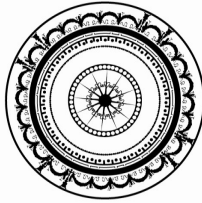


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



## The Worship of God

November 12, 2017

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Alleluia! Amen!* ..... Arr. K. Buckwalter

Chancel Ringers

Call to Worship ..... Amy McClure

Leader: Friends in Christ,  
we are gathered to give thanks  
for all we have received from God's good hands:

**People: to praise God's holy name;  
to acknowledge and confess our sins;**

Leader: to hear God's holy word  
and to ask those things needful for life.

**People: Let us draw near to God in all humility  
and celebrate God's infinite goodness and mercy.**

\*Hymn 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... NICAEA

\*Passing of the Peace ..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... David Williamson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 ..... Isabelle Yates

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Keep Your Lamps* ..... arr. A. Thomas

Sanctuary Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Prayer of Confession ..... Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: Sisters and brothers,  
the time is drawing nigh and we are not ready.  
Let us confess our transgressions to the Lord  
that we may find mercy.

**People: Lord, you call us to be watchful and aware,  
living in anticipation of your coming kingdom.  
But more often than not we fill our days with constant distractions  
and there is little time left to look, to listen, to prepare.  
We stumble through our days in spiritual drowsiness  
and forsake the kingdom work entrusted to us.  
Have mercy, Lord, and forgive us.  
Open our eyes to the coming kingdom which surrounds us,  
and prepare our hearts to welcome it with joy.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness ..... Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: Friends, let us believe the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we have the forgiveness of sins  
and the riches of God's grace!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ..... KINGSFOLD

Prayers for the People ..... Amy McClure

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.**

Anthem: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* ..... arr. D. Wagner

Sanctuary Choir

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not as of old a little child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last. Then let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong and truth shall be extolled. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of Kings. The King shall come when morning dawns, Alleluia!

Sermon: "Essentialism: Growing Awareness" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 648: *Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father* ..... MADILL

*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 ..... Jason Webster

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *In Christ There Is No East or West* .....arr. L. Larson

Chancel Ringers

Opportunities for Ministry ..... John Thornton

Litany of Dedication ..... John Thornton

Leader: Jesus said: Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

**People: I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.**

Leader: Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

**People: We offer these gifts for children of the world, the less fortunate in our community, and all who have yet to hear the Good News. Through these gifts may the world know in its fullness the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Mission Moment ..... Carlos Caceres, Jim and Cindy Sweeney

\*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: *Sonata for Organ No.4, Mov.1 (Allegro)* ..... F. Mendelssohn

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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Kaylee Godfrey, a second-year student at Wake Forest School of Divinity, is serving First Baptist Church as Pastoral Intern for the 2017-18 academic year.

Today we welcome special guests from Mission Emanuel in the Dominican Republic: Jim and Cindy Sweeney and Carlos Caceres. Jim is Executive Director of Mission Emanuel and Cindy works with the Scholarship Program. Carlos serves as Operations Manager of Mission Emanuel.

### ESSENTIALISM:

#### A FIVE-WEEK PREACHING SERIES

In his recent bestseller *Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less*, author Greg McKeown taps into the common struggle that has seized so many Americans – stretched too thin, overworked but underutilized, busy but not productive, with seemingly no control over one's time. The way out, he claims, is 'the way of the essentialist.' To McKeown, "essentialism is a disciplined, systematic approach for determining where our highest point of contribution lies, then making execution of those things almost effortless."

Rapid and revolutionary systemic change in our culture has shifted the role and function of the church. Where once the various local churches in a city were the local "hubs" of activity – members and guests alike flocking to the buildings to meet their needs for fellowship, education, worship, friendship, you name it! – now, church is but one stop of many. Instead of relying on the church to (proverbially) be all things to all people, now we know that folks significantly splinter their time and energy in a number of directions.

In this changing dynamic, what then are the 'essentials' for the modern American church? Where might our highest point of contribution be, and what might we need to do to live into that reality? And to go a level deeper, what does God in Christ ask of us? What guidance do we have in determining these 'essentials' and living firmly and freely into them? Over the next five weeks, we'll explore these ideas in worship and then dig into the specifics on Wednesday nights as part of our conversations around mission and vision!

October 29  
**"Essentialism: The Essence"**  
Matthew 22:34-46

November 5  
**"Essentialism: Identifying Role"**  
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12  
**"Essentialism: Growing Awareness"**  
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19  
**"Essentialism: Making a Choice"**  
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26  
**"Essentialism: Clarifying What Really Matters"**  
Matthew 25:31-46

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**SUNDAY, November 12**

8:00 am Youth Team Meeting (Youth Loft)  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:45 am "Imagining the Future" Luncheon  
 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

**MONDAY, November 13**

5:30 pm House and Grounds Meeting (Gray Room)

**TUESDAY, November 14**

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)  
 5:45 pm SCFM Meeting (A-L Commons)

**WEDNESDAY, November 15**

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 215, 216)  
 6:15 pm Presentation of Schematic Design (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**THURSDAY, November 16**

10:00 am Coffee & Conversation (A-L Commons)  
 4:30 pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)  
 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, November 19**

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:45 am College Students Lunch (Offsite)  
 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)  
 5:30 pm Churchwide Thanksgiving Feast (Fellowship Hall)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Jason Webster, Carl Tacy  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones .....Leslie Lowdermilk, Josh McGee  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK .....Matt Lowdermilk, 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](http://firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://give.firstonfifth.org).

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**  
**Looking Forward - Living Forward**  
**November 16 at 10:00 am**

The Senior Adult Team is pleased to offer the second Coffee and Conversation event! On Thursday, November 16, Dr. Sanford Danziger and Susan Baggett will lead a group conversation aimed at helping participants explore, realize, and look forward to a fulfilling "next act" of life. Through thought-provoking questions, pictures and games, we will be encouraged to access our own inner wisdom and recognize the wisdom of others. Participants will come away looking forward with a positive attitude toward aging and life while building a sense of community. We will gather in the Ammons-Lolley Commons from 10:00-11:30. This event is open to the community, so invite your friends!

**COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH**

Join minister John Thornton and fellow First on Fifth college students for lunch immediately following worship on November 19. Meet in the back of the sanctuary and walk downtown to grab a bite to eat together!

**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 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 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*)

**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, 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. To purchase a ticket, please contact David Williamson at [dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org](mailto: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](mailto:ahogsette@triad.rr.com).

**CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING**  
**POT-LUCK ON NOVEMBER 19**

Dust off your casserole dishes and pie plates—it's time for our churchwide Thanksgiving pot-luck dinner! On Sunday night, November 19, at 5:30 p.m., members and friends of all ages will gather for a warm and festive fellowship. The church will provide turkey, gravy, rolls, and drinks; you bring sides and desserts! As Thanksgiving draws near, we will break bread together, giving thanks for all of God's gifts in abundance this year. And together, we'll celebrate the growing vision for our church's hopeful future!

**NOVEMBER 15 SCHEMATIC**  
**DESIGN PRESENTATION**

All are encouraged to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 15, at 6 p.m. for a presentation from our architect, Joe Bircher, and the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission. We are currently in the phase of our project called "schematic design," where together, Joe and the Special Committee have been working to sketch out what our building needs might be and how they'll all fit. At this point, your feedback is needed before we move into the next, more specific phase of design! Hope to see you there!

**CHILDREN, YOUTH TRIP TO**  
**TANGLEWOOD LIGHTS**

**Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 pm**

All children, youth and families are invited to join us for the annual Tanglewood Festival of Lights! We will meet at 5 pm in the YMCA parking lot on Peace Haven Road. We will board rental vans, eat dinner, and drive through Tanglewood. Sign up by 5 pm Friday, Nov. 17, by going to the KidCheck website at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx>.

**DONATIONS FOR DR TRIP NEEDED**

The 15th annual women's trip to the Dominican Republic is in January. There are several ways to assist with this mission, which ministers to Cielo women and families. First, your monetary contributions help provide rice, beans and water cards for 50 families most in need. Your check, payable to First Baptist Church, or cash should be designated for the Women's Mission Trip rice and beans ministry. Also, we are collecting toothpaste, sample size toilet articles (soap, shampoo and lotion) and beanie babies for the medical clinic and costume jewelry, handbags and cosmetic bags for the staff and women. These can be placed in the Women's Dominican Republic Mission Trip bin outside Fellowship Hall or given to Gayle Edwards. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and support.