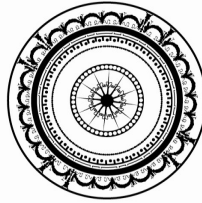


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

October 8, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Prelude on "The New Commonwealth"* R. Vaughan Williams
Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

People: The skies proclaim God's handiwork!

Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

People: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word;

Leader: And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**People: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!**

Adapted from Psalm 19

*Hymn 246: *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

*Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 Scott Hudgins

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46 Fran Stewart

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Please read in unison.

**Merciful God, you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you, a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.**

**But we have been disobedient
and lived as though these lives are our own.
You sent prophets to warn us,
and we ignored them.**

**You sent preachers to proclaim your truth,
and we failed to listen.**

**In your persistence you sent your only Son,
and we crucified him.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**In your tender love forgive us and restore us,
that we may become living stones of your new kingdom
with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.**

**And help us to sing the story of forgiveness
to a world too quick to reject your overtures of love.**

**We pray in the name of the One who died upon the tree
that all might be forgiven. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: *Once Upon a Tree* P. Choplin

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Amy Turner, Accompanist

Once upon a tree, a good man died, and though He did no crime, He was crucified. If the story ended there, I would have no song to share, but my heart will ever sing the story. Once upon a tree, so the story goes, and all its mystery surely no one knows. Could the Father's will be done through the suffering of His Son? And there comes the answer, "Once upon a tree." For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl. What greater love could there be? He died, He rose again, still the story doesn't end, for His spirit is living in me. What tale of human love could there ever be told? What song could compare with the one I hold? Through everything I am and through everything I'll be, let me sing my story: "Once upon a tree."

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 569: *In Christ Alone* IN CHRIST ALONE

Sermon: "Kingdom Economics: Cultivating Ownership" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 255: *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

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 Randy Peters

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Canon of Praise* J. Pachelbel, arr. H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Amy Turner, Accompanist

All within me bless the Lord; all within me bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me bless God's holy name. O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good. God the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is the same forever. As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own. Bless the Lord, O my soul; remember God's mercy and love. O bless the Lord; O bless God's holy name.

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

*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: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. M. Hayes and M. Gaspard

Jacob Hill, Organ and Amy Turner, Piano

**Those who are able will please stand.*

THE FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers today are given in memory of Elizabeth Eaton on this day before what would have been her ninety-third birthday by her sons, Bob and Jack and their families.

"THE COMMON TABLE" CONTINUES OCTOBER 11

Hungering for a space for dialogue and honest conversation about things that matter? Interested in a brief but meaningful mid-week lunch break with your church family? For the month of October, all are invited to participate in "Common Table," a weekly gathering for fellowship and conversation at—you guessed it—a common table. Hosted by our ministry staff, Common Table will meet each Wednesday in October (Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25), from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. You will bring your lunch, and the minister will bring a conversation starter or question around which to dialogue. This week's Common Table will be hosted by Pastor John and together, we'll discuss **"Changing Demographics, Changing Church? What do some of the larger trends amongst the lives of people in both our city and world mean for being the church in the year 2017?"** Each week's topic is different; stay tuned to what these will be! This is a great way to invite a friend to dip a toe into our community of faith. Come and take your seat at our 'common table'!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HYMN FESTIVAL November 3-4

First Baptist will be hosting "Hymn Festival 2017: Let Justice Sing Down" on November 3 and 4. Volunteers are needed to be the "friendly face" of First Baptist Church and assist folks attending the conference. Three shifts are available: Friday evening (6-9pm), Saturday morning (8am-12:30pm), and Saturday afternoon (12:30-5:00pm). If you are willing to help, please contact Judy Eustice by October 30 at jeustice@aol.com.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please plan now to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday worship for our October 15 Quarterly Church Conference. Lunch will be provided. In addition to our regular quarterly business, we will have a recommendation from the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission regarding a general contractor for our impending building work, and the 2018 Ministry Funding Plan recommendation for discussion.

Below you will find a summary of the recommended plan, and you may pick up a detailed copy at the Welcome Center desk for review before the meeting.

	2017 Approved Plan	2018 Proposed Plan
Denominational and Missions	116,618	109,275
Outreach and Media	51,490	37,100
Discipleship Costs (all ages)	43,685	34,773
Worship and the Arts	21,400	20,000
Personnel and Administration	559,141	572,050
Building and Grounds	342,414	257,260
Fellowship and Pastoral Care	6,315	5,450
Total Funding Plan	1,141,063	1,035,908
Less offsets	-46,715	-28,423
Ministries to be Funded	1,093,348	1,007,485

Hymn Festival 2017

"Let Justice Sing Down"

Congregational Songs for Our Times

Friday, November 3–Saturday, November 4

This two-day music festival unites individuals and choirs, clergy and laity from the Winston-Salem area faith communities in musical celebration of shared worship and common concerns of social justice in our city, our country, and our world.

Worship leadership involves six of the best-known church musicians in the United States and will take place at First Baptist Church on Fifth Street, Winston-Salem.

Watch for more details on the Knollwood website and in other publicity this fall.

Friday, November 3 • 7–8:30 p.m.
"Sing Justice in the World"



Michael Hawn (left), Southern Methodist University, Dallas
Jorge Lockward, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Message by Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest School of Divinity

Saturday, November 4 • 9–10:30 a.m.
"Sing Justice in the USA"



Mark Miller (left), Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Summit, N.J.
Brian Hehn, Center for Congregational Song, Dallas
Message by Jill Crainshaw, Wake Forest School of Divinity

Saturday, November 4 • 3–4:30 p.m.
"Sing Justice in the City"



D'Walla Simmons Burke (left), Winston-Salem State University
James Abbingtion, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta
Message by Darryl Aaron, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro

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SUNDAY, October 8

9:15 am Bible Study
 9:15 am First Impressions #2
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am College Student Lunch (Offsite)

MONDAY, October 9

5:30 pm House & Grounds Committee (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, October 10

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

WEDNESDAY, October 11

12:00 pm The Common Table (A-L Commons)
 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)
 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
 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)
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

SATURDAY, October 14

9:00 am Middle School Girls Hiking Trip (Offsite)

SUNDAY, October 15

9:15 am Bible Study
 9:15 am First Impressions #3
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Quarterly Church Conference and Lunch
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac—3rd-5th grade (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Mark Thompson, Elmer Hayashi
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Gayle Edwards, Josh McGee
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Bob Edwards, Jean Mallard

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 FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON**Wednesday, October 25**

Save the date for Wednesday, October 25, as we enjoy our annual Fall Festival! Start thinking about your costume now as we prepare for our costume contest. Also, please pull out your favorite recipes (or think of your favorite store bought dessert!) and bring for our "cake walk." Dinner starts at 5:15 in the fellowship hall followed by fun and fellowship in our gym.

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

Please sign up for our Wednesday night dinners by going to our website, firstonfifth.org, and using the form on the Wednesday evening activities page 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.

**A STORY WORTH TELLING:
Congregational Conversations
on Past, Present, and Future**

Thriving congregations can clearly articulate who they are and what God is calling them do. As we approach this new season of renewing our facilities and our engagement with the people of Winston-Salem, it is time to complete the mission and vision clarification work the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission introduced to the congregation last spring. You are invited to help put the finishing touches on our clarified mission and vision statements, so we can be fully prepared to answer God's call and communicate our calling to the world around us! Throughout the month of November, we will dream and discuss together to complete this good and necessary work. We need everyone to participate! Plan now to join with your fellow congregation members in this vital work.

November 1 — Mining the Past: God is calling us to a future built on the foundations of the past. This session will focus on clarifying the strands of the congregation's "DNA" that we want to carry forward into the future. (*Wednesday, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

November 8 — Awakening the Present: We are not the congregation we were three, five or even ten years ago. In this meeting, we will work on identifying our particular passions and calling as the First Baptist Church of 2017 and beyond. (*Wednesday, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

November 12 — Imagining the Future: Thriving congregations are built on the key values of the past, the realities of the present, and faith and hope for the future. In this meeting, we will work together crafting a common vision for our future mission and ministry as First on Fifth. (*Sunday, 11:45am-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

November 19 — Churchwide Thanksgiving Feast and Celebration of our Story: We will gather to celebrate our story and give thanks to God for the future that awaits us as a congregation. (*Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*)

Makeup session *If you are working with children and youth on Wednesday nights or unable to attend the November 1 and 8 sessions, a makeup session will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on Sunday, November 5, in the Ammons-Lolley Commons.*

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON**Sunday, October 8, 11:45 am**

All college students are invited to a free lunch at Mellow Mushroom immediately following worship today. Meet Associate Pastor John Thornton in the back of the sanctuary following worship to go to lunch with fellow college students from First on Fifth.

MOCHAS WITH MAC**Sunday, October 15, 3 pm**

Calling all children! Please join Pastor Amy Mac for conversations about our faith and our church. Children will meet at 3 pm at the Starbucks next to PF Chang's (263 Harvey St.). Our next date, October 15, is a time reserved for our 3rd—5th grade friends. Contact Amy "Mac" McClure with questions at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER
AND DISCUSSION****October 18, 7:30 pm at Foothills**

Join our Wednesday night discussion leader, Dr. Chris Copeland to discuss the Enneagram personality type. Similar to tools like the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, the Enneagram utilizes nine 'character types' of people, but unlike Myers-Briggs and other personality assessments, study of the Enneagram develops the interplay between types, the capacity for change and transformation within, and a uniquely Christian approach to using this tool in one's faith formation. Reading beforehand is not required, but if interested, Associate Pastor John Thornton has copies of the book *The Essential Enneagram* for purchase (\$5). Email John jthornton@firstonfifth.org for more information.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH TRIP
TO TANGLEWOOD
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS****Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 pm**

All children and youth (babies—12th grade) and families are invited to join us for the annual Festival of Lights at Tanglewood! We will meet in the parking lot at the YMCA on Peace Haven Road at 5 pm. From there we will board rental vans, eat dinner, and drive through Tanglewood. Please sign up by Friday, November 17 at 5:00 pm by going to the KidCheck website at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx> to register.

OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

Crisis Control - Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce
Samaritan Ministries - sugar, coffee