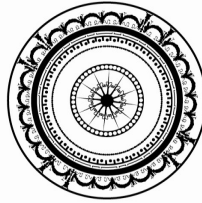


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

July 23, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Dialogue* F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship John Thornton

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**People: For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

**People: May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O LORD,
our rock and our redeemer.**

Based on Psalm 24:1-2 and Psalm 19:1-4,14

Introit: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. M. Bonds

Teresa Moore-Mitchell

He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the woods and the waters in His hand;
He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.
He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand; He's got the beast of the field right in
His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got you and me right in His hand;
He's got everybody in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.

*Hymn 22: *How Great Our God's Majestic Name* DUKE STREET

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Call to Confession: 1 Peter 2:9 David Williamson

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: Let us confess those times when we have failed
to faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**People: Ever Faithful God,
 you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light,
 and given us the task and privilege of proclaiming your wonderful deeds.
 Through your grace we are a called and chosen people,
 but we have failed to live up to our calling and our chosen-ness.
 The heavens declare your glory, the firmament proclaims the work of your hands,
 yet we remain silent.
 The day pours forth speech,
 yet our words of testimony are slow and labored.
 The night declares knowledge,
 yet we too often embrace ignorance.
 Forgive us for our lack of courage and boldness.
 Give us strong voices and vibrant lives
 that we may faithfully bear witness to your extravagant love. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Peter 2:10 David Williamson

Leader: Once you were not a people,
 but now you are God's people;
 once you had not received mercy,
 but now you have received mercy.
 Sisters and brothers,
 let us celebrate the Good News
 and testify to all who will hear:
 In the name of Jesus Christ and through his mercy
 we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 581: *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

Prayers for the People Amy McClure

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.**

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:1-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.92)..... Brittany Laws and Andrew Bundeff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: *Witness* arr. H. Johnson

Teresa Moore-Mitchell

Oh Lord, what manner of man is this? All nations in Him are blest; All things are done by His will; He spoke to the sea and the sea stood still. Now ain't that a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus, as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." Said, "Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise. Repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth, strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times He killed ten thousand of the Philistines. The old Samson went wandering about; Samson's strength was never found out 'til his wife sat upon his knees. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please." Now Samson's wife, she talked so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair. Shave my head just as clean as your hand and my strength will become like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord. That's another witness, my soul is a witness for my Lord.

Sermon: "Practicing Our Faith: Testimony" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 435: *Share His Love* SULLIVAN

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 Carl Tacy

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Traditional Spiritual

Teresa Moore-Mitchell

Opportunities for Ministry David Williamson

*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 in D* D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

THE FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in celebration of Emily Hull McGee's second anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church.

Ministry Funding June 2017	Month	YTD
Contributions & Receipts	65,234	453,667
Ministry Costs	87,377	491,332
Over/(Under) Met Needs	(22,143)	(37,665)
Contributions Current Year	65,751	453,501
Contributions Last Year	79,206	448,089

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SUNDAY, July 23

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, July 26

10:00 am Children's Movie Time (Kelly Auditorium)
4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)

SATURDAY, July 29

9:00 am Children/Youth Homebound Visitation (Offsite)

SUNDAY, July 30

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Carl Tacy
Dee Britt
Nursery: Babies-Ones Donnie Tacy
Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreK Ray Hawley
Kara Thompson

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. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

**FIFTH ANNUAL FOREST PARK BLOCK PARTY
August 14, 5:00-8:00 pm**

Save the date for this year's Forest Park Block Party at 1184 Tower Street in Winston-Salem. Volunteers are needed to cook hot dogs, make popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy at this year's party. Help needed to set up the event, serve food, play games, do face painting and more! Clean up help is always needed. We will need to borrow ice chests and outdoor extension cords, and need donations of 100% juice boxes placed in the collection bins outside Fellowship Hall. Anybody know how to make balloon animals? Like to read to the smaller children? Any other ideas are welcome please! Contact Anne Rais to be a part of this awesome ministry at asudlowrais@yahoo.com or 336-972-4359.

CPR AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

August 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
If you volunteer with children or youth, please mark your calendars for Saturday morning, August 19 for CPR/First Aid and Volunteer Training. The knowledge and certification this time together will provide is invaluable for all who spend time with children or youth at First Baptist. Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org for more information.

**PRACTICING OUR FAITH
Churchwide Summer Sunday School
Sundays, 9:15 am, Kelly Auditorium**

Using the book *Practicing Our Faith* as our guide, we are spending our time in Sunday School in both large group teaching and small group conversation. The schedule is as follows:

July 23 Testimony
July 30 Discernment
August 6 Shaping Communities
August 13 Forgiveness
August 20 Healing
August 27 Dying Well
September 3 Singing Our Lives

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOMEBOUND VISITATION**

July 29, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Children and youth are invited to visit our homebound community on Saturday, July 29 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall and go together for visitations. Please let Amy McClure know by July 26 if you are interested in your child and/or youth participating in this event.

**FIRST BAPTIST YOUNG ADULT
DOWNTOWN GATHERING**

July 27, 6:15-8:00 pm, Finnegan's
Come join the First on Fifth young adults for a post-work gathering from 6:15-8:00 pm on July 27 at Finnegan's Wake (620 Trade St NW). There's no agenda other than catching up with old friends or making a few new ones. All are welcome to come and go whenever they like. First Baptist will provide some appetizers to snack on while we hang out. Please let John Thornton (jthornton@firstonfifth.org) know if you are interested in joining or have any questions, but no RSVP is necessary.

JULY BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

Samaritan Ministries ground beef, high-efficiency laundry detergent packs/pods, deodorant
Crisis Control peanut butter

**QUARTERLY CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

July 26, 5:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
The congregation will gather on Wednesday night, July 26, in the Fellowship Hall for a little business and a little fun! A taco dinner will begin our night together; serving lines open at 5:15 pm. Our Quarterly Church Conference will follow, where we will hear the regular business of the church along with a proposal from the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission (SCFM) to hire the architect and capital campaign consultant for our upcoming building work.

**TACOS AND TALENTS
July 26, Fellowship Hall**

Following our time of business on July 26, we will move into the "talent" portion of the evening with our 2nd Annual "Tacos & Talents" variety show! Break out your musical instruments, monologues, or mad dancing skills for this evening of fun and holy laughter. Work up your acts, and let Annice Hogsette, our evening emcee, know of your intent to perform by emailing ahogsette@triad.rr.com. Hope to see you there!

**FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

It's "Back to School" time! Help to collect school supplies for our Backpack school, Forest Park Elementary. Items needed include the following listed below. Please donate to the collection bin outside Fellowship Hall marked "Forest Park." Contact Anne Rais for more information at asudlowrais@yahoo.com or 336-972-4359.

- 3-hole wide-ruled paper
- 1-subject wide-ruled spiral notebooks and composition books.
- #2 yellow pencils
- 8-pack washable Crayola markers
- Kleenex
- Dry erase markers