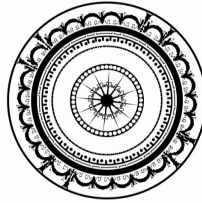


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



## The Worship of God

October 29, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Improvisation 1* ..... G. Oldroyd

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship ..... Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: God of Steadfast protection,

**People: You are our refuge and our strength.**

Leader: Each little word that you speak reminds us  
that your truth always abides.

**People: Thank you for being our fortress and our salvation.**

Leader: It is because of your might that your kingdom  
continues to be our sanctuary.

**People: For the many years of our past, and forevermore,  
we will continue to praise your presence in us  
and with us. Amen.**

\*Hymn 418: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ..... EIN FESTE BURG

\*Passing of the Peace ..... John Thornton

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 ..... Amy McClure

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Call to Confession: *Come Home* ..... C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see,  
on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for  
me. Come home, come home. You who are weary come home.  
Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and  
for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies  
for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary,  
come home. O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised  
for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and  
pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, come home. You  
who are weary, come home.

Prayer of Confession ..... David Williamson

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born,  
before you delivered the whole world,  
from everlasting past to everlasting future you are God.

**People: In you, O Lord, we come home—  
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.  
We dwell in you, our home in all generations.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for we have sinned against you  
and against one another.

**People: Lord, we confess:**  
**we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted**  
**with the good news of your grace;**  
**we relate to others callously**  
**as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;**  
**we seek to please and manipulate,**  
**using flattery to gain praise and distinction;**  
**we use condescension as a mask**  
**to cover insecurity or a need for power.**  
**Our motives are mixed and impure.**  
**Lord, cleanse us and reassure us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness ..... David Williamson

Leader: Friends, let us believe the gospel.  
 Believe that we are forgiven with the delight  
 of a nursing mother cherishing her child.  
 Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,  
 called to love one another as gentle children of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46 ..... Jerry Bennett

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: *Through the Heart of Every City* ..... PLEADING SAVIOR



1.Through the heart of\_\_ ev - ery cit - y runs the flow of\_\_ hu - man need.  
 2.Through the pass - ing\_\_ gen - er - a - tions, in their spir - it,\_\_ flesh, and bone,  
 3.Through our wor - ship and our wit - ness, Je - sus, grant that we may still



'Mid this glass and steel are puls - ing smol - dering wick and bruis - ed reed.  
 Je - sus Christ be - comes in - car - nate, ho - ly\_\_ hearts are liv - ing stone  
 hear the heart - beat of com - pas - sion call - ing\_\_ us to\_\_ do your will.



Has our church a word to\_\_ of - fer, some hope shin - ing from our creed?  
 build - ing here a sense of\_\_ re - fuge as a\_\_ tem - ple, as a\_\_ home.  
 You, our vine, and we, your bran - ches, dead - ened not by an - y\_\_ chill,



Walk - ing through the con - crete fur - rows Je - sus sows the Word as seed.  
 So with - in the ci - ty's shad - ow Je - sus' plant - ed\_\_ Word has grown.  
 work - ing for that fin - al cit - y where the har - vest is ful - filled.

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.**

Sermon: "Essentialism: The Essence" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians* ..... ST. BRENDAN'S

*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 ..... Preston Cook

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *God Is Our Refuge*..... A. Pote

Sanctuary Choir

God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song; We will celebrate his presence all the day long. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

Opportunities for Ministry ..... Amy McClure

\*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: *Sonata IV, Maestoso* ..... F. Mendelssohn

Jacob Hill, Organ

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

**THE FLOWERS**

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today by Bob and Patricia Owen in loving memory of their mothers, Hilda Haynes Owen and Louise Duckett Cole.

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE**

There will be a called church conference at the end of the worship service on November 5 to vote on the proposed 2018 Ministry Funding Plan and to elect deacons to serve from January 2018-December 2020. The Ministry Funding Plan was endorsed by the deacons on September 17 and discussed by the church at a duly called conference on October 15. You may pick up a detailed copy of the plan at the Welcome Center. The 14 nominees for deacon have been selected by the Nominating Committee based on nominations received from the congregation in August.

**HYMN FESTIVAL 2017**

First on Fifth is pleased to host **"Let Justice Sing Down," Congregational Songs for Our Times** Friday, November 3-Saturday, November 4. Session one kicks off on Friday, November 3 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Saturday's sessions are at 9 am and 2:15 pm. Join us for two inspiring days of worship! For additional details, go to <http://divinity.wfu.edu/songfestival/>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HYMN FESTIVAL**

Volunteers are needed to be the "friendly face" of First Baptist Church and assist folks attending the hymn festival. Three shifts are available: Friday evening (6-9pm), Saturday morning (8am-12pm), and Saturday afternoon (12:00-4pm). If you are willing to help, please contact Judy Eustice by October 30 at [jeustice19@aol.com](mailto:jeustice19@aol.com).

**NOMINEES FOR DEACON 2018-2020**

Dick Bagnol	Joy Gambill	Ray Owen
John Baxley	Annic Hogsette	Mitch Phipps
Linwood Davis	Kim Hovis	Gary Stiffler
Judy Eustice	Sheree Jones	Florence Wiley
Minerva Fox	David Matthews	

2018 MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN	Proposed
Denominational and Missions	109,275
Outreach and Media	37,100
Discipleship Costs (all ages)	34,773
Worship and the Arts	20,000
Personnel and Administration	572,054
Building and Grounds	257,260
Fellowship and Pastoral Care	<u>5,450</u>
Total Funding Plan	1,035,912
Less offsets	<u>-28,423</u>
Ministries to be Funded	1,007,489

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**SUNDAY, October 29**

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

**MONDAY, October 30**

12:00 pm Children's Center Comm./Transition Team (Conf. Room)  
 3:30 pm Nominating Committee (Conference Room)  
 5:45 pm SCFM Meeting (Conference Room)

**TUESDAY, October 31**

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)  
 7:30 am Leadership Chairs Meeting (Conference Room)

**WEDNESDAY, November 1**

2:30 pm Singing Seniors at Heritage Woods  
 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 "A Story Worth Telling: Mining the Past" Congregational Discussion (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)  
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**THURSDAY, November 2**

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

**FRIDAY, November 3**

7:00 pm Hymn Festival Session 1 (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, November 4**

9:00 am Hymn Festival Session 2 (Sanctuary)  
 10:00 am First Friends Preschool Event (offsite)  
 2:15 pm Hymn Festival Session 3 (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, November 5**

9:15 am Bible Study  
 9:15 am "A Story Worth Telling" Make Up Session (A-L Commons)  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:30 am Called Church Conference (Sanctuary)  
 11:45 am Youth to SECU Family House  
 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Preston Cook, Jerry Bennett  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Meredith Smith, Jack Eaton  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... Sibyl Smelcer, Tina Magee

**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).

**YOUTH SEEKING DONATIONS FOR SECU HOUSE MISSION PROJECT**

Youth are collecting the following donations for our visit to the SECU Family House on Sunday, Nov. 5. We will use these items to put together welcome bags for those staying at the SECU House. The following NEW items can be dropped off in the designated bin outside the Fellowship Hall: \*Packs of gum, \*puzzle books, \*deck of cards, \*individual tissue packs, \*pens, notepads & note cards \*candy bars/snacks, \*small hand sanitizers, \*travel sewing kits, \*crayons, colored pencils & coloring books. Thanks for supporting our youth!

**NATIVITY EXHIBIT**

The Arts Ministry will sponsor 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](mailto:ahogsette@triad.rr.com).

**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.*

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 8**

In light of growing financial losses in the FBC Children's Center, the church will convene a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, November 8, at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to hear a recommendation that the closing date be changed to December 22, 2017 instead of the original anticipated date of May 31, 2018. This recommendation comes jointly to the church with unanimous affirmation from the Deacons, Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Children's Center Committee, and the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission.

**TOBOGGAN, CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DEDICATION NOV. 12**

We will hold a special moment of dedication during our worship service on November 12 for the hats created by our Winter Hat Ministry folks as well as for the shoebox gifts packed for distribution by Operation Christmas Child. These items should be brought to the Church prior to November 12 so that they can be arranged for our special time of dedication. Please bring the hats to John Thornton's office in a plastic bag with knitter's name and number of hats. We are so grateful for all who share with others in such a tangible way and we look forward to this time of prayer for these gifts!

**MESSIAH REHEARSALS**

First Baptist Church will host rehearsals for the annual community performance of Handel's Messiah to be performed at Reynolds Auditorium on Sunday, December 3 at 3pm. Rehearsals are held on Sundays (2:30-4:30pm) and Tuesdays (7-9pm) in Kelly Auditorium throughout the month of November. The first rehearsal will be held November 5. For more information please contact David Williamson at [dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org](mailto:dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org)

**CHILDREN, YOUTH TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD LIGHTS**

**Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 pm**  
 All children, youth (babies—12th grade) and families are invited to join us for the annual Tanglewood Festival of Lights! We will meet at 5 pm in the parking lot of the YMCA on Peace Haven Road. From there we will board rental vans, eat dinner, and drive through Tanglewood. Please sign up by 5 pm Friday, Nov. 17, by going to the KidCheck website at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx>.