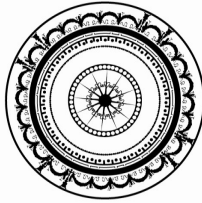


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 2018  
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Berceuse* ..... G. Fauré

Peter Shanahan, Flute  
Jacob Hill, Piano

Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-11..... David Williamson

Leader: Praise the LORD!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.  
He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.  
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.  
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the flute.**

Leader: He covers the heavens with clouds,  
prepares rain for the earth,  
makes grass grow on the hills.

**People: He gives to the animals their food,  
and to the young ravens when they cry.**

Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

\*Hymn 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

\*Passing of the Peace ..... David Williamson

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

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.518) ..... Carla Diehl

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

Prayer of Confession ..... John Thornton

Leader: We fool ourselves if we think  
that our ways are hidden from God.  
Therefore let us confess our sin,  
trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

**People: God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is.  
Your understanding is beyond measure.**

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**We confess to you that we have sinned  
Against both you and our neighbors.  
In your compassion, forgive us,  
for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen**

Words of Assurance ..... John Thornton

Leader: Our God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up our wounds.  
God takes pleasure in those  
who place their trust in God's grace.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: *They Shall Soar Like Eagles* ..... L. Manzo

Sanctuary Choir

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles. They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary. They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power. They who wait upon the Lord. Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow. God will be there each time you call on Him.

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.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.27) ..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 74: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* ..... BALM IN GILEAD

Sermon: "What God Does: Comforting" ..... Emily Hull McGee

The Celebration of Communion

Music for Communion: *Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits* ..... C.W. Gluck

Peter Shanahan, Flute  
Jacob Hill, Piano

\*Hymn of Response 383: *Near to the Heart of God*..... McAFEE

*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

Choral Offertory: *Soon-ah Will Be Done*..... W. Dawson

Sanctuary Choir

Soon-ah will be done with the troubles of the world, going home to live with God.  
I want to meet my mother, I'm going home to live with God. No more weeping  
and wailing. I want to meet my Jesus, I'm going to live with God.

Opportunities for Ministry ..... John Thornton

Mission Moment ..... Kim Wilkinson

\*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 in F Major (Giga)* ..... G.F. Handel

Peter Shanahan, Flute  
Jacob Hill, Piano

\*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

**MISSIONS FUND**

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Missions Fund. This fund is primarily used to meet immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Missions Fund.

**DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS  
February 13-April 24**

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 6:45 am 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](mailto:dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FELLOWSHIP—RESERVATIONS & MENU**

Bring the family and join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We ask God to bless the food, make a few announcements, and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during this time. The cost of the meal is \$6 for adults (6th grade - adult) and \$4 for children (2 yrs. - 5th grade), with an \$20 maximum per family. To sign up, please visit our website <https://firstonfifth.org/wednesday-evening-activities/>, call the church office at 336-722-2558 or visit the "Welcome Center" on Sunday mornings and put your name on the list.

The deadline to sign up or cancel is no later than noon on Monday for the week that you wish to eat.

**Wednesday, February 7 Menu**  
Lasagna, salad, rolls, cookies

**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)

**WEDNESDAY, February 7**

2:30 pm Singing Seniors (offsite)  
 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 Special Committee Presentation (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 8**

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, February 11**

9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 4:00 pm Diversity Partnership Book Reading (offsite)

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week ..... Jason Webster, Laura Ball  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Marty Cook, Donnie Tacy  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... Ray Hawley, Kevin Masten

**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).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the case of inclement weather, please check our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org), [wxii12.com](http://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 highlighted some of these stories as we have explored "What God Does" Creating, Calling, Changing, Challenging, and Comforting". Today Pastor Emily concludes this fascinating study. So how, then, might we respond?

**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!

**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. Please contact Amy "Mac" McClure with questions at [amcclure@firstonfifth.org](mailto: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](mailto:1221jw@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Please mark your calendars for March 4! During worship that day, we will celebrate the Rev. David Williamson and his 20 years of ministry at First on Fifth. Please plan to join us!

**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](mailto: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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*Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.*

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