



First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

April 21, 2024



“If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God. Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it.”

1 John 3:17-18 CEV

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The Worship of God
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "The love spoken of in scripture is not self-generated. It is not a testament to human grit, determination, and effort. The way we love and the way we fail to love, reveals our parentage, reveals who we follow, who we worship." Layne Smith

Prelude Robert Wilson

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Wade Thomas Batson

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "O Church of God, Reach Up, Reach Out!" Chancel Choir
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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 23 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

Invocation and Welcome Keith Jameson

Scripture Thoughts for Children (Age 3K-5th Grade) Anna Burch
*(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 23
(Pew Bible, OT, page 464)

Kelly Rhodes

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*Offertory Hymn 544

“In the Bulb”

PROMISE

Offertory Prayer

Ashley Wilkie

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

David Jennings

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: 1 John 3:16-24
(Pew Bible, NT, page 213)

Layne Smith

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Look at the World”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by John Rutter

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Look at the world, everything all around us;
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.
Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see;
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river field and plain.
Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see;
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Think of the spring,
Think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.
Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see;
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of His love;
We are His hands, stewards of all His bounty,
His is the earth and His the heavens above.
Praise to Thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see;
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.
All things come of Thee.

Sermon

“Never Getting Tired”

Layne Smith

*Hymn of Commitment 272 “They’ll Know We are Christians” ST. BRENDAN’S

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.

Pastoral Blessing

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 Finis Horne by Bettie Rose Horne.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 21

- 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
- 6:00 pm Diaconate

Monday April 22—**Noon, Deadline for Wednesday, April 24 Family Night Meal**

Tuesday, April 23

- 10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*
- 5:00 pm Edgewood Cemetery and Mausoleum Board meeting

Wednesday, April 24

- 5:00 pm Family Night Meal
 - Adult menu:** beef tips/peppers/onions, rice, broccoli casserole, rolls, salad, marinated pasta salad, peach cobbler, ice cream
 - Children's menu:** hamburgers, chips
 - (Menu is subject to change depending on food availability.)**
- 5:30 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 about "Meals on Wheels" by Tracey Bedenbaugh
- Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 25—**Deadline to RSVP for Children's Playground Night**

- 4:00 pm First Baptist Church Foundation Board meeting

Friday, April 26

- 5:30 pm Children's Playground Night

Sunday, April 28

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Dedication of Ren Hewitt
- Noon Reception for Layne and Diane Smith
- 2:30 pm Chokhmah Men's Group Fun at the Farm
- 4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

CHURCH NEWS

2025 Ministry Plan Development Meeting

Stewardship Committee Chair, Dianna Glymph, would like to meet with all committee chairs and individuals with line items in the annual Ministry Plan at 9:30 am on Sunday morning, May 5. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to everyone regarding the development of the 2025 Ministry Plan. Please contact Dianna Glymph if you have any questions.

Sounds of Grace Spring Concert at *Never Grow Old*

The *Sounds of Grace* will present a spring concert of sacred music at the *Never Grow Old* Fellowship on Tuesday, May 7. The senior choir is directed by David Corbitt and accompanied by Stephanie Turner. The program will begin at 11:45 am, followed by the catered meal. Please come and bring a guest to support our dedicated senior choir members.

The menu for the meal is chicken strips, macaroni pie, green beans, and strawberry shortcake. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. **If you are not a member, please call the church office by Thursday, May 2, to make your reservation for the meal.** The group will not meet again until October.

Chokhmah Men's Group

Several activities are being planned for the Chokhmah Men's Group. These plans include Fellowship at the Farm on Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 2:30 pm, 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.

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.

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 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 session of the March/April Building Blocks “All about Missions” emphasis is this Wednesday, 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

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.*

Ministry Plan Update (as of April 14):

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$285,118.05
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$235,893.02
2024 Deficit:	\$ 49,225.03



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- ☐ I am interested in learning
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- ☐ I am on vacation or
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