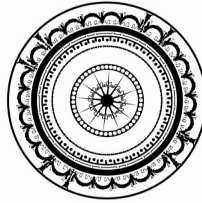


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

January 7, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude Jacob Hill

Call to Worship Hannah Knight

Leader: Creating God, you hold the heavens in your hand;
all stars rejoice in your glory.

**People: You come in the sunrise and the song of the morn
and bless the splendor of the noonday.**

Leader: The stars in their courses magnify you;
day and night tell of your glory.

**People: Your peace blows over the earth,
and the breath of your mouth fills all space.**

Leader: Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm;
the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.

**People: You satisfy all things living with your abundance,
and our hearts bow at your presence.**

*Hymn 307: *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Psalm Lesson: Psalm 29 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.392) John Thornton

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Creator God, out of chaos, you brought order. Out of nothing, you created. You filled the heavens with sun, moon, and stars; you blanketed the earth with light, plants, water, animals, insects, and people. And yet too often we overlook your glorious work. Too often we abuse the gifts of creation you give to us, depleting what you created in abundance. Forgive us, o God, when we take your world and all that is in it for granted. Open us to wonder, delight, and deep care for the landscapes in which we inhabit. Give us courage to become co-creators with you, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray all these things in the name of your Son our Savior, Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Leader: Brothers and sisters, be assured of this: God hears your confession and forgives you wholly. Go forth and be reconciled to God, to one another, and to all creation!

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise; That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I sing the good-

ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eyes; If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne; While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care; And everywhere that we can be, my God you're present there. Praise the Lord!

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.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.478)..... Gary Knight

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 27: *Morning Has Broken* BUNNESAN

Sermon: "What God Does: Creating" Emily Hull McGee

The Celebration of Communion

*Hymn of Response 26: *God of Creation, All Powerful*..... SLANE

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: *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* T. Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia!

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

Litany of Commissioning..... John Thornton

Gayle Edwards, Minerva Fox, Phronsie Jordan, Lee Anne Stiffler

Leader: Friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we commission this team for ministry. We celebrate your service in the Dominican Republic as an extension of the ministry of this congregation, and pledge our support and prayers that your ministry may be effective.

Mission Team: Lord, renew us as we give ourselves in the service of others. Let us be your hands and feet as we share your generous love with those you have called by name, who are precious in your sight.

Leader: We have heard your commitment and we thank God for your desire to serve. Through the calling of God's Spirit and the commissioning of the church, the servants of Christ are scattered throughout the world to share the unconditional love of God.

Congregation, let us pray for them as they live out the mission of Jesus.

Congregation: Lord, bless these who go out from here to share in your great Work of Love in the Dominican Republic. Prosper the work of their hands. Bless those who receive the fruits of their labor, and may these who are sent receive blessing in return. May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people.

*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

Organ Postlude Jacob Hill

**Those who are able will please stand.*

Acolytes for this service are Norah Knight and Micah Knight

What God Does: A Winter Preaching Series

All throughout scripture, story after story tells of God’s bold action in the world, action that invited a response from men and women back to God. Our lectionary Old Testament readings this winter highlight some of these stories, and together for the next five weeks, we will explore in worship “What God Does.” For the God who was creating, calling, changing, challenging, and comforting then is the same God who is doing these things now! So how, then, might we respond?

January 7
What God Does: Creating
Genesis 1:1-5
Emily Hull McGee, proclaimer

January 21
What God Does: Changing
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Amy McClure, proclaimer

January 14
What God Does: Calling
1 Samuel 3:1-20
Emily Hull McGee, proclaimer

January 28
What God Does: Challenging
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Emily Hull McGee, proclaimer

February 4
What God Does: Comforting
Isaiah 40:21-31
Emily Hull McGee, proclaimer

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SUNDAY, January 7

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

WEDNESDAY, January 10

6:00 pm Leadership Training for Committees
 and Team Leaders (Fellowship Hall)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, January 11

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, January 14

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Deacon Ordination
 3:00 pm Called Deacon's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Randy Peters, Dick Bagnal
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Marty Cook, Sibyl Smelcer
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Kara Thompson, 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the case of inclement weather, please check our website, firstonfifth.org, wxii12.com or call our church office at 336-722-2558 for service and scheduling updates.

DEACON ORDINATION JANUARY 14

An annual tradition at First Baptist is the ordination of new deacons for a three-year term and installation of returning ones that will be serving in the 2018 year. This practice links us with centuries of Christian tradition, where women and men were set apart for Christian servant leadership in the church. As a church body, we will celebrate the ministry of deacons in worship on Sunday morning, January 14, as together, deacon and congregation will covenant to be in faithful relationship with each other in the coming year. We will also have the opportunity to ordain five new deacons who will begin their service this year: Joy Gambill, Annice Hogsette, Kim Hovis, Sheree Jones, and Mitch Phipps. Thanks be to God to these who said yes to serve!

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

Crisis Control - toilet tissue

Samaritan Ministries' Wish List

socks, toboggans, deodorant,
 #10 cans fruit, #10 cans vegetables

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE JANUARY 17

As is our custom, the congregation will gather for our regular Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday night, January 17, from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. In addition to regular reports, the congregation will hear two presentations from the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission. One will include a proposal of new language around our church's future mission and vision, as articulated by the church in our November church-wide conversations on the topic and as crafted by the Special Committee. The other will include new information from Frank L. Blum, general contractor for our building project, detailing a proposed timeline for the work and the next level of pricing information to complete it. These two items will be discussed in the Quarterly Church Conference, and a churchwide vote of affirmation on them will occur on Sunday, January 28. Please make every effort to be part of these important conversations!

WAYS TO ASSIST WITH THE WOMEN'S TRIP TO THE DR

Our 15th annual women's trip to minister to the women and families in the community of Cielo will be January 13-20. There are several ways we need your help. Our greatest need is monetary contributions to help us provide rice, beans and water cards for fifty families most in need. Your generosity last year also provided funds to help buy food and bless our friends in Cielo throughout the year. 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 sample size toothpaste and toilet articles (soap, shampoo and lotion), 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. If you have questions, please contact Gayle Edwards at gcedwards44@gmail.com.

INTERESTED IN FBC? COME HAVE "COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY FEBRUARY 4

Have you been visiting First Baptist a time or two (or ten!) and are interested in getting to know our ministers better? You are invited to do just that! On Sunday, February 4, during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 am), the four ministers at First on Fifth — Emily, David, Amy, and John — will be drinking a cup of coffee in the Ammons-Lolley Commons (located just behind the Sanctuary) and want to share in that time with you! No agenda, no program, nothing fancy — just coffee and fellowship with our pastoral team for newcomers to First Baptist. Hope you can join us then!

FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASS FOR NEWCOMERS FEBRUARY 18 & 25

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in a two-week class called "First Impressions" on Sundays, February 18 and 25, to learn more about life at First Baptist. Led by our pastoral staff and sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, First Impressions will familiarize newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect with one another, get involved in ministry, and join the church. First Impressions gatherings will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 am) in Kelly Auditorium; coffee and breakfast goodies will be provided! For more information, please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.