



First Baptist Church GREENWOOD

February 23, 2025



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The Worship of God
February 23, 2025
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: "Worship is when the mind apprehends great truth about God, and the heart kicks in with deep feelings of brokenness or wonder and gladness and admiration and gratitude, and the mouth says something like, 'Blessed be God! O blessed and praised and honored and glorified be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'"

—John Piper

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Will Cleveland
Music by Anna Laura Page

Lighting of the Gospel Candles Banks Rhodes

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship "Come from the Ark" Chancel Choir
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Come from the ark, all who dwell inside, now dawns the eternal Spring,
God's rainbow shines across the sky, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*Hymn of Celebration 341 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX
Verse 1 and 2: All
Verse 3: Women
Verse 4: Men
Verse 5: Chancel Choir
Verse 6: All

Invocation and Welcome David Jennings

*Those who are able, please stand.

*Offertory Hymn 66 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” RESIGNATION
(During this hymn, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a
Children’s Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children’s Church.)

Offertory Prayer

Lewis Dorrity

Offertory Meditation "Come, Holy Spirit, Live in Me" *Young Musicians*
Kayla Beard, director; Will Thomas Cleveland, piano; Byron Hilley, flute
Words by Terry D. Taylor, Traditional English Melody, Tune: O WALY, WALY
Arranged by Vicki Hancock Wright
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Come, Holy Spirit, live in me. Teach me Your truth that sets me free.
Help me obey Your still small voice, and guide my ev’ry word and choice.

Come, Holy Spirit, live in me. Bring to my heart Your harmony.
Bring peace and calm into my strife, and let Your comfort fill my life.

You are the Wind; You are the Dove; You are the Flame; You show God's love.

Come, Holy Spirit, live in me, and make my life Your melody,
To show God's love and sing God's praise, and serve my Savior all my days.

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Anna Burch

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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 8:13-22
(Pew Bible, OT, page 6)

John Uldrick

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

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”
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Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Sermon

“Noah—Worship as a Response”

John Uldrick

Holy Communion

The Bread

The Cup

*Hymn of Commitment 584 “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” LANDAS

Benediction

John Uldrick

Congregational Response: And also with you.

Choral Response

“An Ark of Mercy Rode the Flood”

Chancel Choir

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An ark of mercy rode the flood, but we, where waters swirled,
Rebuilt, impatient of the good, another fallen world: an unrepentant world.

Renewed, restored, we look ahead to glimpse that glorious day,
When in the new Jerusalem, all griefs will pass away. “Amen. Hallelujah!”

Postlude

“Organ Sonata No. 4,” *IV. Allegro e Vivace*
Music by Felix Mendelssohn

Will Cleveland

The flowers in the narthex are given by the Parham family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Craig Holbrook Parham, whose birthday was February 28.

NOYE’s FLUDDE Housing Needed

Keith is in need of TWO members who might have a guest house or extra space to house our two Met Opera artists: Kyle Pfortmiller (and his wife Carol) and Kirstin Chavez (along with her French bulldog Luna). If you have a place, or know someone who might be willing to help, please contact Keith ASAP. Kyle is singing our Noye, and Kirstin is singing Noye’s Wife. They will be here Friday March 7, departing Saturday, March 15. Thank you for any and all help.

Community Lenten Pilgrimage

March 5—First Baptist Church Greenwood

March 12—Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 19—Greenwood ARP

March 26—South Main Baptist Church

April 2—Main Street UMC

April 9—First Presbyterian Church

April 16—Morris Chapel

Some reminders:

First Lunch at noon

Service at 12:30 pm

Second lunch at 1:00 pm

The cost for lunch is \$2.00.

Offering will be taken and given to
Greater Greenwood United Ministry.

2025 Ministry Plan Update (as of February 16)

2025 Year-to-Date Required: \$ 134,010.38

2025 Year-to-Date Received: \$ 86,693.12

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 23

- 9:00 am Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee
Missions Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Children and families attend *Mufusa* movie
- 5:30 pm *Noye's Fludde* rehearsal for all children and youth

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26—Noon: Deadline February 26 meal reservations

- 5:30 pm *Bright Beginnings* Preschool Music Activities, *Music Makers* Children's Choir, *Young Musicians* Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Family Night Meal—chicken pot pie, yellow rice pilaf, rolls, tossed salad, apple salad, ice cream, coconut pie
Kids' Menu: hamburgers, potato tots
- 6:30 pm Childcare, CIAs, Holy Ground (youth), Building Blocks (adults), Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 1

- 10:00 am *Noye's Fludde* music rehearsal

Sunday, March 2

- 8:30 am Property Committee
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship—Holy Communion
- 5:00 pm *Noye's Fludde* rehearsal for all children and youth

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:30 am Dement Waldrep Circle
- 11:45 am *Never Grow Old* Fellowship
- 1:30 pm *Sounds of Grace* Senior Adult Choir



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