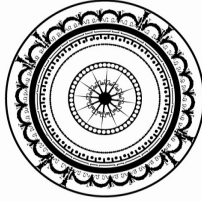


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2017  
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Prelude on Quem Pastores* ..... H. Willan  
Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship ..... Jenna Sullivan

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

**People: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.**

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

**People: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.**

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

**People: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.**

Leader: Jesus Christ lives here and now.

**People: Let us celebrate Christ's presence among us!**

Invocation ..... John Thornton

\*Hymn 214: *The Day of Resurrection* ..... LANCASHIRE

\*Passing of the Peace ..... John Thornton

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible, NT, p.68).....Terri Yates

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession ..... Amy McClure

Leader: O Jesus Christ,  
risen master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Leader: We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
blind to the light of your presence among us.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Leader: We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.  
Lift our minds above earthly things,  
set them on things above.  
Show us your glory and your power,  
that we may serve you gladly all our days.  
Amen.**

Solo: *It Is Well*..... arr. D. Bish

Leigh Walters

When peace, like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say: It is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. It is well with my soul. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Declaration of Forgiveness ..... Amy McClure

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 203: *Day of Arising* ..... BUNESSAN

Prayers for the People ..... Emily Hull McGee

The Lord's 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Pew Bible, NT, p.141)..... Art Yates

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Bearing Witness to Generosity ..... Fran Stewart

Congregational Response: *Halle, Halle* ..... Caribbean Folk Song

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the congregational response 'Halle, Halle'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Sermon: "Sowing Generously, Sharing Abundantly: Joy" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 671: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*..... BEACH SPRING

*All are invited to respond to God now in quiet or public ways. Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow in the way of Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front of the sanctuary and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

\*Offertory Prayer ..... Chris "Smitty" Smith

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Praise the Lord*..... G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.  
Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing and dance; come  
dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.

Opportunities for Ministry ..... Emily Hull McGee

Commissioning and Sending Forth of Jenna Sullivan ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Doxology ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
O praise God! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise God, O praise God!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Benediction ..... Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* ..... M. McCabe

Jacob Hill, Organ

*\*Those who are able will please stand.*

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**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Dr. Charles Tabor by the Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Group.

**SOWING GENEROUSLY, SHARING ABUNDANTLY**

The 50-day season of Eastertide invites us to wonder: what does it look like to practice resurrection in my life? And how do the promises of new life at Easter change my habits and practices, particularly the practice of generosity? For the next three Sundays, we will explore together in worship a theme of "Sowing Generously, Sharing Abundantly." With 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 as our guide, we will be challenged to think about our financial practices as a central part of our Christian living. Join us as we celebrate Eastertide and bear witness to resurrection in our living and our worship!

April 23: "Sowing Generously, Sharing Abundantly: Obedience"  
April 30: "Sowing Generously, Sharing Abundantly: Joy"  
May 7: "Sowing Generously, Sharing Abundantly: Gratitude"

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**SUNDAY, April 30**

9:15 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:45 am Youth Team Meeting (Youth Loft)

**TUESDAY, May 2**

9:30 am Open Doors Art Class (Baraca Room)

**WEDNESDAY, May 3**

12:00 pm John Jordan Group (Gray Room)  
2:30 pm Singing Seniors (Offsite)  
4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)  
5:00 pm Diversity Partnership (Room 203)  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

**THURSDAY, May 4**

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, May 6**

10:00 am First Friends Preschool Playdate (Offsite)

**SUNDAY, May 7**

9:15 am Bible Study  
9:15 am First Impressions Class (Kelly Auditorium)  
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Chris Smith  
Randy Peters  
Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Meredith Smith  
Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... Jack Eaton  
Sharonda Oates

**WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST**

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://give.firstonfifth.org).

**MAY BENEVOLENCE NEEDS**

**Samaritan Ministries** grits, toothbrushes, toothpaste

**Crisis Control** Saltine and snack crackers

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND MISSION PRESENTATION**

**Sunday, June 4, 5:00 pm  
Kelly Auditorium**

Please make every effort to be present on Sunday, June 4, for a significant presentation to the church from the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission. This committee has been hard at work over the past year and a half, and the June 4 presentation will be a time for the church to hear their proposal to "align the mission of the church with its physical assets," as stated in the committee's job description. The congregation will gather in Kelly Auditorium that night at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served, and childcare for birth through pre-K will be provided. The Special Committee is eager to share its findings and recommendations to you, as together we celebrate how God is at work in our beloved community!

**FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE  
Saturday, May 6 at Hanes Park**

Join your Preschool Friends for a playdate in the park at Hanes Park at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Whitney Webster at [whitneydwebster@gmail.com](mailto:whitneydwebster@gmail.com).

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASSES  
Sundays, May 7 and 14**

New or prospective members are invited to join in a two-week class to learn more about life at First Baptist. First Impressions will familiarize newcomers with First Baptist, including ways by which people can connect with one another, get involved in ministry, and join the church. First Impressions will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 am) in Kelly Auditorium. For more information, please contact Pastor Emily at [ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org](mailto:ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org).

**HOPE DU JOUR**

Diversity Partnership will be coordinating groups from FBC and UMMBC to enjoy lunch or dinner together on May 2, 2017 to support Crisis Control's fundraiser, Hope du Jour. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Desk, along with a set of menus from four chosen restaurants: Bib's Downtown, Forsyth Seafood, Sweet Potatoes, and 6th and Vine. For more information, please contact Lynn Parker at [parkerlh@triad.rr.com](mailto:parkerlh@triad.rr.com) or Anne Rais at [asudlowrais@yahoo.com](mailto:asudlowrais@yahoo.com).

**PALM SUNDAY COAT UPDATE**

Big thanks to all who donated coats and jackets on Palm Sunday. We received 33 coats, all which have been donated to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission for men and women.