



# First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

April 27, 2025



## **“Peter Preaching”**

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**The Worship of God**  
**April 27, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Dedication of Ezra Elizabeth Bridges**  
**Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock**

Meditation: “If Jesus were not raised from the dead, the disciples were at best fools, and at worst, liars. What we know about the Christian life comes from the pen of men moved and guided by God to write the words we call the New Testament. The original apostles died martyrs’ deaths on the basis of their belief that the resurrection took place just as predicted, and that they saw Him alive again.” —Jim Elliff

Prelude                      “The Head That Was Once Crowned with Thorns”                      Will Cleveland  
Music by Christopher Tambling

## Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Thayer Reed

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!

Hymn of Celebration 415      “Lift High the Cross”      CRUCIFIER

Invocation and Welcome Anna Burch

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Christian Family Dedication of Ezra Elizabeth Bridges

**John:** *We gather to celebrate the wonderful plan God has for each person—and especially for Ezra Elizabeth Bridges, who is presented today. The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...”*

**All:** *“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” We recognize the remarkable gift of God—the gift of children. As the family of God, we join with you in your desire to raise your child in a Christian home.*

**Parents:** *We understand we are the primary faith influencers for our children. We promise to rely on the wisdom of our Creator as we raise Ezra. We will teach our children God's truths and model God's love as they discover God's plan for their lives. We will create a home for Ezra where God will live with us.*

**All:** *As the people of God, we covenant together to love, nurture, and care for Ezra and this family entrusted to our care. We will pray for Ezra, teach her, and support her as she grows in the grace, love, and knowledge of God. Thank you, God, for the gift of children.*

**John:** *We thank you, God, that You name us as Your own creation. We ask You to watch over Ezra and all the children in our care as they learn and grow. Bless and guide Ezra wherever life leads; help her retain her innocence in a harsh world.*

**All:** *Strengthen Ezra as she learns to stand and walk; Comfort her when she is sad, discouraged, or disillusioned.*

**John:** *Raise her up if she falls and help her learn from the fall; and may Your peace which passes all understanding find a place in her life, heart, and home for all of this life and eternity through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Anna (to Children in worship):**

*Do you promise to love Ezra and celebrate with her when she is happy?*

**Children: Yes!**

**Anna (to Children in worship):**

*Do you promise to teach Ezra about Jesus through Bible stories?*

**Children: Yes!**

**Anna (to Children in worship):**

*Will you be her friend when she is alone and help her when she is hurt?*

**Children: Yes!**

***Anna (to Children in worship):***

*Will you comfort Ezra when she is sad or scared and share your toys and markers with her?*

***Children: Yes!***

***All: Thank you, God, for the gift of children. Amen.***

*(Following Ezra's dedication, 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 150

Carole Russell

(Pew Bible, OT, page 546)

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

God Sightings

Brenda Rickborn

\*Offertory Hymn 249

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

AZMON

Offertory Prayer

Lew Dorrity

Offertory

"Jesus Lives"

Will Cleveland

Music by Philip Moore

\*Doxology

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

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Song of Remembrance

### “Gentle Rose of Beauty”

Keith Jameson

*The white roses on the Communion table are  
in remembrance of Susan Sims and Rose Whaley.*

Sweetly ♩ = 70

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a 'Piano' dynamic and a tempo marking of 'Sweetly' with a quarter note equal to 70 beats. The score includes performance directions: 'Piano', 'rit.' (ritardando), and 'a tempo'. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 4, 7, and 10 indicated at the start of their respective lines.

Gen - tle rose of beau - ty,  
Gen - tle soul of beau - ty,

4 Gen - tle rose of sub - tle per - fumed air. bloom of God's cre - a - tion,  
Gen - tle soul of faith and dig - ni - ty. Soul of God's cre - a - tion,

7 pet - als kissed by dew, re - mind - ing all God cares for me and you, Gen - tle rose of  
safe - ly in Your hand, Let them rest in Thy e - ter - nal land. Gen - tle soul of

10 hea - ven, here to give us joy and won - der, beau - ty, grace, and love.  
hea - ven, Thank God for your life well - lived, your faith, and joy, and love.

## New Testament Reading: Acts 5:27-32

John Uldrick

(Pew Bible, NT, page 106)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*Hymn of Commitment 581	“I Love to Tell the Story”	HANKEY
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**Congregational Response: And also with you.**

Postlude “Thine Is the Glory” Will Cleveland  
Music by Anna Laura Page

The **Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Finis Horne by Bettie Rose Horne.

Year-to-Date Required:	\$ 306,309.44
Year-to-Date Received:	\$ 187,081.52

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, April 27

- 8:00 am Property Committee
- 9:50 am Worship Preparation Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Dedication of Ezra Elizabeth Bridges
- 12:00 pm Women's Circles Period Project
- 6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting

## Tuesday, April 29

- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir

## Wednesday, April 30—Noon: Deadline April 30 meal reservations

### Deadline for NGO reservation for May 6

- 4:30 pm Stewardship Committee
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal  
Adults and children: hot dogs, pimento cheese, chips, potato tots, baked beans, salad, cole slaw, cobbler, cookies, ice cream
- 6:30 pm M(us)ic and M(in)istry Night, childcare for ages two and under

## Thursday, May 1

- 12:00 pm Peggy Hollingsworth Circle

## Saturday, May 3

- 10:00 am Children and their families meet at Alexander U-Pick Patch (389 Waterfall Dr., Mountville, SC) to pick strawberries

## Sunday, May 4

- 9:50 am Worship Preparation Meeting
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth *Sunday Night Live*

## Monday, May 5

- 10:30 am Alma Johnson Circle
- 6:30 pm Rosemary Benjamin Circle

## Tuesday, May 6

- 10:30 am Dement Waldrop Circle
- 11:45 am *Never Grow Old* (NGO) Fellowship
- 5:00 pm Cultivating Generous Congregations Cohort



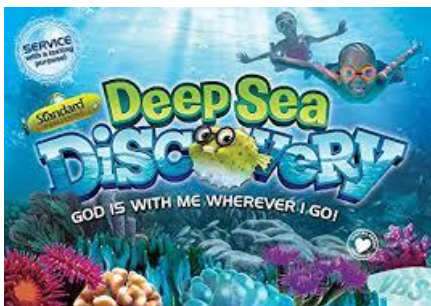


## Calling All Graduates

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 2024 or who will graduate in the Spring or Summer of 2025. These students will be recognized during worship on May 18. Graduate information may be submitted via email ([gfbcs@gmail.com](mailto:gfbcs@gmail.com)) or brought to the church office. **The church office needs the information below no later than May 9.**

### Graduate Information Needed:

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



## Vacation Bible School 2025

With the shortened summer, the Children's Committee is going to try holding VBS the Wednesday nights in May. (May 7, 14, 21, 28)

Invite friends!

**Supper for Children and Volunteers**

**5:30 pm-6:00 pm**

**VBS 6:00 pm -7:30 pm**

If you are interested in volunteering, let Anna know! ([aeburchfbc@gmail.com](mailto:aeburchfbc@gmail.com))

**MAY 18 - WORSHIP**

**GRADUATE  
RECOGNITION AND  
YOUTH SUNDAY**

JOIN US AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
OUR GRADUATES!

All graduates wishing to be  
recognized, please alert the church  
office on or before May 9th.



**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Third  
Congregational  
Conversation**

9:00 AM - BREAKFAST IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
9:30 AM - SESSION BEGINS  
11:00 AM - WORSHIP BEGINS

BE A PART OF THE FINAL  
PLANNING CONVERSATION  
FOR A BRIGHT AND FULL  
FUTURE!



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more about FBC.
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