



First Baptist Church **GREENWOOD**

May 18, 2025

*"So then,
even to Gentiles
God has granted
repentance that
leads to life."*

Acts 11:18, NIV



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We are a warm fellowship of Christian believers.

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The Worship of God
May 18, 2025
Graduate Recognition and Youth Sunday
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: Learning is a life-long process that sometimes requires unlearning what served us well in the past, but now hinders our relationships with God and others.

Prelude

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus ”
Music by Paul Manz

Will Cleveland

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Evelyn English

Call to Worship

Lake Atkins

Leader: Many voices are speaking to us today
in the movie theaters, on the concert stages, on the television.

**People: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,
to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

Leader: Many voices are speaking to us today
in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

**People: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,
to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

Leader: Many voices are speaking to us today
through celebrities, commercials, and through media.

**People: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,
to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

Leader: As many voices ring in our ears,
we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases you,
and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.

**People: Strengthen each of us to choose the high road,
to live up to the greatness you placed within us,
and to honor You in all our ways.
Lord, we will listen for *Your* voice. Amen.**

*Hymn of Celebration 223 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

Invocation and Welcome Anna Griffis Atkins

Recognition of Graduates Lauren Coker

Charge to the Graduates Lauren Coker

Prayer of Blessing for the Graduates Anna Burch

Recognition of Stokes Memorial Scholarship Recipient David Jennings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 148 Edel McDowell
(Pew Bible, OT, page 546)

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

Graduate Moment Lily Martin

*Offertory Anthem and Hymn “Let All the People Praise Thee”
Voices of Grace Youth Choir

Words based on Psalm 67:3, and by Isaac Watts
Music Natalie Sleeth, incorporating the Tune: ST. ANNE, by William Croft
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Congregation sings two verses of the tune: ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy past, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

Offertory Prayer Camden Nave

Offertory Meditation “Your Dreams Will Give You Wings” Lily Martin, soloist

Words and Music by Beverly Psomas

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As you go toward tomorrow, hold the memory of today,
The times we have shared, the love that lights your way.
Hold on to faith and hope to the strength inside of you.
Give love and truth to those you meet and to yourself be true—
You can climb the highest mountain, achieve the greatest things
With your faith to give you strength, your dreams to give you wings.

You will look beyond today, take one step at a time.
Keep reaching for your dream, every mountain you will climb.
Each day's a new beginning, a fresh and brand new start.
Draw strength from deep inside you and love from in your heart.
You can climb the highest mountain, achieve the greatest things
With your faith to give you strength, your dreams give you wings.

You can climb the highest mountain, feel the joy that it will bring,
With your faith to give you strength, your dreams to give you wings.
Your dreams will give you wings.

*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, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Graduate Moment

Brecklyn Timmons

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sam Smith

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: Acts 11:1-18
(Pew Bible, NT, page 113)

Anna Elizabeth Turner

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel”

Voices of Grace Youth Choir

Traditional Spiritual Adapted and Arranged by Roger Emerson

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Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel,
Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion’s den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?

Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel,
Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;
It landed me over on Canaan’s shore, and I’ll never come back no more.

Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel,
Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?
Didn’t my Lord Deliver Daniel!

Sermon

“Rumors of the Resurrection: Even the Gentiles?”

John Uldrick

*Hymn of Commitment 488 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” BEACH SPRING

Benediction

John Uldrick

Congregational Response: And also with you.

Choral Response

“Voices of Grace Amen” *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

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Postlude

“Fugue in G Major,” *BWV 577*

Will Cleveland

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

2025 High School Graduates



Lily Martin

Cambridge Academy, May 2025

Plans to attend Furman University,
majoring in Music



Brecklyn Timmons

Greenwood High School, May 2025

Plans to attend College of Charleston,
majoring in Communications

Take a moment to stop by the Fellowship Hall and celebrate our two graduating high school seniors! Special tables have been set up to honor their achievements and mark this exciting milestone. Drop by, leave a note of encouragement, and help us surround them with love and support as they step into this next chapter.

2025 College Graduates



Marshall Young

Winthrop University, May 2025

B.S. Degree in Accounting

Plans to pursue a Masters in Accounting at Winthrop



Cody Beard

University of Idaho, May 2025

Master of Music Degree in Trumpet Performance

Plans to continue advancing performing career and
pursue a teaching position in higher education

Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship

Today the Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior. This award was established by the family of Tony Stokes with gifts in his memory. The scholarship is given to recognize a young person with qualities that Tony felt were important: church participation, moral character, fun, a sense of purpose, and Christian faith. Tony Stokes, his wife Claudia, and their children, Jason and Jennifer, came to FBC in the 1980s. Even though Tony was a Sunday School teacher and Claudia sang in the choir in their previous church, they moved to FBC at the request of their children, who desired a more active youth program. Shortly after becoming a member of FBC, Tony was diagnosed with brain cancer. FBC ministered to the family throughout Tony's illness and death and assisted Claudia as she reared her children as a single parent. The Stokes Award was established in 1990 to give a "pat on the back" to a high school senior whose faith and potential Tony would have affirmed.

Tony Stokes Memorial Scholarship Recipients

1991 - Christy Coleman	1992 - Tanya Stockman	1993 - Greer Hughston
1994 - Julie Coleman	1995 - Shelby Dominick	1996 - Mary Grace Young
1997 - Matthew B. Edwards	1998 - Suzanne Moore	1999 - Elizabeth Baggett
2000 - Erin Ridgeway	2001 - Sara Baggett	2002 - Rebecca Hamrick
2003 - Tori Reynolds	2004 - Russell Dorn	2005 - Robin Smith
2006 - Rob Stevenson	2007 - Emmely Standley	2008 - Lane Riley
2009 - Caleb Hopkins	2010 - Gentry Hamrick	2011 - Luke Fender
2012 - Jennifer Jennings	2013 - Ashton Cox Kathleen Snead	2014 - Mary C. Turner
2015 - Darcy Compton	2016 - Ariel Norris	2017 - Ben Bagwell
2018 - Andrew Waldron	2019 - Hannah Bagwell	2020 - Brady Bagwell
2021 - Thomas Rude	2022 - Marshall Smith	2023 - No Applicants
2024 - Evie Craigo	2025 -	

The **Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alice and Charlie Beaudrot by Jim and Anna Scott Snead.

Ministry Plan Update (as of May 11)

Year-to-Date Required:	\$ 383,742.46
Year-to-Date Received:	\$ 235,156.83

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 18

9:00 am	Church-wide Breakfast
9:30 am	Third Congregational Conversation
9:30 am	Sunday School for children and youth
11:00 am	Worship—Graduate Recognition and Youth Sunday
12:15 pm	Reception for Anna Burch
4:00 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting

Monday, May 19

4:30 pm	FBC Foundation Meeting
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Wednesday, May 21

5:30 pm	VBS Supper for Children and Volunteers
5:30 pm	Youth Pool/Lake Night at the home of the Firmins (408 Lakeport Dr.)
6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School, Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 22

6:30 pm	Cheerful Cherubs End of the Year Program
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Sunday, May 25

9:00 am	Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee
10:00 am	Bible Study
11:00 am	Worship (No Extended Session)

Monday, May 26—Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 28

5:30 pm	VBS Supper for Children and Volunteers
6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School, Chancel Choir



**Immediately following worship today
everyone is invited
to a reception
honoring Anna Burch
as she transitions
from her role as
Minister to Children**

Express your appreciation for the work Anna has done in providing fun and enriching spiritual formation activities for FBC children. Offer your blessings to Anna as she enters a new chapter of her life.

No Extended Session Next Sunday, May 25

At the heart of family worship is the truth that every member, no matter how young, is a vital part of the Body of Christ. Including children in worship teaches them the value of community, faith, and devotion.

Next Sunday, May 25, FBC invites all children to worship in the Sanctuary during the entire worship service. Wiggling, whispering, giggling, and maybe even a little crying will enhance the service for everyone as we are reminded that we are all loved and valued by God. To encourage parents to bring all children to be in the Sanctuary, no Extended Session will be available downstairs.



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- ☐ I am new to the area.
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a member at FBC.
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home.
- ☐ I am interested in learning
more about FBC.
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