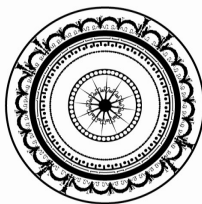


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Herzlich tut much verlangen, BWV 727* J.S. Bach
Jacob Hill, Organ

A Prayer for the Lenten Journey John Thornton

**Gracious God,
in rushing waters and in dry wilderness,
in every season and circumstance,
we need your sustaining presence.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
proclaim the good news among us today
so that we may repent and believe
and see anew how the time is fulfilled
and the kingdom has come near;
in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen**

*Hymn: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. ANNE



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2. As You with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the vic - tory win,
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through Your pas - sion - tide,
4. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,



teach us, O Christ, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.
O give us strength in You to fight, in You to con - quer sin.
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bide.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 25:1-10 Brittany Laws



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul. _____

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Response: *I Will Be a Child of Peace* E. Hagenberg

Women's Chorus

O Holy Father,
I will be a child of peace and purity
for well I know Thy hand will bless
the seeker after righteousness.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.27) Andrew Bundeff

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 635: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

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: "Into the Landscape: The Wilderness" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 677: *When We Are Tested* 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 Chris Gambill

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *O Love, How Deep* E. Titcomb

Sanctuary Choir

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore. Amen.

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee

*Doxology WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who
 is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in A* D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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INTO THE LANDSCAPES OF LENT

Lent and Holy Week at First Baptist Church on Fifth

Together in worship this season, we will go with Jesus into the landscapes of Lent. Our Lenten daily devotional will link scripture and Christian practices with the poetry of Mary Oliver, one who meets God in the scenery of this world. Our Wednesday faith formation will guide us through the Psalms, those ancient songs that give us a deep sense of place and possibility for how and where God can be found. And through it all, we will trust God's promise that these landscapes can be for us, individually and communally, like the ecotone--that flourishing region of transition between two phases of life -- where life is filled with the possibility of springtime, abundant with hope for resurrection.

February 18

Into the Landscape: The Wilderness
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Into the Landscape: The Masses
Mark 8:31-38

March 4

Into the Landscape: The Marketplace
John 2:13-22

March 11

Into the Landscape: The World
John 3:14-21

March 18

Into the Landscape: The System
John 12:20-33

March 25

Into the Landscape: The Road
Mark 11:1-11
Palm Sunday

March 29

Into the Landscape: The Table
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m. in Kelly Auditorium

March 30

Into the Landscape: The End
John 18:1-19:42
Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 1

Into the Landscape: The Beginning
John 20:1-18
Easter Sunday

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDIES

Women's Book Study Slated for February, March

Are you tired of the hustle? Exhausted trying to do or be more? Desire to flourish right where you are? Together, the women at First on Fifth will look at leaving behind a frantic pace for a simpler, more soulful way of living. Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Ammons Lolley Commons at 6:15pm starting February 21 for a book study and discussion. We will be reading and discussing "Present Over Perfect" by Shauna Niequist. Copies of the book are available at the church office for \$10/each or you can purchase a copy on your own at Amazon.com. Contact Meredith Smith (muffysmitty@gmail.com) or Joani Hughes (joanirhughes@gmail.com) for more information.

Large Group Study: Exploration of the Lenten Psalms

Neal Walls, Old Testament Professor at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, will lead an in-depth study of the Lenten lectionary Psalms from February 21 -March 21. This large group study will meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING COMING MARCH 15-17

Join the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC March 15-17 in Winston-Salem for our 2018 Annual Gathering (General Assembly). Our meeting includes traditional components such as workshops, worship, and partner exhibits. You will also find an evening of music called Tunes & Tales, a Leadership Institute, and the "All Are Called" Forum designed to encourage and empower laity. Gather with Cooperative Baptists from across NC to celebrate the ministry of all of God's people and our shared mission together. For more information, go to www.cbfnc.org and click on Annual Gathering.

SUNDAY, February 18

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 9:15 am First Impressions Class (Kelly Auditorium)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, February 19

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, February 20

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 9:00 am Loom Knitting Class (A-L Commons)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 21

- 3:45 pm Youth Homework Time (A-L Commons)
- 4:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 4:45 pm Timothy Ringers (Room 215)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Study of the Lectionary Psalms (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
- 6:15 pm Youth Gym Time (Gym)
- 6:15 pm Nursery Ministry (Room 213)
- 6:15 pm Missions and Music (Rooms 214, 215)
- 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)
- 7:30 pm Young Adult Dinner & Discussion (offsite)

THURSDAY, February 22

- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, February 25

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 9:15 am First Impressions Class (Kelly Auditorium)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

- Deacons of the Week Chris Gambill, Wally Cox
- Nursery: Babies-Ones Anna Harris, Nancy Baxley
- Nursery: Twos-PreK Tommy Henley, Josh McGee

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.

**LOOM KNITTING CLASS
February 20, 9AM-1PM**

For several years members of FBC have created and shared knitted hats through a variety of agencies. If you wish to learn this skill, Joni Wells will teach a one-session class on loom knitting on Tuesday, February 20 at 9 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. If you are interested, email Joni at 1221jw@gmail.com.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

Our very own Scott Hudgins will be leading a two-week session on "The Importance of Martin Luther King Today." This is an optional offering that will meet in the conference room (next door to the Pastor's office) during the Sunday School hour on February 18 and 25. For more information, please contact Al Guenther (arguenthner@novanthealth.org).

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASS
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 familiarizes 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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
RESERVATIONS AND MENU**

Bring the family and join us for dinner on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, visit our website <https://firstonfifth.org/wednesday-evening-activities/>, call the church office (336-722-2558) or visit the "Welcome Center" on Sunday morning 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.

MENU

Wednesday, February 21

Fried Chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, banana pudding

**CELEBRATING DAVID WILLIAMSON
ON MARCH 4**

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. Following worship, a reception in David's honor will be held in Kelly Auditorium. Please plan to join us!

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER &
DISCUSSION IS FEBRUARY 21**

The GAP Sunday school class continues their Dinner and Discussions with "Kids These Days" by Malcolm Harris. They'll meet at the home of Matt Harris and Anna Steen on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 pm.

**CONGREGATION TO VOTE ON
NEW LANGUAGE FOR MISSION,
VISION MARCH 4**

Following several months of deep conversations and last Wednesday night's presentation to the church, there will be a called church conference on Sunday, March 4, to vote on the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission's proposal to retain our existing mission statement and affirm new language for our vision, values, and priorities. This proposal comes to the congregation with a unanimous affirmation from our Deacons. If affirmed by the church, it will serve for us like a compass to point us as we travel forward in God's work of Love here on Fifth Street.

The proposed language is as follows:

Our Mission:

We are a family of faith seeking to know Christ and make Him known.

Our Vision:

We are a community in the heart of the city called by Jesus to bold love of God and neighbor and boundless compassion for all people.

Our Values:

- Worshiping faithfully
- Living neighborly
- Welcoming authentically
- Giving abundantly
- Leading courageously
- Engaging artistically
- Reconciling humbly
- Risking willingly
- Walking with the hurting
- Maturing in discipleship
- Belonging to God and each other
- Being transformed to do God's work of Love

Our Priorities in Ministry and Mission:

- Cultivating the well-being of children
- Mitigating poverty in our community
- Becoming a teaching and learning church
- Growing in number and faithfulness

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