



First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

April 14, 2024



“Walk to Emmaus”

1560-1565

Lelio Orsi (1511-1587)

National Gallery (Great Britain), London, England

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.

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The Worship of God
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "Emmaus is a metaphor. As Fredrick Buechner reminds us, 'Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to make ourselves forget that the world holds nothing sacred.' Emmaus is where you go when you are trying to forget your troubles. It's where you go to lick your wounds. It's where you go when you just want to escape the pain for a while."
- Layne Smith

Prelude

Robert Wilson

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Cali Weaver

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

"O Church of God, Reach Up, Reach Out!"

Chancel Choir

Words by Roy E. Johnson, Music by Eugene Butler

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O Church of God, this is your hour, This is the time to show your pow'r,

Rise up, O Church begin anew, The Lord has made this day for you!

O Church of God, reach up, reach out!

*Opening Hymn 223

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Invocation and Welcome

David Jennings

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

David Jennings

(Following Scripture Thoughts, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church.)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

(Pew Bible, OT, page 527)

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*Offertory Hymn 665 "Because I Have Been Given Much"

SEMINARY

Offertory Prayer

Jason Reed

Offertory Meditation

Robert Wilson

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Prayers of the People

Keith Jameson

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.

New Testament Reading: Luke 24:13-35
(Pew Bible, NT, page 78)

Layne Smith

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Chancel Choir

Verse 1: Traditional; Verses 2-4: Charlotte Lee
Traditional American Spiritual arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
Incorporating *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
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Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

Jesus died for our salvation, was crucified all by himself;
Oh, nobody else could do it for him, he went to die all by himself.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry him home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry him home.

On that hill, his spirit left him; he breathed his last full breath on earth.
Oh, nobody else could know his suffering; he gave his life that we might live.

When we walk this lonesome valley, we shall not walk it all alone;
For Jesus, our Lord, will be there with us, and guide us to the journey home.
Jesus walked, Jesus died, Jesus lives!

Sermon

“We’ve All Been to Emmaus”

Layne Smith

*Hymn of Commitment 601 “O How I Love Jesus” O HOW I LOVE JESUS

During the Hymn of Commitment, we invite you to respond as God leads you; we welcome you to come forward to share your response with one of the Pastors. Perhaps you would like to make a public profession of faith, seek to be baptized, or to become a member of this church family. We will gladly welcome you into this vibrant community of faith.

Benediction

Layne Smith

Choral Response

“I Am with You Always”

Chancel Choir

Text from Matthew 28:20, Music by Bob Burroughs

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I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Postlude

Robert Wilson

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Rooney by his family.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 14

- 9:30 am Diaconate Executive Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir**
- 5:00 pm Youth Committee

Monday April 15—**Noon, Deadline for Wednesday, April 17 Family Night Meal**

Tuesday, April 16

- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*
- Noon Chokhmah Men's Group

Wednesday, April 17

- 5:00 pm Family Night Meal
 - Adult menu:** Hot dogs with chili, potato tots, baked beans, salad, pimento cheese, ice cream sundae bar, brownies/cake (pimento cheese also will be available for purchase for \$5.00/pint.)
 - Children's menu:** same as adult menu
 - (Menu is subject to change depending on food availability.)**
- 5:15 pm Children's Music activities and Choirs
- 6:30 pm CIAs and Infant and Toddler Childcare, Holy Ground (youth),
Adults meet in Fellowship Hall for presentation Greenwood Food Bank and
Soup Kitchen by Andrea White
Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18—**Deadline to RSVP for April 21 Children's Family Night Activity**

Sunday, April 21

- 8:45 am Property Committee
- 9:00 am Children's Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm Outreach and Membership Committee
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir
- 5:00 pm Children's Family Night Activity
- 7:00 pm Diaconate

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome Uldrick Family

First Baptist is excited to welcome Rev. John and Jennifer Uldrick and family into the FBC family. This past Sunday, April 7, Rev. John Uldrick was extended a call to serve as the next Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church. John will begin his ministry his ministry in Greenwood on June 1. Please begin praying for the Uldrick family as they say good-bye to friends and make the move to Greenwood. John and Jennifer's contact information is below if you would like to make them feel welcome as they make the transition to serve with us at First Baptist.

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Wednesday Meal Reservations

If you are on the permanent Wednesday Meal reservation list, please remember to cancel your meal reservations if you are unable to attend. The Wednesday Night Crew prepares food for the number of reservations. Each reservation not cancelled costs the church money. Thank you for your help to cancel unneeded reservations.

Volunteer Help

A volunteer is needed for Children's Church (3K-5K) on the first Sunday in April, June, August, October, and December. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Children's Family Night Activity Rescheduled

The Children's Committee and Anna realized they moved the Children's Family Night Activity to Master's Sunday. Therefore, children and their families will have the rescheduled family activity night a week later, on April 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a pizza supper, and will include cookie decorating, older children making bracelets, younger children making fruit loop necklaces, and a craft that will be given to homebound church members. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 18 with the number of cheese, pepperoni, or gluten free slices your family will need.**

Children's Playground Night

The next Children's Playground Night is Friday, April 26, from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. This a parent drop off event and we will serve supper. This will be for 1K-5th grade. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 25.**

Building Blocks

The last sessions of the March/April Building Blocks “All about Missions” emphasis are April 17 and April 24. This Wednesday, April 17, Andrea White will share information about the Greenwood Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. On April 24, Tracey Bedenbaugh will share information about “Meals on Wheels.”

In May, in addition to the ongoing Building Block of Chancel Choir and *Growing on Grace*, Mary Frances Thompson and Bill Harris will each offer an option.

Mary Frances will lead *The Power of Preconceptions, Perspectives, and Perceptions*, which will use some fun activities to address some serious issues and help participants move beyond feeling shamed or blamed for actions and attitudes. The group will explore how feeling regret instead of guilt for the actions of our predecessors can help us move toward healing and healthy interactions.

Bill will lead a group discussion on “faith for the rest of the way.” on May 8, 22, and 29. The discussion will be based on the ideas presented by Richard Rohr in his book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Participants will share discoveries and changes in faith through the stages of life.

Since Bill is unavailable on May 1, Lee Wyndham will give some personal testimony as expressed in her book, *My Oh My—A journey of Faith through Marriage, Parenting, and Miracles*.

Calling All Graduates

The First Baptist Church family wants to honor any student (high school, technical school, college, or graduate school) associated with First Baptist who graduated in the Fall of 2023 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2024. These students will be recognized during worship on May 19. Graduate information may be submitted online at www.fbc.org/engage or brought to the church office. **The church office needs the information below no later than May 10.**

Graduate Information Needed:

- Graduate’s Name
- School
- Date of Graduation (Month/Year)
- Degree, if applicable
- Future Plans
- A Recent Photo

Ministry Plan Update (as of April 7):

2024 Year-to-Date Required: \$266,110.18
2024 Year-to-Date Received: \$222,448.02
2024 Deficit: \$ 43,662.16

Serious Illness in Christian Research Study

A local nurse-researcher is conducting a research study about the personal experiences of Christians who regularly attend church and are living with a serious illness that was diagnosed at least one year ago. Participants must speak English and be between 18 and 88 years old. More information is available on the bulletin board near the church office or by calling Judy Lentz, RN,MSN at 864-323-2769.

Chokhmah Men's Group

In addition to the Chokhmah Men's Group's meeting at Fat Daddy's BBQ at noon on Tuesday, April 16, several other activities are being planned. These plans include Fellowship at the Farm on Sunday afternoon, April 28, Breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Wednesday, May 8, and Church Outdoor Workday on May 18. For additional information, Please contact Jason Reed (864) 941-7141.

Message from the First Baptist Leaders

With the calling of Rev. John Uldrick as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church effective June 1, Layne Smith has tendered his resignation to the leaders of the First Baptist Transition Team, Diaconate, and Personnel Committee. Layne and Dianne's last Sunday as Interim Senior Pastor is Sunday, April 28. Layne has graciously arranged for guest ministers to preach during the month of May.

*The First Baptist Transition Team
cordially invites everyone to a
reception honoring*

Layne and Dianne Smith

*Sunday, April 28, 2024
in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following worship*

*There will be a basket for those who wish
to bring a personal note or love offering.*



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- ☐ I am a friend or family of
a member at FBC
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- ☐ I am interested in learning
more about FBC
- ☐ I am on vacation or
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