



Welcome to Worship at FBC Elon

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Prelude *Power of Your Love/My Savior's Love* Jill Brinkley
Welcome & Announcements Gay Collins

Song of Praise *Give Thanks*

Scripture Psalm 138 Paula Harrison
Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Song of Praise *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*
Ministry Highlight "Blessing for Our Teachers and Students"

Offertory Prayer Brian Carroll
Special Music *Come Just as You Are* Worship Choir

Sermon "A Communion That Embraces Differences" Rev. Steve Harmon
Isaiah 51:1-6; Ephesians 4:7-16

The Bread
The Cup

Closing Hymn #386 *The Family of God*

Benediction

Postlude

Steve Harmon is Professor of Historical Theology at Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity and previously served on the faculties of Campbell University Divinity School and Samford University's Beeson Divinity School, and as visiting professor at Duke Divinity School and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; he has also served as pastor of churches in his native Texas and interim pastor of churches in North Carolina, most recently as interim pastor of McGill Baptist Church in Concord. He earned the Bachelor of Arts from Howard Payne University, the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and pursued additional graduate studies at The Catholic University of America and the University of Dallas. He is the author or editor of ten books, most recently *U2's Theological Imagination: A Guide for Pilgrims on the Way* and *Encountering Pope Leo XIV: Baptist Reflections on the Beginning of a Pontificate*. Steve is married to Kheresa Harmon, who serves as Minister for Children and Their Families at St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, and they are the parents of a son, Timothy, who is a student at Central Piedmont Community College.

Ministry Opportunities

Today

Morning Worship – 11 am

Elon Roundtable Meeting – 4 pm

September newsletter articles due

Tuesday – Golden Years/Bingo – 1:30 pm

Joe's Diner Team #8 – 5:30 pm

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 pm

Nursery Workers: Earline & Angela

Next Sunday, August 30

"rooted" Prayer Time – 9:20 am

Sunday School – 9:45 am

Worship/Mrs. Lou Ann Gilliam – 11 am

TODAY - Elon Roundtable Meeting - Motions to be voted on: 2026-27 Ministry Teams & New Deacons: Leslie Cornell, Alec French, Angie Miller & alternate Rob Johnson.

NEXT SUNDAY – "BLESSING FOR OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS" – 11 am

5th ANNUAL "BLOCK" PARTY – 5-7 PM

**Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks, & Desserts,
Music, Games, & More!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!

Welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today. If you would, please fill out a visitor card located in the pew and drop in the offering plate as you leave. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ingathering for August - Salvation Army Food Pantry Items requested: canned soup, green beans, corn, baked beans, any other veggies, canned tomatoes/sauce, peanut butter, mac n cheese, ramen noodles, canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice. Donation bins are in the Fellowship Hall and Communication Center

Give Thanks

Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks.

Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

Chorus

And now let the weak say "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
For us.

Verse

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son
Give Thanks Give Thanks

Give Thanks
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All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Verse 1

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by His grace
And bids us, each to each restored
Together see His face

Verse 2

He bids us build each other up
And gathered into one
To our high calling's glorious hope
We hand in hand go on

Verse 3

And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet
What greater blessings shall we know
When 'round His throne we meet?

The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam'ly of God
I've been washed in the fountain cleansed by His blood
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod
For I'm part of the fam'ly, the family of God

Repeat

The Family of God
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