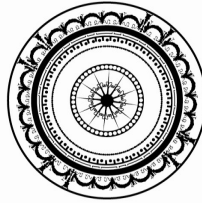


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

October 15, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *O God, Thou Faithful God* S. Karg-Elert

Jacob Hill, Organ

Introit: *Gather Us In* M. Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in — the lost and forsaken, gather us in — the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

The Call to Worship Caroline Kearney

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: This is the feast.

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: This is the feast of life and light.

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

People: We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 296: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9 Linwood Davis

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 Sheree Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

Leader: Let us come before the throne of God,
the mercy seat, with all of our humanity,
open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

**People: You invite us to your feast, O God,
and we do not come.
You beg us to give thanks for life,
and we fail in our thanksgiving.
You have made for us a wonderful earth,
and we neglect the gift.
Forgive us for what we have done
and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.
Be our guide and conscience.
Turn our feet and hands to your will,
that all we do might give glory to you.
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness John Thornton

Leader: The God of peace,
who calls all creation to live in unity,
hears your plea.
In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving,
in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Response: *We Thank Thee, Lord* D. Bortniansky/arr. P. Tkach

Sanctuary Choir

We thank Thee, Lord. We bow before Thy sacred throne to praise Thee for Thy love so kind and true; for Thou hast heard our prayer. When we call on Thee Thine answer speaks with courage to inspire our soul! Although we must walk through trouble, Thou wilt protect us and Thy right hand will guide us. O Eternal Lord, intervene on our behalf; Thy great goodness never fails. We thank Thee, Lord, we bow before Thy sacred throne to praise Thee for Thy love so true. We thank Thee, Lord.

Prayers for the People David Williamson

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 657: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

Sermon: "Kingdom Economics: Celebrating the Bounty" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response: *As We Gather at Your Table* 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.



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we list - en to your word,
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - umph - ant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*Offertory Prayer Gayle Edwards

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me. The King of love my Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of love; And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee

*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: *Fanfares* C. Hampton

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Byron and Annice Hogsette
in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.

HYMN FESTIVAL 2017 TO BE HOSTED BY FIRST ON FIFTH

First on Fifth is pleased to host "*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 takes place right here at First on Fifth. Join us for two inspiring days of worship!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HYMN FESTIVAL

November 3-4

First Baptist will be hosting "Hymn Festival 2017: Let Justice Sing Down" on November 3-4. 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 jeustice19@aol.com.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Today at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

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SUNDAY, October 15

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
 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)

TUESDAY, October 17

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 SCFM Meeting (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, October 18

12:00 pm The Common Table (A-L Commons)
 4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 121)
 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 Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)
 7:30 pm Young Adult Dinner & Discussion (Offsite)

THURSDAY, October 19

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, October 22

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the WeekGayle Edwards, Ralph Messick
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ..Nancy Baxley, Leslie Lowdermilk
 Nursery: Twos-PreK.....Anne Rais, 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. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

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

**"THE COMMON TABLE"
CONTINUES OCTOBER 18**

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 meets each Wednesday in October (Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25), from 12-1 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 David**, who will lead us in a lively discussion. 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'!

**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 to 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.*

**A BEAUTIFUL STAR
An Appalachian Nativity
December 22, 7:30pm
Triad Stage, Greensboro**

The Music and Arts Team invites you to attend a performance of Triad Stage's "A Beautiful Star" on Friday evening, December 22 at 7:30pm. Starting with Genesis and going all the way to the Nativity, this musical spins a holiday story with down-home laughter and toe-tappin' music. A block of tickets have been reserved at a group rate of \$20 per ticket. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact David Williamson at dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

NATIVITY EXHIBIT

The Arts Ministry will be sponsoring an exhibit of Nativity sets during the holiday season. If you have a unique set that you would be willing to share in this exhibit please contact Annice Hogsette at ahogsette@triad.rr.com.

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 Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Our time today is 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. Reading beforehand is not required, but if interested, you may purchase The Essential Enneagram (\$5) from Associate Pastor John Thornton. For more information, email John at jthornton@firstonfifth.org.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH TRIP TO
TANGLEWOOD 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.