

Welcome to First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro

Thank you for being here for worship today. We are honored to have you as our guest! If you would like to be added to our church email list, please send an email to katie1fbc@gmail.com and Katie will be happy to do that for you.

You may also go to our website, www.firstbaptistnw.org and sign up as a site member, you will then be able to view our church prayer list and add a prayer request of your own.

This Week at First Baptist

Sun. July 21

11:00 a.m. Youth-led PASSPORTchoices Worship Service

Wed., July 24

10:00 a.m. Children & Youth Digging Potatoes, Picnic Lunch, & Lake Day

Thurs., July 25

11:00 a.m. CareNet Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group, in **large conf. room**

1:00 p.m. "Shelf Indulgence" Book Club meets

Fri., July 26

11:30-1:30 p.m. Youth Fast Food Friday

Sun., July 28

9:15 a.m. Library Open

9:45 a.m. Bible Study for all ages (nursery birth-3 years)

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Announcements

*July is our month to collect food and baby items for the h.o.p.e. food pantry and baby closet. If you would like to give a monetary donation, h.o.p.e. can make those funds go even further by purchasing food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. For example, each \$10 buys FIFTY pounds of food. Thank you for your generosity!

*This week, Youth will meet Wed., July 24 for an activity.

*The CareNet Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support group will meet in the large conference room Thurs., July 25 at 11 a.m.

**"Shelf Indulgence" Book club meets Thurs., July 25 at 1 p.m.

*Youth Fast Food Friday on July 26 from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

*Wed., July 31, the Youth will eat supper and pack food boxes at h.o.p.e.

Volunteer Schedule

	July 21	July 28
Ushers	Tommy Caudill's Team	Frank Day's Team
SS Nursery	Sara McCall	Lou Pendry
Worship Nursery	Adena Greene	Ashley Davis
SS Greeters	Jim & Marie Waddell	Frank & Sandy Day
Worship Greeters	Patricia Alexander	Karen Newman
Visitor's Table	Marie Waddell	Madelene Johnson
Open Up	Danny Stanley	Danny Stanley
Lock Up	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis

This Week's Birthdays

July 21: Jim Caudill
Dan Murphy

July 27: Bill Bumgarner
Hilda Smith

July 23: Linda Absher
Rod Watts

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Come to the Water
PASSPORTCHOICES
SUNDAY
July 21, 2024

Ministers: Every Member
Senior Pastor: Dr. Bert Young
Associate Pastor: Rev. Patricia Turner
Director of Music: Larisa Leapley
Organist/Pianist: Tammy Prevette
Children's Director: Jamie Higginbotham

The Worship of Our Lord

PASSPORTchoices Sunday

July 21, 2024

Prelude Myra Johnson
Down to the River to Pray arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Patricia Turner

Come to the Water

*Welcome and Invitation to Worship Rev. Patricia Turner

Verse of the Week Rev. Patricia Turner
All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! – Isaiah 55:1a (CEB)

Exchanging of Peace Dr. Bert Young
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you

Praise Song Youth & Congregation
My Lord Is Near Me All the Time (see insert)

Passport Story Noah Horton

Special Music Lake Carver and Aurora Higginbotham
The Right Side Flatt Lonesome

Come to the Water: Float

Verse of the Day Blake Huffman
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. – Isaiah 43:2 (CEB)

Passport Story Blake Huffman

**Float Litany Lake Carver & Aurora Higginbotham

Leader 1: Please join us in the reading of our litany. You're invited to respond with the words found in bold.

Leader 2: Today, we invite the elements of the storm to worship with us.

People: The wild winds and dark clouds, the lightning flash and thunder roll.

Leader 1: We invite the hurricane to join us in wonder:

People: Fierce gales, blinding rains, crashing waves, and swaying trees.

Leader 2: But with our invitation, there are questions.

People: Where is our God in all of this? Where is God in the storm?

Leader 1: Where is God in the hurricane? Is God sending forth wild winds in anger?

People: Or is God present where the rains strike the land?

Leader 2: Where is God in the tsunami? Forcing a wall of water onto the shore?

People: Or is God present with the victims left on the sand?

Leader 1: Yes, where is our God in all of this?

Leader 2: Where is our God in the storm?

Leader 1 & 2: God says, People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.

Song of Praise Youth and Congregation
The Joy of the Lord (see insert)

Come to the Water: Drink

Verse of the Day Mickey Leapley
All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, rivers of living water will flow out from within him. – John 7:37-38 (CEB)

Passport Story Ainsley Young

*Reading *Water Is Life* Caleb Huffman

Come to the Water: Dive

Verse of the Day Camden Higginbotham
God's various ministries are carried out everywhere, but they all originate in God's Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:5 (MSG)

*Diver's Prayer Camden Higginbotham

Protect us on this Dive;
Keep the waters clear and calm;
And keep us all from harm.

Show us all the wonders;
As we go into the sea!
Show us all the beauty;
You made for us to see.

Now, guide our hearts and hands
To love and serve the world.
Here we go. We're diving in. Amen.

Passport Story Eva Scott

Special Music: Passport Theme Song Youth
Come to the Water David & Colleen Burroughs

Come to the Water: Swim

Verse of the Day Caleb Huffman
But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. – Amos 5:24

Prayer Experience Rev. Patricia Turner

*Let Justice Roll Down Prayer

Leader: God, we are burdened by the amount of injustice in our world today,

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: There is so much pain and so much hurt, but we know that You have other plans:

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: Teach us to be people who pray:

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: Teach us to be people who act:

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: As we include those who are excluded and love those who feel unloved,

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: As we hold leaders accountable for words and actions that harm instead of heal,

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: As we are transformed into never-ending springs of life-giving water,

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

Leader: As our churches become rivers of justice washing away the barriers in our community,

People: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN!

ALL: Amen

Passport Staffer Story Evan Zelensky

Hymn of Commitment Youth & Congregation
God's Spirit Will be Poured (see insert)
(Words written by Grace Notes choice group.)

Benediction Caleb Huffman

Postlude Myra Johnson
Classic Praise with Handel's Water Music arr. Dino Kartsonaki
Trans. For piano Dick Torrrens

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Lyrics Sheet

Praise Song after Exchanging of the Peace

"My Lord Is Near Me All the Time"

In the lightning flash across the sky His mighty power I see

And I know if He can reign on high His light can shine on me

I've seen it in the lightning heard it in the thunder and felt it in the rain

My Lord is near me all the time

My Lord is near me all the time

Hymn of Commitment after Staffer Story

"God's Spirit Will Be Poured"

(to the TUNE of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

May we float Lord in your presence

As we come to you again

Come and drink the Living Water

Fill our cup with love no end

We'll be safe in your loving arms

You will carry us to shore

Open up your heart to Jesus

Where God's spirit will be poured

May we dive into your service

In your ministry we lead

You can use us for your purpose

Spreading justice with good deeds

When injustice stands in our way

Teach us how to get around

Now we come into the water

It is God's love we have found

Lyrics Sheet

Song of Praise after Float Litany

"The Joy of the Lord"

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise

My song will rise to You

Though my heart may fail, my song will rise

My song will rise to You

While there's breath in my lungs

I will praise You Lord

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes

I'll lift my eyes to You

Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes

I'll lift my eyes to You

While there's hope in this heart

I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord is my strength

In the darkness I'll dance

In the shadows I'll sing

The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes

Let faith arise to You

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine

Let faith arise to You

God of mercy and love

I will praise You Lord