



First Baptist Church  
**GREENWOOD**

**March 30, 2025**



# *Welcome to First Baptist Church!*

*We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.*

*We trust you will be blessed by your visit today. Here you can find wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and Christian growth.*

*Please join us again.*

Scan to  
record  
your visit.



FBC Visitor Information

Scan this QR code to complete our guest information form electronically. Or, you may fill out the form on the back of this order of worship and place it in the basket in the narthex.



FBC Giving

Scan to  
give.

Your gifts help fund the many ministries of FBC. You may scan this QR code to give securely online, or place your offering in the basket in the narthex.

## Front Cover Attribution

Graphic Design by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | Original photography by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)



We thank you for silencing your electronic devices during our worship service.



First Baptist Church is pleased to provide a wireless network.

Network Name: FBC\_GUEST  
Password: FBC722@@

**The Worship of God**  
**March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: “God who waits at the door for me, remind me that your grace is wide enough to encompass all my wandering. Remind me that no matter where I go, what mistakes I make, or the many ways I might lose my way—you will always welcome me home with joy and celebration. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen”

—Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Prelude

*0c* “Lift High the Cross”

+++++++ m./Cody Beard, trumpet; Will Cleveland, organ

Music by Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

James White

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Lincoln Baggett

Leader: God’s reach is endless.

**People: God’s mercy is unstoppable.**

Leader: God’s grace is lavish.

**People: God’s love is constant.**

Leader: God’s wisdom is vast.

**People: God’s hope is stubborn.**

Leader: God’s presence is here -

**People: with us, among us, moving through us.**

Leader: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

**People: We are in God’s house.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home

\*Opening Hymn 295 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Invocation and Welcome

David Jennings

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Age 3K-5th grade)

Anna Burch

*(After Scripture Thoughts, all children are invited to meet one of Skoob's friends at the back of the Sanctuary to go to the Fifth Sunday Library Activity.)*

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-21

Brecklyn Timmons

(Pew Bible, NT, page 159)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

\*Offertory Hymn 64

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBIA

Offertory Prayer

Stephen Baggett

Offertory Meditation

“Jesus, My Joy, My Heart’s Desire,” *BWV 610*

Will Cleveland

Music by J.S. Bach

\*Doxology

Rob Passow, 2017

♩ = 80

WONDROUS LOVE  
*Southern Harmony, c. 1843*

All praise to God a - bove, who cre - a - ted the world. Praise to the one who

made all things good. All praise to Je - sus Christ, who gave for us his

life. All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who calls us to love. All

praise the Ho - ly Three - in - one.

When the leader says: Lord, in Your mercy  
**The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Tamara Tillman Smathers

(Pew Bible, NT, page 67)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

Chancel Choir

Words by John Newton (Stanza 4 Anonymous), Music from *Virginia Harmony*

Arranged by Jack Schrader

Copyright 1998 Hope Publishing Company

*All Rights Reserved. One License.Net #A-710156*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there, ten thousand years, bright as the shining sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Amazing grace! Amazing grace; how sweet the sound, the sound.

Sermon

“Full to the Brim—Prodigal Grace”

Tamara Tillman Smathers

\*Hymn of Commitment 474

“Softly and Tenderly”

THOMPSON

Benediction

John Uldrick

**Congregational Response: And also with you.**

Choral Response

“Threefold Amen”

Chancel Choir

Postlude

“Fugue in G Minor,” *BWV 578*  
Music by J.S. Bach

Will Cleveland

### **Welcome Rev. Tamara Tillman Smathers**

We welcome Rev. Tamara Tillman Smathers to the FBC pulpit this morning. Rev. Smathers retired in December 2024 after serving eighteen years as the Minister of Education and Administration of First Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia. Prior to going to First Baptist Rome, Rev. Smathers served as Associate Coordinator of Missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She previously served as CBF Field Personnel to Jordan. Rev. Smathers is a graduate of Samford University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### **Community Lenten Pilgrimage**

**April 2**—Main Street UMC

**April 9**—First Presbyterian Church

**April 16**—Morris Chapel

### **Some reminders:**

First Lunch at noon—Service at 12:30 pm—Second lunch at 1:00 pm  
The cost for lunch is \$2.00.

Offering will be taken and given to Greater Greenwood United Ministry.

### **Building Blocks**

### **Parables and Passion: Jesus’ Stories for the Days of Lent**

Join John Uldrick April 2, 9, and 23 as he uses many of the parables to guide our journey through Lent and our discussions on Wednesday nights. The group will meet in the chapel.

### **Ministry Plan Update (as of March 23)**

Year-to-Date Required:	\$ 229,732.08
Year-to-Date Received:	\$ 144,035.87

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, March 30

- 8:30 am Churchwide Breakfast
- 9:00 am Conversational Conversation  
Children's Missions Activity assisted by the youth
- 9:40 am Children and Youth Sunday School
- 10:40 am Parents pick up children from Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

## Tuesday, April 1

- 10:30 am Dement Waldrep Circle
- 11:45 am *Never Grow Old* Fellowship (NGO)

## Wednesday, April 2—Noon: Deadline April 2 meal reservations

- 8:30 am Contemplative Wednesday
- 12:00 pm First seating for Community Lenten Lunch—Main Street UMC
- 12:30 pm Community Lenten Service—Main Street UMC
- 1:00 pm Second seating for Community Lenten Lunch—Main Street UMC
- 5:30 pm *Bright Beginnings* Preschool Music Activities, *Music Makers* Children's Choir, *Young Musicians* Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal  
Adults: marinated chicken, mixed vegetables, oven roasted potatoes, roll, tossed salad, slaw, cookies, cake, ice cream  
Children: fried chicken, potato tots
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs, Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

## Thursday, April 3

- 12:00pm Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

## Saturday, April 5

- 10:00 am Youth Trash Pick-up and Lunch

## Sunday, April 6

- 8:30 am Property Committee Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth *Sunday Night Live*



722 Grace Street  
Greenwood, SC 29649  
(864) 229-5557

[www.fbcgwd.org](http://www.fbcgwd.org) E-mail: [gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com)

Cheerful Cherubs Preschool  
(864) 229-2787 [www.cheerfulcherubsfb.com](http://www.cheerfulcherubsfb.com)

## Ministers and Staff

John Uldrick ..... Senior Pastor ..... [john.ulderrick.fbcg@gmail.com](mailto:john.ulderrick.fbcg@gmail.com)  
Anna Burch ..... Minister to Children ..... [aeburchfbc@gmail.com](mailto:aeburchfbc@gmail.com)  
David Jennings ..... Minister of Administration ..... [jenningsdaj@gmail.com](mailto:jenningsdaj@gmail.com)  
Keith Jameson ..... Church Music Director ..... [keithjameson@hotmail.com](mailto:keithjameson@hotmail.com)  
Will Thomas Cleveland ... Organist ..... [willthomascleveland@gmail.com](mailto:willthomascleveland@gmail.com)  
Lauren Coker ..... Part-Time Youth Leader ..... [laurenncocker@gmail.com](mailto:laurenncocker@gmail.com)  
Claudia Burch ..... Director of Cheerful Cherubs ..... [claudiaburch5@gmail.com](mailto:claudiaburch5@gmail.com)  
Mary Frances Thompson . Ministry Assistant ..... [gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com)  
Linda Miller ..... Financial Assistant ..... [lindamillerfbc@gmail.com](mailto:lindamillerfbc@gmail.com)



## GUEST INFORMATION

Thank you for joining us today. Please provide us with some information about you so that we may connect with you. Simply separate this page and place it in the offering basket located in the Narthex. If you prefer, you may scan the QR code on the left and leave us your information electronically.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any that  
apply to you.

- ☐ I am new to the area.
- ☐ I am a friend or family of  
a member at FBC.
- ☐ I am looking for a church  
home.
- ☐ I am interested in learning  
more about FBC.
- ☐ I am on vacation or  
traveling.