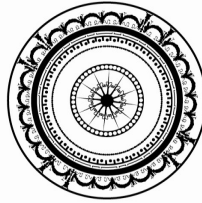


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Lamb of God* G. Bizet

Richard Downs, Jr., Violin
Jacob Hill, Piano

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:23-31 Ray Owen

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

*Hymn 415: *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.34) Cathy Owen

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

Anthem: *Lamb of God* J. Reim

Sanctuary Choir

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace. With your stripes we are healed. The Lord has placed
on You the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our peace
was upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with
grief. Grant us peace.

Prayer of Confession: Kaylee Godfrey

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Kaylee Godfrey

Choral Response: *Wondrous Cross* arr. B. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my
richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid
it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the
vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from
His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did
e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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.**

*Hymn 184: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

Sermon: "Into the Landscape: The Masses" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 657: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

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 Gary Stiffler

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. B. Elston

Chancel Ringers

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

*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

Postlude: "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* E. Elgar

Richard Downs, Jr., Violin
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 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

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in celebration of Tom Moore's 90th Birthday on March 3, 2018. Happy Birthday Papa, we love you! Susan, Janice, Tom, Michael, Beth and Bill, Will, Jason, Meredith and Jordan, Kate, Flynn and Caroline.

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, 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 6:15 pm 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 on Wednesday evenings through March 21. This large group study will meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

COAT COLLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

The Children's Ministry Team is asking everyone to bring coats/jackets that we will use for our Palm Sunday service. Following the service, the children's ministry team will donate the coats and jackets to the rescue mission. Please bring your coat/jacket for donation and place it in the donation bin outside the fellowship hall by March 21 or bring it with you the morning of Palm Sunday and give to Pastor Amy in the sanctuary prior to the service.

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.

Ministry Funding Plan January 2018	Month	YTD
Contributions & Receipts	68,009	68,009
Ministry Costs	86,347	86,347
Over/(Under) Met Needs	(18,338)	(18,338)
Contributions Current Year	68,050	68,050
Contributions Last Year	56,060	56,060

SUNDAY, February 25

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

TUESDAY, February 27

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, February 28

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 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)

THURSDAY, March 1

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, March 4

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Celebration of David Williamson's 20 years of ministry
 11:45 am Reception honoring Rev. David Williamson (Kelly Aud.)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Gary Stiffler, Linwood Davis
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Kim Towles, Ying Xiong
 Nursery: Twos-PreK John Baxley, 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.

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).

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON IS MARCH 8

The Senior Adult Team welcomes all to our quarterly luncheon on March 8, 12:00 noon, at Southern Family Restaurant, 4689 Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown. Our special guest is John Railey, Editorial Page Editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. John will talk about some of the current challenges facing journalism and, on a personal level, will share a little about his own faith journey and how his faith informs his work as a journalist. Please sign up by March 5 at the senior adult table or by calling the church office at 336-722-2558.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASS CONTINUES FEBRUARY 25

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join our "First Impressions" class on Sunday, February 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.

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 come and enjoy the fellowship of that day. We will have a designated spot for cards for David, so feel free to bring those notes of appreciation and leave them for him to enjoy later. Childcare will be extended through the reception time. Please plan to join us!

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 28
 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies

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. The vote will occur at 10:20 am, just prior to worship on March 4. 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 practice 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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