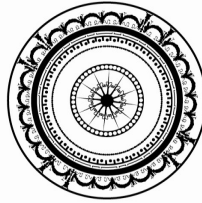


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Adagio* T. Dubois
Jacob Hill, Organ

Prayer for the Day..... Bryanna Greene
(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God,
by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation
and open the way to eternal salvation.
As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as he draws all people to himself
revealing your love for the world. Amen.**

*Hymn 158: *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

*Passing of the Peace John Thornton
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Call to Confession: *Come to the Cross* J. Martin
Sanctuary Choir

Come to the Cross. Kneel in its shadow. Come to the lonely place where teardrops turn to grace. Behold the dying Lamb of God. Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy). Come to the cross. Rest in the promise. Come to the shattered throne where Jesus dies alone. Behold the wounded King of kings. Kyrie eleison. Father, forgive them. Come to the cross. Come to the fountain. Come to the windswept hill; the cross is waiting still. Behold the man of Calvary. Kyrie Eleison.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4,10-12 Amy McClure
(Please read in unison.)

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 5:5-10 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.172) Amy McClure
Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Response: *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul! To God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM", while millions join the theme I will sing! When from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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.**

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.81)..... Joe Bircher

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn: *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOÉL NOUVELET

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
4. When our hearts are win'try, grieving, or in pain,
wheat that in dark earth man-y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,
Love lives a - gain that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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

*Hymn of Response 497: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*..... ASSAM

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 Mitch Phipps

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. C. Moglebust

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

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: *Elegy* G.T. Thalben-Ball

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

March 18

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

March 25 Palm Sunday

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

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 Easter Sunday

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

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.

Our Easter Sunday worship service will be preceded by a brunch during the Sunday school hour. Please bring your favorite breakfast goodie and join us in Kelly Auditorium for a time of fellowship prior to worship on this most joyous of holy days.

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

MONDAY, March 19

5:30 pm House & Grounds Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
 6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, March 20

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 9:00 am Loom Knitting (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, March 21

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
 1:30 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 22

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, March 25 Palm Sunday

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:45 am Children's Holy Week Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Mitch Phipps, Judy Eustice
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Nancy Baxley, Joani Hughes
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Tommy Henley, 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 near PF Changs (263 Harvey St.). Please contact Amy "Mac" McClure with questions at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

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. On Sunday, March 25, we will have lunch together following worship, then move through stations that help us understand Jesus' experiences his last week on earth. Contact Jill Knight (jillinknight@gmail.com) with questions.

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 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.

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.

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 (kimtowles@gmail.com) or Mary Foskett (foskettm@wfu.edu).

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 1221jw@gmail.com.

CARE NOTES MINISTRY

April 3, 10-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

The Homebound Team is sponsoring "Care Time" sessions starting Tuesday, April 3rd from 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the first Tuesday of each month. We will spend time together writing notes of encouragement to our homebound members and to those on the prayer list. Coffee and sweets will be provided. All ages are welcome to participate in this wonderful ministry. Feel free to bring your own cards, notes, and artistic creations. Our homebound team will also provide various cards for use. Prayer lists and updated homebound lists will be provided. Minerva Fox, Florence Wiley, and Amy McClure look forward to being with you for an exciting and enjoyable morning.

"PRESENT OVER PERFECT" DAYTIME BOOK STUDY

The "Present Over Perfect" Wednesday night book study has been so well received that a daytime version is being offered on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Contact Meredith Smith (muffysmitty@gmail.com) or Joani Hughes (joanirhughes@gmail.com) for details.

MARCH MADNESS BASH

**March 31 & April 2, A-L Commons
5:30pm - 11:30pm**

"We invite people of ALL ages to join Pastor Amy Mac and our hospitality team for this church-wide fellowship time to watch the NCAA basketball tournament during "March Madness." Feel free to bring your own lounge chair or use one of ours. Amy Mac will be bringing her UNC chair! Have a favorite snack? Bring it to share with others or just come and enjoy what we provide. No need to sign up—just show up and enjoy the fun!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Wednesday, March 21

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

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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

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