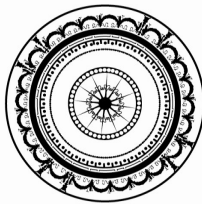


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



## The Worship of God

September 17, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Improvisation XVII* ..... Dom P. Benoit

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship ..... David Williamson

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves;**

Leader: It is God who forgives;

**People: It is God who heals;**

Leader: It is God who delivers.

**People: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord!**

\*Hymn 337: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* ..... LAUDA ANIMA

\*Passing of the Peace ..... David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

New Testament Lesson: Romans 14:7-12 ..... Tommy Henley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 ..... Joanne Henley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession ..... Amy McClure

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Gracious and loving God,  
you lived for us — we have not lived for you.  
You have forgiven us — we have not forgiven others.  
You have loved us — we have not loved ourselves;  
nor have we loved one another.  
Take pity on us and forgive us, O God.  
Help us to forgive.  
Help us to live for you.  
Help us to love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness ..... Amy McClure

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven.  
God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.  
Reconciled to the God who loves us,  
let us live and love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Choral Response: *Devotion* ..... J.N. Beck

Sanctuary Choir

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine. Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious bleeding side. Lord, I want to be more like Jesus in my heart.

Prayers for the People ..... John Thornton

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.**

\*Hymn 583: *Jesus Paid It All* ..... ALL TO CHRIST

Sermon: "Kingdom Economics: Settling Accounts" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 41: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ..... WELLESLEY

*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 ..... Cathy Owen

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *I Will Sing Praise*..... J. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

I will sing praise to the Lord, my God, lift up my voice in the sanctuary. I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name. Sing the glory of his name; I will praise his name forever; Oh, the name above all names. I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him; Oh the glory of his name; I will sing praise to the glory of his name! Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice! Sing Alleluia, lift high your voice. Sing Alleluia and make a joyful noise. Oh, I will sing praise to the Lord, my God, lift up my voice in the sanctuary. I will sing praise to the Lord, my God; I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name. Praise his name!

Opportunities for Ministry ..... Emily Hull McGee

Litany of Installation ..... Emily Hull McGee and John Thornton

**Leader:** Today we celebrate the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ministry called by First Baptist Church on Fifth and set forth by Reverend John Thornton. As minister and congregation, we covenant to walk this road of life and faith together. John, how will you engage in the work to which you have been called?

**Minister:** I pledge to God and this beloved community to bring compassion, clarity, and courage to my work of ministry at First Baptist Church. I will use my gifts with youth, adults, and missions to join God's work of Love in our midst, doing so with excellence and careful discernment. Together in covenant with you, I will love you and will be faithful to the responsibility and privilege of this calling.

**Leader:** Members of First Baptist Church, how will we engage in the work of ministry with John?

**Church:** **We pledge to God, to John, and to this beloved community to bring a spirit of love and care to our shared ministry. To John and the communities he serves, we will uphold them in prayer, support John's leadership with our hands and feet, encourage him in word and deed, and nurture his unique calling by God. Together in covenant with John, we will love him and celebrate the shape of his obedience to God.**

**All:** **So now we covenant with God and one another to walk the road together, loving God and our neighbors and bearing witness to God's abundant life in Christ!**

Presentation of Symbols ..... Members of the Associate Pastor Search Committee

Prayer of Installation ..... Charles Thornton

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Calling God, we give to you our shared commitment to ministry together. We pray for John, that in this season of his life and ministry, he might know of your presence, gain courage from your promise, and find hope through your people. We pray for this beloved community, that we may feel equipped and empowered for your work of Love in the world. Together we covenant to love you and love each other, trusting that when we do so, your kingdom emerges and all find liberation, redemption, and wholeness. Amen!**

\*Congregational Response: We Are Travelers on a Journey ..... BEACH SPRING

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

\*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 ..... John Thornton

Postlude: *Highland Cathedral* ..... Roever and Korb

Jacob Hill, Organ

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

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### FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Richard Lofton Bagnal, III on his birthday.

### Kingdom Economics A Six-Week Preaching Series

This fall, the lectionary gives us a series of texts -- mostly parables -- filled with economics lessons. Stories of accounts that need settling, earned wages of all kinds, duties given and taken, ownership from bottom to top, dues that need paying, and a celebration with a strategic guest list give us a glimpse into a different economic system. With each story, the commerce and practices of the Kingdom of God make stark the contrast in which we are to live as followers of Christ. Together in worship, we'll explore these lessons in trade and wages and accounts, guided by the God whose economics have changed the world!

#### September 17

"Kingdom Economics: Settling Accounts"  
Matthew 18:21-35

#### September 24

"Kingdom Economics: Earning Wages"  
Matthew 20:1-16

#### October 1

"Kingdom Economics: Assuming Responsibilities"  
Matthew 21:23-32

#### October 8

"Kingdom Economics: Cultivating Ownership"  
Matthew 21:33-46

#### October 15

"Kingdom Economics: Celebrating the Bounty"  
Matthew 22:1-14

#### October 22

"Kingdom Economics: Paying our Dues"  
Matthew 22:15-22

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**SUNDAY, September 17**

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Churchwide Picnic (Offsite)

**TUESDAY, September 19**

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 9:30 am Open Doors Art Class (Baraca Room)
- 4:30 pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:45 pm Capital Campaign Report to Leadership (Kelly Aud.)

**WEDNESDAY, September 20**

- 12:00 pm Children's Center Transition Team (Conf. Room)
- 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Offsite)
- 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Missions and Music (Rooms 214, 215)
- 6:15 pm Youth Gym Time (Gym)
- 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)
- 6:15 pm Enneagram Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**THURSDAY, September 21**

- 12:00 pm Senior Adult Fall Luncheon (Offsite)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

**FRIDAY, September 22**

- 7:30 am Current/Incoming Leadership Meeting (Conf. Room)

**SUNDAY, September 24**

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Missions Committee (Conference Room)

**SERVING TODAY**

- Deacons of the Week .....Cathy Owen  
Benny Bowes
- Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Nancy Baxley  
Leslie Lowdermilk
- Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... John Baxley  
Matt Lowdermilk

**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).

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
Wednesdays, 5:15 pm**

Please sign up for our Wednesday night dinners by going to our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org), and using the form on the Wednesday evening activities page (under the worship tab), or by calling Amy Cook. Meals are \$4 for children (2yrs-5th grade) \$6 for adults (6th grade- adult) with a family maximum of \$20. The deadline to sign up each week is Monday at noon.

**FALL WEDNESDAY SERIES  
Loving Neighbor, Loving Ourselves  
through the Enneagram  
September 13 - October 11,  
6:15-7:15 p.m.**

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, 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 Amy Cook to purchase one.

**MISSIONS AND MUSIC  
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15**

Missions and Music, for children ages 3 years—5th grade, includes time learning about local and foreign missions, and practicing using music to worship God. Children are divided into two groups; preschoolers and school-agers. Contact Amy McClure at [amcclure@firstonfifth.org](mailto:amcclure@firstonfifth.org) or Amy Turner at [aturner@firstonfifth.org](mailto:aturner@firstonfifth.org) to discuss 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](mailto:aturner@firstonfifth.org).

**SEPTEMBER BENEVOLENCE  
NEEDS**

- Crisis Control - canned salmon, canned tuna
- Samaritan Ministries - grits, oatmeal

**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 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 are available all day, so feel free to go early and enjoy! Food will be set-up by 4:45, and the serving line will open at 5:00pm. Please join us!

**DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS  
IN THE COMMONS**

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 6:45am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons for a study of David Benner's devotional classic The Gift of Being Yourself. This six-week study began September 12, but it is not too late to get involved. The study is led by David Williamson. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or [dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org](mailto:dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org).

**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!

**SENIOR ADULTS FALL TRIP  
LAKE LURE & HENDERSONVILLE  
October 17-18, 2017**

Join the Senior Adults on a fall getaway to Lake Lure and Hendersonville, NC! We will leave at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 17, and return by 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 18. Our itinerary includes lodging at the Historic Lake Lure Inn (including buffet dinner and breakfast); a tour of the Inn's antique music box collection; a boat tour on Lake Lure; a visit to a Henderson County apple orchard and a farmer's market, and more. There will be less walking on this trip than on some of our other trips! Cost of the trip is \$150. Make reservations as soon as possible, but no later than October 3.