

CHURCHWIDE MINISTRY



TODAY at 11:30 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

GRADUATE
RECOGNITION SERVICE

Next Sunday, May 5, 9:30 AM

PENTECOST
Sunday, May 19

We invite you to wear red as a visible reminder of an invisible reality as we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit at work both in our lives and in the life of our church.

BIBLE STUDY



Thursday, May 2
Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, April 26.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, May 16
Noon in Fellowship Hall
Bud Vases for Senior Living
Facilities/Homebound

Cost: \$10.00 Menu: Sandwiches (Turkey, Ham and Cheese, or Chicken Salad), Tossed Salad, Potato Salad, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office to make a reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, May 10.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5

Offertory Prayer: Bob Lingle
Visitor Outreach: Lise Lingle
Children's Worship: Anna Logan Dickson
Nursery: TBD
Security: Dean Cate and Jeff Neal

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SPRING CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMANCE

May 8 — 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Followed by lemonade and light refreshments in the Rock Room!

MISSION RACERS

May 15 — 5:30 PM in the Pavilion
Everyone is invited to join!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3-6 — 5:30-8:00 PM

For children who have completed 4K-5th grade. To pre-register visit bit.ly/FBCVBS2024 or scan the QR Code to the right.



PASSPORT KIDS

June 30 - July 3

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 22 at 10:00 AM in room 212.
Mission focus: Calvary Children's Home

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Monday, April 29

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
5:45 PM Children's Dress Rehearsal for Spring Performance
Youth Group
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Youth Homework and Hangout

Thursday, May 2

Beacon Published
12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 5

9:30 AM Worship and Graduate Recognition
10:30 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Rebecca Drew (daughter of Sam and Cathy Drew) and Will Council who were married on April 13, 2024.



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We covenant as Christ followers, through humility and love, to share in God's ongoing work of redemption and to serve our world by creating a safe space for healing and wholeness, growth and transformation, awe and wonder.

Welcome

April 28, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday, which falls on May 19, this year. The season of Easter is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, and Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation. (from *Seeking God's Face by Philip Reinders*)

Serving Today

Offertory Prayer: Lise Lingle
Visitor Outreach: Bob Lingle

Acolytes:
Avery Owens and Ivy Owens

Trinity Chimes: Harper Gilmer

Children's Worship: Elana Roach

Nursery: TBD

Security:
Bill Wilson and Adam Gathers

Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Associate Pastor
Mr. Mike Darby, Housing Ministry Manager
Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist
Mrs. Lesley Hudgins, Financial Manager
Dr. Josh Hunt, Pastor
Rev. Chris Liles, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Royals, Communications Manager
Miss Natalie Rutledge, Musician in Residence
Mr. Jamie Smith, Asst. Music Director
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music
Mr. Greg Wilson, Facilities Manager

The Worship of God

“O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.”

Gathering for Worship Kelly Smith, Pianist

Welcome Katherine Wilson, Vision Team Member

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd* arr. Don Hustad
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Chiming of the Trinity

Invocation “Hearing Better Voices” by Walter Brueggemann Katherine Wilson

*Hymn No. 340 *He Hideth My Soul* KIRKPATRICK

Pastoral Prayer Naomi Black-Bass

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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 have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Songs of Praise and Worship Praise Team

Hosanna, Praise Is Rising—Baloche
Forever - Tomlin

Offertory Prayer Lise Lingle

Offertory Music *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* arr. Jack Schrader

Praising God For His Gifts To Us Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Trinity Chimes

Rung by one of our children as we pray, the Trinity Chimes are a reminder that God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that we gather in God's house; that we are God's people; and that we seek God's will for our worship.

Cheerful Giving Is a Part of Worship

While we will collect offering by passing our offering plates, we also have the ability to receive gifts electronically. Electronic giving is available at andersonfbc.org/give, through our church app, or by texting [fbcanderson](text:fbcanderson) and a dollar amount to 73256.

*Please stand if able.

Scripture **Exodus 33:12-23** Jeff Neal, Vision Team Member
(Pew Bible Page 87)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Mack Wilberg
Sanctuary Choir

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.

(Children please exit for Children's Worship at this time.)

Sermon “Creating a Safe Space” Josh Hunt

*Hymn No. 25 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

Benediction Josh Hunt

Postlude *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. John Carter
Ramona Hallman, Organist

Children's Worship

We invite elementary-aged children to attend Children's Worship during the service this morning. our Children's Worship leaders will exit with children at the front door to the right of the sanctuary when indicated in the bulletin. This will be a time for a child-focused discussion of Scripture and worship themes, and will be followed by Sunday School in the same space. Parents may pick up their children from the Rock Room (329) on the third floor of the education building at 11:30.

The Invitation

We invite you to commit your life to Jesus Christ as His disciple and to join our congregation as a member. We receive members in one of three ways: upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer's baptism; by transfer of membership from another Christian church; or by statement of previous Christian experience. This process begins when you respond to the invitation at the conclusion of worship by coming forward to request membership. It continues with a conversation with one of our ministers, a new member orientation (offered periodically), and a vote by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. We'd love the opportunity to talk with you about becoming a Christian or joining our church as a member.