

Church Calendar

Deacon of the Week: Faith Dickerson



Come and support the Youth Ministry's annual fundraising event! All funds raised will go towards our summer mission trip to Washington DC.

This year, we're inviting all bakers, makers, and creators to contribute baked, grown, and made goods for our Maker's Market! In addition to baked goods and cakes, all art, photography, plants, homemade personal care items, crafts, cards, and any other made goods are welcome for sale.

Please contact Rev. Lauryn (lauryn@gbconline.org) to sign up to contribute and/or attend lunch.

Sunday, May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship with Communion

Tuesday, May 7
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 8
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 12
Ascension of the Lord (observed)
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, May 14
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 15
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 18
7:30 pm Central Virginia
Masterworks Chorale
presents
William A. Payn's *Love*

Sunday, May 19
Day of Pentecost
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Maker's Market and Cake
Auction, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 21
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 26
Trinity Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Outdoor Worship

Monday, May 27:
Memorial Day: OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 28
7:00 pm AA Meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 29
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Nursery Care is available to babies and toddlers as needed during worship.

We give thanks to Rev. Kim Crowley as she shares her musical gifts in this morning's worship.

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About Grace

Because we believe in God's radical love for all creation as incarnated in the life of Jesus, Grace Baptist Church authentically welcomes all people to join a faith community where we take part in God's unfolding story and practice love of God and love of neighbor in our daily living. We continually seek the Spirit's wisdom in using the gifts of grace for the transforming and healing of the world.



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May 5, 2024
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

My hunch is that joy is an ember for our precursor to wild and unpredictable and transgressive and unboundaried solidarity. And that that solidarity might incite further joy... My hunch is that joy, emerging from our common sorrow... might draw us together.

—Ross Gay, *Inciting Joy*

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

Lauryn Everic

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Morning Breaks, the World Awakens
 The Chancel Choir

GREENING
 POWER

Morning breaks, the world awakens,
 aching hearts must face the day,
 braving now a world that's shaken,
 daring still to breathe, to stay.
 Who are we without your presence?
 Who will move our stone away?

Refrain:

Here among us greening power,
 here above us dawning skies;
 here around us growing promise,
 here within us love will rise.

In a garden, met with wonders,
 tender hearts seek what is true.

Empty, longing, gripped with hunger,
 we reach for a touch from you.

What is this strange revelation,
 planting seeds of hope anew? *Refrain*

You bear wounds yet comfort others,
 sharing peace and breath and bread,
 caring for the ones who suffer,
 calling us to give and mend.

How can we become your body
 here on earth as you ascend? *Refrain*

†Call to Worship

Barbara Scott

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Courtney Allen Crump

It is a joy to live the commandments of love.

Found on pg. 878 of the pew Bible.

A source of freedom from what deadens and destroys!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Through these teachings, we are born again.

Thanks be to God.

Our spirits are nourished and our communities come alive.

Homily

Courtney Allen Crump

What a gift, the love of God!

Call to Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Abundant and unending.

In the knowledge of this power, let all come and abide.

Invitation to the Table

Courtney Allen Crump
 Lauryn Everic

†Hymn 226

He Lives!

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The Lord's Supper 414

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup

BERTHIER

The Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Erica Crowley

Found on pg. 991 of the pew Bible.

Invitation to Respond

Chris Crowley

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT
 WITH JOY

Call to Stewardship

Through times of ease and times of difficulty, love remains the calling.

It asks us to hold nothing back.

To be courageous in facing our fears.

To hand ourselves over completely to God and each other,

that we might draw God's Kingdom near.

With this hope, let us share what we have.



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Giving of Our

Simple Gifts

arr. Cindy Berry

Tithes and Offerings

Kim Crowley, piano
 with Chris Crowley

†Doxology

Praise God Who Calls Creation Good

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Praise God who calls cre-a-tion, "good;" Praise God for



wis - dom un - der - stood; Praise God who died yet lives a -



gain; Let all God's peo - ple sing, "a - men." A - men.

†Benediction

Courtney Allen Crump

Postlude

Improvisation on We Will Go Out with Joy
 Kim and Chris Crowley

Time with Children

Lauryn Everic

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Weston

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

Elements in bold print are to be spoken by the congregation.