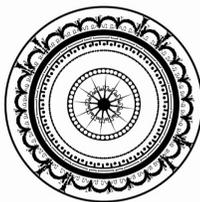


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Largo* G.F. Handel

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship David Smith

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our hearts
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

*Hymn 349: *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *More Love to Thee* T. Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

More love to Thee, O Christ; more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on
bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee. Once earthly
joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This
all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee. Then shall my latest breath
whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer
shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee! Amen.

Gospel Lesson: John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.71) Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand* African American Spiritual

He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

God of mercy,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us
in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.
**We have disobeyed your commands;
our ears have been deaf to your call;
our hearts have been cold to your love.**

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**In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others
and dishonored your name.
In your great mercy receive us yet again
as your well-beloved children,
not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.148) John Thornton

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 178: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* TOWNEND

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.**

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

*Hymn of Response 171: *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

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 Smith

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. M. Hayes

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill and Amy Turner, Piano

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

Opportunities for Ministry David Williamson

*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: *Plein Jeu* F. Couperin

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. We 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.

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

Palms will wave and hosannas of our children will ring out, as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that up-ended expectations for the one who came as King.

March 29

Into the Landscape: The Table
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m. in Kelly Auditorium
From the Latin "*mandatum novum*", Maundy Thursday gives space for us to practice the "new commandment" from Jesus through the earthy, tangible symbols of communion, hand-washing, and scripture.

March 30

Into the Landscape: The End
John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
From the Latin "*tenebrae*," this Good Friday Service of Darkness draws us into the "shadows" of the end. Through a dramatic hearing of scripture and song, Christ's betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and death will draw us all to the cross of love. Thirty minutes prior to the service, worshipers are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross which are displayed in the windows surrounding the sanctuary. Pre-service organ music will be provided by Jacob Hill.

April 1

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

Easter Sunday

From the darkness of Friday bursts forth the joy of Sunday, as the songs of resurrection fill the room with the truth of Easter. The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Death has not the final word, and love wins! The Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir and Sanctuary Choir will help us ring and sing the good news of the resurrection. The service will conclude with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah. All are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir for the singing of this beloved chorus.

Childcare is provided for birth through pre-kindergarten for all Holy Week activities.

CHILDREN'S HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 25, 11:45 am

Children, let's continue our Lenten journey as we walk through Holy Week together. We will have lunch together following worship, then move through stations that help us understand Jesus' experiences his last week on earth. Please RSVP to Jill Knight by Wednesday, March 14 if you plan to attend so we can have enough supplies for our lunch and activities.

EASTER LILY ORDERS

We will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 1. To place a lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the form located at the Welcome Center and return it with your payment to the church office by Monday, March 26. We will have 40 lilies available for the service this year, and may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$15 each.

SUNDAY, March 11

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 12

5:30 pm House & Grounds Committee Meeting (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, March 13

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

WEDNESDAY, March 14

1:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 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 Children's Missions and Music (Rooms 214, 215)
 6:45 pm Youth Fellowship & Devotions (Youth Loft)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, March 15

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, March 18

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Chris Smith, Gayle Edwards
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Gayle Edwards, Josh McGee
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Bob Edwards, Jean Mallard

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.

MOCHAS WITH MAC IS MARCH 18

Calling all school-age children! Please join Pastor Amy Mac for conversations about our faith and our church. Children will meet at 3:00 pm at the Starbucks located next to PF Changs (263 Harvey St.) We will see you on Sunday, March 18. Please contact Amy "Mac" McClure with any questions at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

LOOM KNITTING CLASS IS MARCH 20

If you are interested in learning the skill of loom knitting, Joni Wells will teach a one-session class on Tuesday, March 20 at 9:00 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. For information, please email Joni at 1221jlw@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, March 14

Pot Roast with veggies,
 roasted potatoes, rolls, cookies

**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. Our meeting includes 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. For information, go to www.cbfnc.org and click on Annual Gathering.

**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.

**YOUTH—GET READY
FOR PASSPORTmissions**

This year's youth PASSPORTmissions camp will be held at Furman University July 9-14. Cost per youth is \$200. A \$50 deposit is due March 31. For sign up, payments and questions, contact Kim Towles at kimtowles@gmail.com or Mary Foskett at foskettm@wfu.edu.

**GOT CHORES? LET WFU BSU
COME TO THE RESCUE!**

Would you like a weekend free of chores? Let the Wake Forest BSU do them for you! They can help out with odd jobs from painting to cleaning out garages to mowing grass. These workdays help them raise money for their missions fund. The Spring Work Days will be held March 23-24. Contact Madison Thraikill (thramc15@wfu.edu) or Vicky Wang (wangr14@wfu.edu) for more information.

**BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY OF
NC TO HONOR FIRST ON FIFTH**

March 16 at 9am

Knollwood Baptist Church

We invite everyone to join us on Friday, March 16 at 9:00 am at Knollwood Baptist Church for the annual gathering of Baptist Women in Ministry of NC. During this time, First Baptist Church on Fifth will be recognized and given an award. We would love to have a great representation from our church at this event to receive the award!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE**

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Blackwell Scholarship and Ida Tilson Scholarship for the 2018/19 school year. The Blackwell Scholarship was established in 1945 by the Blackwell family to provide funds for students who are preparing for a career in church ministry. The Ida Tilson Scholarship Fund was established in 1981 to provide scholarships, granted on the basis of need, to students enrolled at "institutions of learning and study." To request an application, please call the church office at [336-722-2558](tel:336-722-2558) or email bethstainback@aol.com. All applications must be submitted to the church office no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

**"PRESENT OVER PERFECT"
DAYTIME BOOK STUDY**

The "Present Over Perfect" Wednesday night book study has been so well received that a daytime version will be offered beginning Wednesday, March 14, at 11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Using Shauna Niequest's "Present Over Perfect," the women at First on Fifth will look at leaving behind a frantic pace for a simpler, more soulful way of living. Books are available at the church office for \$10/each or you can purchase a copy at Amazon.com. Contact Meredith Smith (muffysmitty@gmail.com) or Joani Hughes (joanirhughes@gmail.com) for more information

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