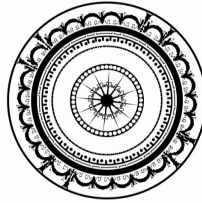


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Ten Pieces for Organ, VIII. Andantino poco adagio* T. Dubois
Jacob Hill, Organ

Prayer for the Day..... Amy McClure

Please read in unison.

**Almighty God, Light from Light,
who commands the universe and all that is made,
your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken,
the force of good, and the food of peace.
Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue.
Heal us now so that in all that we say and do,
the freedom we have in you may be for others, too;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

*Hymn 33: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Psalm Lesson: Psalm 111 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.437) Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response: *Sing Praise to God with One Accord* J. Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Sing praise to God with one accord,
All nations join to praise the Lord,
Sing to the Lord who reigns above,
The God of power, the Lord of love.

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.136)..... Anna Harris

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.27) Matt Steen

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: The One who pardons, heals,
and strengthens all who repent
challenges us to name our failings and our hopes.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and one another.

**People: Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we are hesitant to seek your will.**

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**We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.
We admire those with courage
but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.
We forget that you are always with us,
and that with you all things are possible.
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.
Remove our desire to heed false prophets,
and show us your way;
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought
hears you now and forgives you all your sin.
You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God!

Celebration of Forgiveness: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Sanctuary Choir

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath, His wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

*Hymn 397: *Come, Holy Spirit* CHAPLIN

Prayers for the People Emily Hull McGee

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: "What God Does: Challenging" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 688: *Show Us How to Stand for Justice* PLEADING SAVIOR

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 Florence Wiley

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*arr. A.L. Page

Chancel Ringers

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 Amy McClure
 Organ Postlude: *Messe pour Convents, XV. Offertoire sur les grand jeux* F. Couperin
 Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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DIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP SPONSORS BOOK READING

The church family is invited to a Book Reading on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 450 Metropolitan Drive.

"Little School in the Woods" is the true and inspiring story of a father's love and determination that his children and members of his rural community have the education he lacked. With no schools open to them, Julius Neely, born of former slaves, built a one-room school on his own property in 1908 that educated 1,300 students over forty years. The book, and the recently-restored School, teach about the educational struggles of the early Jim Crow era in North Carolina. Author Emily Brewer (WFU Poteat Scholar Alumna '98, '03 MA) will read from her book and show slides of the illustrations. Light refreshments, and activity sheets for the children, will be provided. Sponsored by FBC and UMMBC's Diversity Partnership.

**DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS
 IN THE COMMONS**

February 13-April 24

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 6:45am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons for a study of Bread and Wine, a collection of devotional readings for Lent and Easter. This collection of readings, both ancient and contemporary, by a variety of devotional masters of the faith will offer plenty of material for the Lenten journey as well as post-Easter readings on resurrection and new life. The study, led by David Williamson, begins on February 13 and continues through April 24. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

Ministry Funding Plan December 2017	Month	YTD
Contributions & Receipts	166,363	1,000,516
Ministry Costs	107,149	1,004,640
Over/(Under) Met Needs	59,214	(4,124)
Contributions Current Year	144,670	946,226
Contributions Last Year	228,096	1,024,358

SUNDAY, January 28

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Deacons' Retreat (Kelly Auditorium)

TUESDAY, January 30

5:45 pm SCFM Meeting (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, January 31

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)
 6:15 pm Missions Focus (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, February 1

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, February 3

4:30 pm Saturday Night Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, February 4

9:15 am Bible Study
 9:15 am Coffee with the Clergy (A-L Commons)
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Florence Wiley, Dee Britt
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Kim Towles, Ying Xiong
 Nursery: Twos-PreK John Baxley, Minerva Fox

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.

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 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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE**PRESENTATION FEBRUARY 7**

Please join us on Wednesday, February 7, from 6:00-7:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, when the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission will share a presentation stemming from our recent churchwide conversations on mission and vision; you won't want to miss it! Our churchwide conversation regarding updates on preconstruction work (pricing and timeline) is yet to be announced; stay tuned for more!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MISSIONS FOCUS CONTINUES JAN. 31

We will continue our conversation around our new missions guidelines on Wednesday, January 31, at 6:15, following our fellowship dinner. We believe that God is calling us to a great work in our city, country, and world, and that these guidelines will work to guide us in the response to that call.

MOCHAS WITH MAC FEBRUARY 4

Calling all school-age children! Please join Pastor Amy Mac for conversations about our faith and our church. Children will meet at 3 pm at the Starbucks near PF Changs (263 Harvey St.) We will see you on Sunday, February 4. Contact Amy "Mac" McClure with questions at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

WANT TO LEARN THE SKILL OF LOOM KNITTING?

For several years members of FBC have created knitted hats to share with folks in the Winston Salem community through a variety of ministry agencies. If you are interested in learning this skill, Joni Wells is willing to share her expertise by teaching a one-session class on loom knitting. If you are interested, please email Joni at 1221jw@gmail.com.

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.

"COFFEE & CONVERSATION" COMING UP FEBRUARY 15

The Senior Adult Team at First Baptist Church on Fifth is pleased to offer *The Power of Hymns, Scripture, and Ritual at Life's End*, a "Coffee and Conversation" event on Thursday, February 15, from 10-11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Chaplain Rennie Adcock will share wisdom he has gained from twenty years of caring for patients and families through Hospice & Palliative Care Center. The event is free and open to the community. Reservations are not required.

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