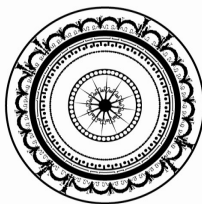


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: Messe pour les Couvents, V. Dialogue F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.439) David Williamson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Palm Processional

*Processional Hymn 175: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *We're Leading the Way for the King of Kings* R. Schram

Young Musicians
Amy Turner, Director
Jill Knight, Accompanist

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

(Please read in unison.)

**O Lord, who on this day
entered the rebellious city that later rejected you,
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance John Thornton

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Response: *Shout for Joy, O Daughter of Zion* J. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion, Clap your hands, O Israel. Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion. Let the alleluias swell. God will turn your sorrow to gladness. God will turn your silence to praise. God will turn your tears into laughter. Shout for joy, clap your hands. Shout for joy to the Lord. Praise the Lord, O children of Zion. Raise your glad hosannas high. Dance and sing, O children of Zion. Lift your glorias to the sky. God will turn your sorrow to gladness. God will turn your silence to song. God will turn your tears into laughter. Shout for joy, clap your hands. Shout for joy to the Lord. For the Lord will dwell in Zion. Shout for joy this glorious day. Now behold the promised Messiah. Come and see God's power and glory displayed. God will turn your sorrow to gladness. God will turn your silence to song. God will turn your tears into laughter. Shout for joy, clap your hands. Shout for joy to the Lord, O Zion. Shout for joy!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.36) Amy McClure

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers for the People Kaylee Godfrey

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 172: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

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

*Hymn of Response 186: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

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 Ray Owen

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Zion, at Thy Shining Gates* K.L. Scott

Sanctuary Choir

Zion, at thy shining gates Lo, the King of glory waits; Haste thy monarch now to greet, strew thy palms before his feet. Christ for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite; This the beacon we display to proclaim thine advent day. Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin, Take away the galling weight laid on us by greed and hate. Give us grace thy yoke to wear, Give us strength thy cross to bear, Make us thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord. So when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men, We with all thy saints shall sing alleluias to our King.

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

Organ Postlude: *Ceremonial March in D* 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

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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND MISSION PRESENTS UPDATE TO THE CHURCH

April 4 and 8

After continuing in the steady work on our church's facilities and our related forthcoming building project, the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission is ready to present to the congregation a proposal regarding Phase One of the building project. Please join members of the Special Committee and pastoral staff for a time of presentation and conversation on Wednesday night, April 4, from 6:15-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our regular fellowship meal that evening, but this conversation will take the place of regular programming for all ages. Childcare for birth through pre-K will be provided; a RSVP for your meal is required. If you are unable to attend this time of conversation, folks from the Special Committee and pastoral staff will be in the Commons during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, April 8, 9:15-10:15am to share again the information and answer whatever questions you may have. A vote on this proposal will be held at a later date to be announced. Please make every effort to be a part of these important conversations about the future of our facilities!

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 morning will begin on the front lawn to fill the flower cross with flowers you bring from home. We'll meet in Kelly Auditorium for breakfast goodies and coffee at 9:15 am 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.

Ministry Funding Plan February 2018	Month	YTD
Contributions & Receipts	64,270	132,279
Ministry Costs	84,789	171,136
Over/(Under) Met Needs	(20,519)	(38,857)
Contributions Current Year	64,442	132,492
Contributions Last Year	79,573	135,633

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)
6:30 pm First Impressions Dessert Fellowship (McGee home)

TUESDAY, March 27

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

WEDNESDAY, March 28

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, March 29 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Kelly Auditorium)

FRIDAY, March 30 Good Friday

Church Office Closed
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, March 31

5:30 pm March Madness Bash (A-L Commons)

SUNDAY, April 1 Easter

9:15 am Breakfast Fellowship (Kelly Auditorium)
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the WeekRay Owen, Minerva Fox
Nursery: Babies-OnesDonnie Tacy, Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreKTommy Henley, Ray Hawley

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.

**CHILDREN'S HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION
Today at 11:45 am**

Children, let's continue our Lenten journey as we walk through Holy Week together. Immediately following worship today, we will have lunch together, then move through stations that help us understand Jesus' experiences his last week on earth.

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.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS DESSERT
FELLOWSHIP IS TONIGHT**

A First Impressions Dessert Fellowship is slated for Sunday, March 25, 6:30-8:00 pm, at Pastor Emily's house. Want to come and get to know our pastors and other newcomers to our faith community? This is a great, informal setting to chat, ask questions and learn more about our church in a no-pressure environment! Please RSVP to Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASSES,
JOINING SUNDAY PLANNED
FOR APRIL**

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in a two-week class called "**First Impressions**" on Sundays, April 8 and 15, 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!

Our next "**Joining Sunday**" is planned for Sunday, April 22! We understand that uniting with a family of faith is an important step, and we like to make it a little less intimidating by inviting folks who are at this place in their journey to make that step together. For more information on "First Impressions" or "Joining Sunday", please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

**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).

**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 or just come and enjoy what we provide. No need to sign up-just show up and enjoy the fun!

**DR. PAUL BAXLEY LEADING IN
WORSHIP APRIL 8**

First Baptist is delighted to welcome back to our pulpit and our church the Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia. Paul is no stranger to this church, spending his adolescent years growing up at First Baptist. He is notably the son of John and Nancy Baxley, and is proud to be married to Jennifer and father to Olivia, Maria, Matthew, and Caroline. We are thrilled to welcome Paul back to preach and his family to worship with us on Sunday, April 8!

**CARE NOTES MINISTRY
April 3, 10-11:30 am**

The Homebound Team is sponsoring "Care Time" sessions starting Tuesday, April 3, from 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the first Tuesday of each month. We will spend time 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. 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.

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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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