

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Linda and Eldon Russ in gratitude for and to honor the memories of their parents: M.O. and Ruby Bridges Owens and Jesse and Mildred Watts Russ.



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Music selections today include: Meditation on “Lauda Anima” by Rebecca te Velde; “God Be with You Here” by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2022 Catalytic Songs Inc.; “Ancient Words” by Lynn DeShazo and arranged by Craig Courtney (ASCAP), ©2001 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music and arrangement ©2017 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.; “Be Thou My Vision” setting by Zsolt Gardonyi; and Chorale Prelude, “Herr Gott, nun sei gepreiset” by J.S. Bach. (CCLI 1466252, OneLicense.net A-717474)

Wednesdays@First Schedule

- 3:45-7:00pm YouthFamily@First: Hang Time, Eat Together, and Activities (AYMC Terrace Level)
- 5:00-6:00pm Supper and Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45-7:00pm FBGKids@First: Worship Care for Ages 3 & Under (C208, C214)
- 5:45-7:00pm FBGKids@First: K4 & K5 Choir & Making Space Blocks (B400 Hall)
- 5:45-7:00pm FBGKids@First: 1st-5th Grade Choir (B400 Hall)
- FBGKids@First: Making Space Blocks (B400 Hall)
- 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	Taylor Long Pastoral Resident	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging
Cliff Christian Interim Community Engagement	Camille Loomis Rehnborg Spiritual Formation and Outreach	Laura Ritter Music
Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School	Jenna Manning Church Operations	Charles Tompkins Organist
Bridget Kokolis Children	Kyle Matthews Pastoral Care	Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College
	Carol McEntyre Senior Minister	

Sunday morning worship service broadcasts:

www.firstbaptistgreenville.com/livestream-sermons/

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

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Looking Ahead

- Sunday, August 23
 - 11:30am-5:00pm Youth Merge Retreat for Rising 6th and 12th Graders
 - Rising 6th and 12th grade students gather with youth leaders as a time of introduction to and bonding with the Youth Family.
 - 5:30-6:30pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group Potluck (Parlor)
 - All are welcome to support, learn and fellowship with the LGBTQ community with a “Meet the Ministers” casual mixer and potluck.
 - 5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth (AYMC)
 - 6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.
- Wednesday, August 26
 - 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
 - Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.

- Sunday, August 30
 - 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Acolyte Dedication

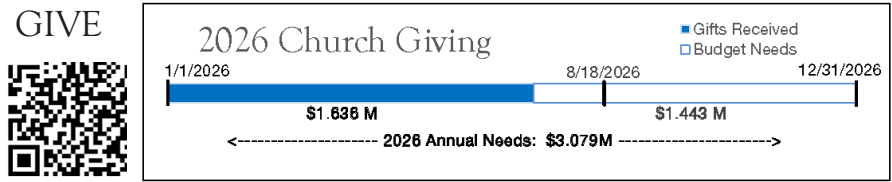
- Saturday, September 5–Monday, September 7
 - All Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Kanuga
 - The Youth Family will kick off the year with a weekend of faith, fun and memory-making at Camp Kanuga.

- Sunday, September 6
 - 10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Taylor Long

- Monday, September 7
 - FBG Closed in Observance of Labor Day

- Tuesday, September 8
 - Yard Sale Donation Drop-Offs Resume

- Friday, September 11
 - 4:30pm Engaged Aging’s Fall Kickoff: The Great Game Show Challenge (Fellowship Hall)
 - Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, this evening is a time to gather for food, information about the upcoming year, and fellowship - including a game show challenge. Register on Realm Connect by September 6.



A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.



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August 23, 2026

Ten Thirty O’Clock



Invited to Belong

GreetingMichael McEntyre

Centering MusicMeditation on “Lauda Anima”Rebecca te Velde

Prayer for Our WorshipMichael McEntyre

Oh, still-speaking God, for generations and across the wide world,
you have gathered people around your Word – Christ
Jesus – and the Scriptures that proclaim him.
**We come today with open hearts and curious minds, ready to
listen, to learn, and to wrestle with the Scriptures.**
May your Spirit speak through these ancient words and awaken us
to your presence and your call.
**We come to worship the God who is still speaking. You are the
Living Word. Amen.**

*Processional Hymn 36LAUDA ANIMA (Goss)
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

WelcomeMary Carol Anderson

Invited to Wonder

Theme InterpretationCarol McEntyre

Prayer for Illumination
**O God, may your Spirit awaken our imagination and devotion,
so that as we hear the words of Scripture, the people, stories
and teachings may spring to life and allow us to meet you
face to face. Amen.**

Hebrew ReadingGenesis 32:1, 22-30Youth Reader
page 26 of the Bible in the pew rack

Prayer of Response
**Holy Spirit, as we reflect on what we have heard,
deepen our understanding of you and grant us the wisdom
and courage to live faithfully in your way. Amen.**

*Children’s Hymn 213 “O Word of God Incarnate”MUNICH

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

Children’s ReflectionBridget Kokolis

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

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God be with you here! God be with you there! there!

5 God's love will al - ways hold you tight,

9 E - ven when you're out of sight!

SermonWhat Is the Bible?Carol McEntyre

Choral Worship“Ancient Words”Lynn DeShazo
arr. Craig Courtney

Ancient words, ever true, ancient words ever true...
*Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.*
*Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope,
In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.*
*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*
*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Come to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.*
*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.*
*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.*

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn 209 “Open My Eyes that I May See”SCOTT

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.

*Invitation to ShareDeacon

Mysterious God, as Jacob wrestled with a man through the night,
we, too, wrestle with Scripture.
Open our eyes to see your truth illuminated in its lines.
We are grateful for all of your gifts to us.
**Open our ears to hear your voice and our hearts to act in
response.**
We bring these tithes and offerings in thanksgiving for who you are
and your care for us.
**Bless these gifts and use them to do your good work in the
world. Amen.**

Musical Offering“Be Thou My Vision” setting, Zsolt Gardonyi

Introduction of New MembersCarol McEntyre

Invitation to Engage

Invited to Bless

*Doxology (hymn 53, stanza 5)ELLACOMBE

**Praise God, the Creator, God the Christ
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise God the Holy Comforter,
The Spirit we all know
Who fills our lives with grace and love
And promises to stay,
Whose tender mercies give us life
And guide us through each day.**

*BenedictionCarol McEntyre

Postlude Chorale Prelude, “Herr Gott, nun sei gepreisset” J.S. Bach
(“Lord God, We Praise Thee Now”)

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

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Please silence all electronic devices.