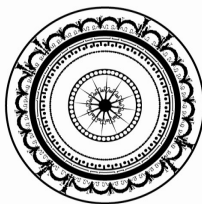


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Dialogue dur la Voix humaine* F. Couperin
Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship Randy Peters

Leader: The one who calls you together this day
yearns for each of you and for all people
to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy word
for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: You invite us, O God, to live in your ways,
and you give us to each other to know and to love
as we journey in this life.
Show us your will for all creation.
Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts
so that we may honor you with our very lives.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*Hymn 477: *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Psalm Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.448) Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: John 1:43-46 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.192)..... Leslie Lowdermilk

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive,
let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

**People: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care,
We confess that we are often slow to listen for your word
and reluctant to respond to it.
We fail nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Give us attentive ears to hear your wisdom
and surrendered hearts to discern your will
so that we may serve you all our days. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,
and by grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 395: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

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.**

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.192)..... David Williamson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Litany of Commissioning Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls men and women within Christ's church to serve as deacons.

Congregation: All ministry emerges from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God is always calling us to join in this great work of Love in the world!

Leader: Deacons, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you to be a deacon. Each of you has accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and commit yourselves to following in his way of Love?

Deacons: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: During your tenure as a deacon, will you seek the peace and unity of this church? Will you covenant to be present and faithful to our life together?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Will you fully commit your life and gifts to sharing in the pastoral care and generous stewardship of our Beloved Community? Will you covenant to lead with courage and compassion?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, receive these sisters and brothers as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's work of Love, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

Congregation: We do, God being our helper.

Laying on of Hands

Candidates for Ordination

Joy Gambill, Annice Hogsette, Kim Hovis, Sheree Jones, Mitch Phipps

Ordination Prayer Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for these servants who you have newly called to be deacons in our beloved community. As we set them apart for this special ministry, we ask you to fill them with all the grace and courage needed to fulfill their responsibilities.

Congregation: Grant them boundless compassion for human needs, boldness in their servant leadership, and devotion to the well-being of your church, that together we may follow Jesus more fully in the way of Love.

Leader: We thank you for Joy Gambill,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Annice Hogsette,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Kim Hovis,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Sheree Jones,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Mitch Phipps,
and ask that you fill him with all the good graces of your Spirit
that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: Friends, we receive these deacons, commissioned and ordained,
as servant leaders in our life together,
and we celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities
for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church.

**Congregation: We give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ,
and covenant to hold all our deacons in prayer as they serve you this year.
We pray these things in the name of your son Jesus,
our leader and guide, Amen.**

*Hymn of Response 473: *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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 Leslie Lowdermilk

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Lord, Here Am I* J.N. Beck

Sanctuary Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me; What is my labor, And where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss; Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Living or dying, I still would be Thine, Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

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

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Acolytes for this service are Kara and Kate Parker

SUNDAY, January 14

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

MONDAY, January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 16

4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:00 pm Capital Campaign Steering Comm. (Kelly Aud.)

WEDNESDAY, January 17

3:45 pm Youth Homework Time (A-L Commons)
 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference (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)
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, January 18

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Offsite)

SUNDAY, January 21

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am Youth Team Meeting (Youth Loft)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Leslie Lowdermilk, John Baxley
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Emily Phipps, Jean Mallard
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Mitch Phipps, Anne Rais

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.

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 14

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

January 21

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

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!

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE NEEDS**Crisis Control - toilet tissue**

Samaritan Ministries' Wish List
 socks, toboggans, deodorant,
 #10 cans fruit, #10 cans vegetables

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

INTERESTED IN FBC? 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 information, please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Sara Royal Grogan by Barry and Nancy Robinson, Gene and Freda Schlaman, Barbara Bedwell, Fran Stewart, Jane Suitt, Paul McCraw, and Roger Lail.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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