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The call to worship is adapted from “Call to Journey Together” by Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson as posted on <https://worshipwords.co.uk/>. The prayer for illumination is adapted from “For Stepping into the Unknown” from *A Book of Everyday Blessings* by Christine Valters Paintner. Music selections today include: Meditation on the Hymn Tune “Laudes Domini” by Rebecca te Velde; “Ancient Words” by Lynn DeShazo, ©2001 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music; “O Love” by Elaine Hagenberg, ©2016 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.; and Chorale Prelude, “Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist,” BWV 667 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

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.

Monday, September 7
FBG and AYMC Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9
Wednesdays@First Activities
Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.

6:00pm Adults@ First Options
MidWeek Classic: How to Read the Bible (Fellowship Hall) led by Dr. Bryan Bibb, Furman University Professor of Religion
Gardening with Mill Village Farms (FBDS Playground)
UnFinished Objects (UFOs) (Media Center)

Thursday, September 10
9:15am-3:00pm Engaged Aging Hike to Jones Gap State Park
Sponsored by the Engaged Aging Ministry, gather to ride the church bus and enjoy a hike followed by lunch.

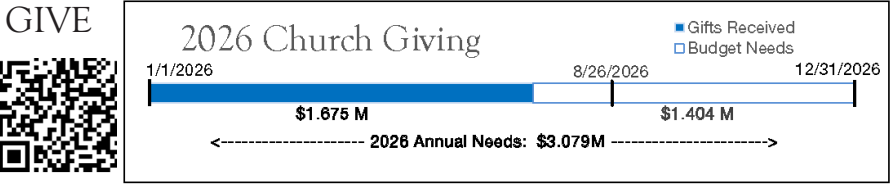
10:00am-2:00pm Yard Sale Donation Drop-Offs Resume

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.

Sunday, September 13
10:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Communion

11:30am-1:00pm First Baptist 101
First Baptist 101 is a 3-week informational series for visitors, new members, and anyone curious to learn more about FBG’s history and ways to engage.

11:30am-1:00pm FBG Kids: Adopt a Prayer Pal (Parlor)
All FBG Kids two years old through second grade are invited to this event to choose stuffed prayer pals, adopt them, and learn to pray with their new pal at home.



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September 6, 2026

Ten Thirty O’Clock



Invited to Belong

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Music for Centering Meditation on the Hymn Tune “Laudes Domini” Rebecca te Velde

Call to Worship Carol McEntyre

Come, people of God,
Let us journey together!
Through the uncertainty of the wilderness God goes with us –
Around us, among us, and within us.
Come, people of God, with our doubts and our questions,
With our apprehension and our fears.
Come, people of God! Let us seek not a destination,
but a journey of growth.
May we hold our answers gently and be open to learning anew.
Let us lift up our hearts to the Living One,
Open our minds to the Spirit’s Wind,
And center our lives in the ground of Christ.
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Processional Hymn 52 LAUDES DOMINI
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Welcome Carol McEntyre

Invited to Wonder

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 Readings Exodus 20:18-21 Kyle Matthews
page 58 of the Bible in the pew rack
Ruth 1:6-18
page 210 of the Bible in the pew rack

Responsive Refrain “Ancient Words” (refrain) Lynn DeShazo

Musical notation for the responsive refrain "Ancient Words" (refrain) by Lynn DeShazo. The notation is in 3/4 time and consists of six staves. The lyrics are: An - cient words, ev - er true, chang - ing me and chang - ing you; We have come with op - en hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part. We have come with op - en hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

*Journeying Hymn 234 “Footsteps of Jesus” FOOTSTEPS

Pastoral Prayer Kyle Matthews

Choral Worship “O Love” Elaine Hagenberg
O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O Love, that will not let me go.
– George Matheson

Sermon Journeying Together Taylor Long

Invited to Respond

*Invitation Hymn 331 “The Servant Song” BEACH SPRING

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 Share Deacon
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:9-10)

Musical Offering “Come Down, O Love Divine” Henry Ley
(based on Hymn 207)

Introduction of New Members Carol 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.*

*Benediction Taylor Long

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

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

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