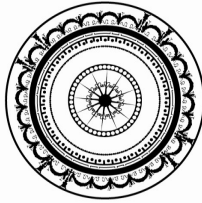


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

August 27, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude* H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship: Revelation 21:1-6 Kim Wilkinson

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

People: And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Leader: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

People: God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Leader: And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

People: Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*Hymn 33: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Psalm of Peace: Psalm 23 Chris Towles

(Please read in unison.)

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Mary Foskett
(Please read in unison.)

**God of green pastures,
we confess that we can get so busy and distracted
that we lose sight of your love and care for us.
We forget to live in gratitude
and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths
that restore our souls. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:38-39 Mary Foskett

Leader: Hear the good news of our forgiveness:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: *We Shall Walk through the Valley* arr. B. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir
Emily Hull McGee, Soloist

We shall walk through the valley in peace; For Jesus Himself will be our Leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no sorrow there. We shall meet our loved ones there. We shall meet our Savior there.

A Psalm of Lament: Psalm 88 John Thornton

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily: "Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well" (Lament) Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn 544: *When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart* RESIGNATION

A Psalm of Thanksgiving: Psalm 139:1-18 Leigh Walters

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily: "Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well" (Thanksgiving) Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn 57: *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

Prayers for the People Scott Hudgins

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.**

A Psalm of Hope: Psalm 46 Amy McClure

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily: "Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well" (Hope) Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 548: *When We All Get to Heaven* HEAVEN

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 Pat Thompson

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Bright Canaan* arr. Shaw/Parker

Sanctuary Choir

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan. O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'll join with them who've gone before, Where sin and sorrows are no more. Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, And higher still our joys they rise.

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee

Blessing of the Backpacks Amy McClure

Leader: Lord, you have brought us to the start of a new school year. As these beloved children and youth begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books and notebooks, markers, pens and pencils they will use to learn.

People: Open the eyes, ears and minds of these students to grow in knowledge and wisdom this school year. Help them to be attentive and active learners.

Leader: Bless all teachers, school administrators, and support staff that they may be faithful stewards of the resources and students entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion.

People: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, you showed us through word and deed the right way to serve one another. May these students be instruments of your peace that they may bring the love of Christ to their schools.

Leader: Now we ask that you bless these backpacks and the students who carry them. Keep them safe; keep them motivated; keep them ever seeking to learn more, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude* H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in thanksgiving for the life of Charles Tabor—a life well-lived and died—on this his 92nd birthday by his loving family.

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SUNDAY, August 27

Promotion Sunday

- 9:15 am Group Bible Study (Kelly Auditorium)
- 10:30 am Worship Service / Blessing of Backpacks (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Youth and Parent Luncheon (Youth Loft)

MONDAY, August 28

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee (Gray Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 30

- 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Offsite)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

SATURDAY, September 2

- 10:00 am First Friends Preschool Playdate (Offsite)

SUNDAY, September 3

- 9:15 am Group Bible Study (Kelly Auditorium)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

- Deacons of the Week Pat Thompson
Wally Cox
- Nursery: Babies-Ones Donnie Tacy
Jean Mallard
- 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.

FALL WEDNESDAY SERIES
Loving Neighbor, Loving Ourselves
through the Enneagram

September 13 - October 11, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Our "Year of Living Neighborly" churchwide emphasis takes on yet another facet of neighborly living this fall in our Wednesday night fellowship. The content for this deep learning will be the ancient tool for understanding personality types called the Enneagram.

We are so fortunate to be joined by Dr. Christopher T. Copeland, the Director of Leadership Development & Spiritual Life and Assistant Professor of the Practice of Spirituality at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Over the five week span of our class, Dr. Copeland's work with us will introduce the Enneagram and each of the nine types, give tools for spiritual practices and challenges for each type, tell stories of how people live out of their type, and teach us how to use the Enneagram in our neighborly living.

His material will draw from the book, *The Essential Enneagram*, by David Daniels and Virginia Price. Reading *The Essential Enneagram* along with the course is recommended but certainly not required! Copies of the book are available for \$5; see John Thornton if you'd like to purchase one.

Grab a friend to join you, and come live and love neighborly through learning to use the Enneagram!

FALL KICKOFF

September 6, 5:15 pm

Mark your calendars for our kick-start to fall programming and fellowship on Wednesday, September 6, beginning at 5:15 with our fellowship meal.

MISSIONS AND MUSIC

September 13, 6:15-7:15

Fall programming for children ages 3 years - 5th grade is called Missions and Music, and includes time learning about local and foreign missions, and practicing using music to worship God. Children are divided into two groups; preschoolers and schoolagers. Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org or Amy Turner at aturner@firstonfifth.org to talk more about these exciting opportunities for children on Wednesday nights!

TIMOTHY RINGERS

Wednesdays, 4:45 pm, Room 215

The Timothy Ringers Handbell Ensemble is a group made up of 2nd-5th graders who learn how to play handbells to create music for worship. This group learns what it is to work as a team, and the group develops music skills at every rehearsal! Join us in the fall! Contact Amy Turner for more information at aturner@firstonfifth.org.

CHURCHWIDE POTLUCK PICNIC

September 17, 5:00 pm

All are invited to our annual church-wide picnic on Sunday night, September 17! The Deacons reprise their role as hosts, as we all gather for a night of fun, food, and fellowship with our beloved community. This year's picnic will be held at the Old Town Park Pavilion, 4550 Shattalon Drive. Please bring a dinner dish of any kind — meats, sides, salads, or desserts; paper products and drinks will be provided. The park and playground will be available all day, so feel free to go early and enjoy! Food will be set-up by 4:45, and the serving line will be opened at 5:00pm. Come and join us for a night of fun!

AUGUST BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

- Crisis Control - jelly
- Samaritan Ministries - chicken leg quarters, toothpaste, toothbrushes

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

September 21 at 12:00 noon

Join your friends for the September Senior Adult luncheon at the Southern Family Restaurant on Yadkinville Road in Pfafftown beginning at 12:00 noon September 21. John Thornton will be our guest speaker. Please sign up at the Senior Adult table!

DISCOVERY CLASS

MOVIE SCREENING AND STUDY
September 15, 7:00 pm

This Fall, the Discovery Sunday School class will engage in a five-week study based on the popular film and book, *The Shack*. To kick off this study, the class will host a screening of the film open to all on September 15 at 7:00 pm in Kelly Auditorium. The following Sunday will begin the study and discussion time during the Sunday School hour. For more information, contact Andrew Diehl at andrew.diehl@outlook.com or 336-251-8603.

FIRST FRIENDS

PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

Saturday, September 2, 10:00 am

Preschoolers, join your friends for playtime at Hanes Park this Saturday, September 2. Contact Whitney Webster for more details at whitneydwebster@gmail.com.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

September 17, 9:15-10:15 am

Have you been visiting First Baptist a time or two (or ten!) and are interested in getting to know our ministers better? You are invited to do just that! On Sunday, September 17 during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15am), the four ministers at First on Fifth — Emily, David, Amy, and John — will be drinking a cup of coffee in the Ammons-Lolley Commons (located just behind the Sanctuary) and want to share in that time with you! No agenda, no program, nothing fancy — just coffee and fellowship with our pastoral team for newcomers to First Baptist. Hope you can join us then!