soloist on "True Light."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Blanche and Bill Carpenter by their family.

The flowers in the Narthex are given by the Furman Singers Alumni Choir in memory of DuPre and Eleanor Rhame. DuPre was Music Minister at First Baptist Greenville, 1936-1970, and the founder and conductor of the Furman University Singers, 1946-1970. "Music was his heaven on earth."



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: Fugue in G Major, BWV 576, by J.S. Bach; "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arranged by Charles Knox; "Gloria in Excelsis" from *LUX: The Dawn from on High* by Dan Forrest, ©2018 The Music of Dan Forrest; "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" by Charles V. Stanford and lyrics by Fred Pratt Green and arranged by Robert J. Powell, ©1972 Hope Publishing Company, text ©1972 Hope Publishing Company; "Psalm 150" by César Franck, edited and organ arrangement by H. Clough-Leigher, ©1927 Oliver Ditson Co.; "Like a River in My Soul," a Traditional Spiritual arranged by Tim Osiek and edited by Dan Forrest, ©2018 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.; "Walk with Me, Lord," an African-American Spiritual arranged and adapted by Rosephanye Powell, ©2018 Gentry Publications; "O God Who Makes Music" by Tony Jones and Gina Garrett Jones, ©2012; "Sing a Mighty Song" by Daniel E. Gawthrop with lyrics by Jane Griner, ©1993 Alliance Music Publications, Inc. and text ©1993 Jane Griner; "True Light" by Keith Hampton, ©2002 Dr. K.T. Productions; "Upon This Rock" by John Ness Beck, ©1967 G. Schirmer, Inc.; "My Song in the Night," a Southern Folk Hymn arranged by Paul Christiansen, ©1967 Paul A. Schmitt Music Company; "Father, Give Thy Benediction" by David Schwoebel with lyrics adapted from Samuel Longfellow, ©1998 Hinshaw Music Inc.; and Toccata in G Major by Théodore Dubois.

# Looking Ahead

## Tuesday, July 28

**5:00pm** Youth Movie: *Toy Story 5* (Camelot Cinemas, Antrim Drive)

*Youth gather for fellowship and a 5:00pm movie. Each is responsible for purchase of \$5 ticket prior to the event. Drop off and pick up at Camelot Cinemas.*

**7:00pm** College Gathering (Chick-fil-A, Laurens Road)

*College students gather for fellowship and a meal while home for the summer.*

## Wednesday, July 29

**8:30am-1:30pm** AYMC MidWeek Cafe (AYMC)

*The AYMC partners with Jasmine Kitchen to provide a variety of food and beverage items for purchase.*

**9:00am-2:00pm** Youth MidWeek Missions & More

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students support a local mission partner, enjoy lunch together and wrap a Bible Study all into select Wednesdays during the summer.*

## Thursday, July 30

**9:00-11:00am** Summer Kids Gym (AYMC)

*Kids through five years of age and their caregivers enjoy time in the gym.*

## Saturday, August 1

**5:00-7:00pm** FBG Kids End of Summer Bubble Bash

*Join us as we kiss summer goodbye with a splash-tastic foam party! We will have a foam cannon, water games and activities, and a preschool splash area. This event is free to attend, and hamburger & hot dog meals are available for \$10. Register on Realm by July 29.*

## Sunday, August 2

**9:30am** Vocare Parent Meeting (Carpenter Chapel)

*Parents of youth interested in Vocare, our youth vocal ensemble, are invited to meet with Minister of Music Laura Ritter for a brief information session.*

**10:30am** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Camille Loomis Rehnborg, including Youth Family Costa Rica Mission Trip Reflections

**11:30am-1:00pm** Costa Rica Prayer Partner Lunch Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

*Following worship, we invite all Prayer Partners and participants to join us for a special luncheon. This will be an opportunity to meet your prayer partner, hear stories from the trip, and celebrate the ways God worked through this shared experience. Register on Realm by July 27.*

**4:00-7:00pm** Youth End-of-Summer Pool Party

*Youth celebrate the end of summer and say goodbye to the Youth Mentoring Team while enjoying time at the pool and a hot dog/hamburger dinner.*

## Monday, August 3

**6:00pm** College Bible Study

*College students gather for fellowship and study during the summer months.*

## Wednesday, August 5

**8:30am-1:30pm** AYMC MidWeek Cafe (AYMC)

*The AYMC partners with Jasmine Kitchen to provide a variety of food and beverage items for purchase.*

## Thursday, August 6

**9:00-11:00am** Summer Kids Gym (AYMC)

*Kids through five years of age and their caregivers enjoy time in the gym.*

## Sunday, August 9

**9:00am-Noon** Small Groups Fair (Narthex)

*See the diversity of small groups at FBG! Before and after worship, peruse tables of information about groups across church life, including volunteer teams, age-based ministries, musical ensembles, interest groups and more.*

**9:00am** Blessing Sunday FBG Kids Breakfast: Families with Children Birth-Age 3 (Nursery Hall)

*Gather on the Nursery Hallway for breakfast, see the classrooms and meet the teachers!*

### Sunday, August 9 (continued)

**9:00am** Blessing Sunday FBG Kids Breakfast: Families with Children K4-Grade 5 (Children's Gathering Room)

*Meet in the Children's Gathering Room for breakfast, a welcome of K4 children, and insights for those transitioning to worship full-time.*

**9:00am** Blessing Sunday Youth Breakfast (AYMC Terrace Level)

*All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to gather for a pancake breakfast.*

**10:30am** Blessing Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Bible Presentation to 3rd and 6th Grade Students and installation of Pastoral Resident Taylor Long

**2:00-6:00pm** Engaged Aging Ministry Roadrunners to Mill Town Players Production of *Guys and Dolls* (Pelzer Auditorium)

*Purchase \$15 tickets (plus \$5, if riding the bus) on Realm. The bus will leave FBG at 2:00pm and return directly after the performance.*

### Wednesday, August 12

**8:30am-1:30pm** AYMC MidWeek Cafe (AYMC)

*The AYMC partners with Jasmine Kitchen to provide a variety of food and beverage items for purchase.*

**9:00am-Noon** Living with the End in Mind (Fellowship Hall)

*Join attorney Neil Rabon, Senior Minister Carol McEntyre and Pastoral Staff for guidance on wills, end-of-life planning and preparing with eternity in view. Register on Realm.*

### Thursday, August 13

**9:00am-3:00pm** Engaged Aging Hike: Sassafras Mountain Overlook

*Depart FBG at 9:00am to carpool or ride the bus, or meet at the Beech Bottom Falls Trailhead at 10:00am. Pack a lunch for this excursion. Register on Realm.*

### Sunday, August 16

**9:00am-Noon** Small Groups Fair (Narthex)

*See the diversity of small groups at FBG! Before and after worship, peruse tables of information about groups across church life, including volunteer teams, age-based ministries, musical ensembles, interest groups and more.*

**10:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Sacrament of Communion

**3:00-4:30pm** Children's Block Party (AYMC Gym)

*Children birth through grade 5 and their grownups are invited for inflatables, TCBY frozen yogurt and first look at the year ahead in Children's Ministry. Register on Realm.*

**4:00-6:30pm** Blood Drive (Parking Lots)

*Appointments are appreciated but not required to donate blood with The Blood Connection.*

**5:00-7:00pm** Youth Block Party (AYMC)

*Youth and their families are invited to complete yearly paperwork, eat, meet the youth staff, and learn more about the upcoming year.*

### Wednesday, August 19

**8:30am-1:30pm** AYMC MidWeek Cafe (AYMC)

*The AYMC partners with Jasmine Kitchen to provide a variety of food and beverage items for purchase.*

*Wednesdays@First Activities Resume!*

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

#### **Wednesdays@First Schedule**

3:45-7:00pm *YouthFamily@First*: Hang Time, Dinner & Activities (AYMC)

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*: K4-5th Grade Choir & Making Space Blocks (B400)

6:00-7:00pm *Adults@First* (MidWeek Classic & Other Adult Education Offerings)

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



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

**Mary Carol Anderson**  
Youth and College

**Cliff Christian**  
Interim Community Engagement

**Julie Fayssoux**  
First Baptist Day School

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Organist

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Associate Youth and College

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### Revenue Report

7/21/2026 YTD: \$1,437,830

7/31/2025 Actual: \$1,499,209

7/31/2026 Budget: \$1,796,083

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