

EXPERIENCE
COMMUNITY
at FIRST BAPTIST GREENVILLE



February 5, 2012
Ten Thirty O'clock
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of Communion

First Baptist Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Gathering

Welcome to Worshipers

Baxter Wynn

We welcome those who are visiting with us today. Please complete a welcome card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We hope you will consider making First Baptist Greenville your church home.

Reflection and Preparation for Worship

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something;
and what I can do, I will."*

– Edward Everett Hale (an American author, historian and Unitarian clergyman)

Introit

"This Amazing Day"

Mark Kilstofte

*i thank you God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
i thank you God for ev'ry thing
which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes*

– e.e. cummings

Prayer for Our Worship

Everlasting God, you give strength to the powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the sick and cast out demons. Make us agents of healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation. Amen.

Praising

*Processional Hymn 40 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Stanzas 1-4 only

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Opening Sentences

Chandler Bradey

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: How good it is to sing praises to our Lord for God is gracious.

Many: **Praise the Lord!**

One: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Many: Praise the Lord!

One: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden: God casts the wicked to the ground.

Many: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

One: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

All: Praise the Lord!

(adapted from Psalm 147:1-11)

Response (Hymn 40, Stanza 5)

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.*

Listening

New Testament Lessons

Mark 1:21-34

Vivian Hamilton

The scripture may be found on page 812 of the Bible in the pew rack.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

The scripture may be found on page 931 of the Bible in the pew rack.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn 241

“Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”

SUTTON COMMON

All children first through fifth grades are invited to come to the front during the singing of the last two stanzas of this hymn.

Children's Sermon

Kyle Matthews

Choral Worship

“Anima Christi”

Robert J. Powell

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesu, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee forever and ever. Amen.*

Sermon

The Conflict of Uncooked Chicken

Merianna Neely

Living

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Passing of the Bread

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas

Passing of the Cup

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Craig Courtney

*Invitation Hymn 230

“Come, You Disconsolate”

CONSOLATOR

Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess your faith or identify with this fellowship. A pastor will greet and receive you.

*Offertory Scripture and Prayer

Rob Hanley

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable. (Isaiah 40:28)

Musical Offering

Prelude on “Rhosymedre”

R. Vaughan Williams

Introduction of New Members

*Doxology (Hymn 28)

OLD 100TH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

TOMER

***God be with you til we meet again.
By His counsels guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you til we meet again.***

Postlude

Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able.

Hearing aid receivers are available. Please contact an usher.

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

Singing solos today are Barbara and Gayle Gulley.
Serving as acolytes are Mason Garner and Joseph McCollum.

The proclaimer today is Merianna Neely, the Youth Ministry intern. Merianna is a graduate of Furman University and is currently working toward a master of divinity degree from Gardner-Webb University. She has been teaching in Spartanburg and overseas for the past four years. She has been leading one of the youth Bible studies on Sunday evenings as well as Wednesday night youth activities.

Merianna Neely is preaching today as part of the Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching sponsored by Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM). The event is named after an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist female preacher. FBCG joins other congregations to celebrate hearing the voices of women as they preach in pulpits across the United States. FBCG, through our affiliation with BWIM, supports their vision of being “a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women.”

Assisting in worship today is Chandler Bradey. Chandler is a junior at James F. Byrnes High School. He is the youth representative on the Missions Committee and an active participant in the Youth Ministry and Youth Choir. Chandler's parents are Loran and Rhonda Bradey.

The deacon assisting in worship today is Rob Hanley. Rob teaches the Fifth Grade Sunday School Class, serves as a greeter and is a member of the SAVER Committee and Affiliations Committee. He and his wife, Lillian, have three children: Maj. Kris Hanley Matthew, Erin and Seth; and one grandson: Sean.

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by the Fellowship Class in memory of their deceased members.

Communion Committee members scheduled to prepare today include John and Martha Burwell.

Deacons scheduled to serve today include Billy Dunlap, Susan S. Shelley, Bert Taylor, Bonnie Arrington, Cindy Craig, Connie Glass, Sid Mitchell, C.J. Young, Shannon Dobson, Laurin McDonald, Harry Shucker, Jim Neal, Tony Arrington, Ben Mullinax, Paul Aiesi, Marietta Bolt, Greg Crowe, Dick Stanford, Camp Wynn, Vaughn CroweTipton and John Harris.

Looking Ahead

February 5, 11:40 a.m. – Children’s Ministry Hosts Senior Adults for Love Luncheon
(Fellowship Hall)

February 10, 10:30 a.m. – *Lunch and More* (Fellowship Hall)

February 10-12 – High School Youth Ski Retreat

February 12, 10:30 a.m. – Matt Rollins, proclaimer

February 12, 6:30 p.m. – Joint Service with Springfield Baptist Church (Sanctuary)
Reception following in Fellowship Hall

February 19, 10:30 a.m. – Youth Sunday

February 19, 6:00 p.m. – *Going Forward* Presentation to Congregation (Fellowship Hall)

February 22, 6:20 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

February 26, 10:30 a.m. – Family Dedication Service – First Sunday of Lent
John Hewett, proclaimer

February 26, 3:00 p.m. – CROP Hunger Walk (Furman University)

February 26, 6:00 p.m. – *Going Forward* Presentation to Congregation (Fellowship Hall)

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

For information on the many mission and ministry opportunities of
First Baptist Greenville, visit the church website at
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(the church newsletter). Some copies are available in the Narthex.

A Community of Believers Each Member A Minister

J.R. Christy, Facilities
Bootie Cothran, Media and Technology
Vivian Hamilton, Music and Worship
Priscilla Harris, Children's Music
Janice R. Johnson, Administration
Kyle Matthews, Worship Arts
Susan Matthews, Youth Music
B. Michelle McClendon, Christian Education
Rod McClendon, Communications/Media Center
Juli Morrow, Preschool
Rosemary New, Infant-Toddler Program
Tina Pryor, Food Services
Becky Ramsey, Children
Matt Rollins, Activities/Young Adults Interim
Frank A. Smith, College and Youth
Kathy Stewart, Kindergarten
Laura Stout, Missions
Charles Tompkins, Organist
Baxter M. Wynn, Pastoral Care and Community Relations

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