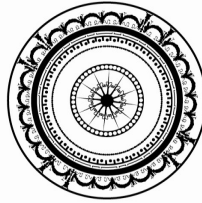


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
10:30am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Moderato maestoso, En Forme de Carillon*..... T. Dubois

Jacob Hill, Organ

Proclaiming the Good News: John 20:1-18 Lynn Rhoades

Call to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Leader: The Lord is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

Peal of Celebration

Choral Introit: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Shaw/Parker

Sanctuary Choir

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen!

*Processional Hymn 194: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

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

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

**Resurrecting God,
you summon us to life in the midst of death,
But we cling to what we know and have,
even when they try to deaden your sacred movement.
You invite us to peace in the midst of violence,
But we hold fast to our fears, our indifference,
our weapons of physical and emotional war.
You beckon us to praise in the midst of despair,
But we clamp shut our lips, refusing to proclaim
Good News with our mouths or our very lives.
Filled once again with your unruly Spirit,
stir in us as you did in even the darkest tomb,
that we might answer your summons
and be part of your movement of new Life. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness David Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
Jesus Christ has broken the power of sin and death
and opened the way to eternal life.
The empty tomb stands as witness
to this good news of the gospel:
Through our Risen Lord we are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Anthem: *He Is Not Here* R. Nagy

Sanctuary Choir

'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord, And walking to the tomb, said, "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?" Then, behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead, Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead! He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay, He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day. When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true; But running there to find the empty tomb, they suddenly believed it too. In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead, Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead! "He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay, He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day. The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia! For Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave; But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and power to reign. He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay, He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day. Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer 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 214: *The Day of Resurrection*..... LANCASHIRE

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

Celebration of Communion

*Hymn of Response 206: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna* W ZLOBIE LEZY

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 Carlos Mir

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Easter Morning Joy* D. Wagner

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

*Choral Response: *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Postlude: *Phoenix Processional* D. Locklair

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

At the conclusion of the worship service the Sanctuary Choir will be singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah. Anyone who has sung this beloved chorus is invited to join the choir in the choir loft as we stand to sing the Doxology. Copies of music will be provided as you enter the choir loft. All are welcome!

MISSIONS FUND

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Missions Fund. This fund is primarily used to meet immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Missions Fund.

EASTER LILIES

Given in Memory of:

Blanche S. Allen by Tom Allen
Elizabeth Mae Allen by Tom Allen
Vincent Lambert by Ed Lambert
John Grogan by Jean Grogan
Janice T. Shearin by Sibyl and David Smelcer
Debbie S. Allsbrook by Sibyl and David Smelcer
Hugh and Tup Strickland by Dorothy Chrysson
Al Amos by Doyce Amos and family
Bob Whittle by Jan Whittle
Alice and Worth Chandler by Emil and Nancy Nathan
Dr. Peter Nathan by Emil and Nancy Nathan
Joanne and Bill Rice by Linda and Joseph Jones
Dewitt E. Rhoades by Lynn Rhoades
Wava Howard by Jim and Sherry Tew
George and Betty Norwood by Beth and Gene Stainback
Ruby Stainback by Beth and Gene Stainback
Dorothy Harris by Whitty Harris
Arnett Harris by Mary Nell Harris
John Jordan by Phronsie Jordan
Ed and Evelyn Collette by Bob and Gayle Edwards
Jim and Mary Edwards by Bob and Gayle Edwards
Margaret McGinley by Jack and Susan Eaton

Elizabeth Eaton by Jack and Susan Eaton

Brenda M. Bennett by Jerry Bennett

Edith B. Marlow by Jerry Bennett

O. G. and Emily Allen by Marty Cook

Jim Cook by Marty, Preston and Lesley Cook

Our parents and sister by Hugh and Lynn Parker

Eunice Bircher by Joe Bircher and Lynne Brown

Lloyd Stiffler by Gary and Lee Anne Stiffler

Suzanne S. Higgins by Gary and Lee Anne Stiffler

Doris Ammons by Scott Hudgins and Mary Foscett

Bob Caviness by Scott Hudgins and Mary Foscett

Ann Foscett by Scott Hudgins and Mary Foscett

Russ Chappell by Scott Hudgins and Mary Foscett

Murphy J. Hampton by Betty Hampton

Given in Honor of:

Jack Shearin by Tom Allen

Lala Lambert by Ed Lambert

Glenn and Lynne S. Hancock by Bill and Betty Scales

Mary N. Rhoades by Lynn Rhoades

Linwood Ammons by Jim and Sherry Tew

Suzanne, Jon, Hunter and Jennifer Amos by Betty Hampton

David, Allison, Andrew and Will Hampton by Betty Hampton

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**A Choral Worship Service led by
the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra**

May 20, 10:30am

Join us for this festive worship service as we mark the end of Eastertide and celebrate the day when God's Spirit was unleashed on all of creation! The Sanctuary Choir will be joined by a 28-piece orchestra to sing a collection of anthems ranging from spirituals to sacred classics. Rehearsals will begin on April 11 at 7:15pm in the Choir Room and all are welcome to sing with us! For more information please contact David Williamson at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

SUNDAY, April 1 Easter Sunday

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

MONDAY, April 2

8:00 pm March Madness Bash (A-L Commons)

TUESDAY, April 3

10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, April 4

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Daytime Study (A-L Commons)
 2:30 pm Singing Seniors (offsite)
 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 pm Special Committee Update (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, April 8

9:15 am Bible Study
 9:15 am First Impressions (Kelly Auditorium)
 9:15 am Special Committee Update (A-L Commons)
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Snacks with Mac—Pre-K (Sanctuary, offsite)
 3:30 pm Javas with John (offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Carlos Mir, Chris Gambill
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Jean Mallard, Katie Gambill
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Kara Thompson, Tina Magee

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 COMMITTEE 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 6:15-7:15 pm 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. Please RSVP for your meal no later than noon on Monday, April 2. 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, 9:15-10:15 am 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!

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS CLASSES,
JOINING SUNDAY SET 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.

MARCH MADNESS BASH**April 2, A-L Commons****8:00 pm - 11:30 pm**

"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 finals. 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!

SNACKS WITH MAC**April 8, 3 pm in the Sanctuary**

Calling all Pre-K kids who will start kindergarten this fall! Please join Pastor Amy Mac in the sanctuary as we prepare for your worship experience in the fall. We will then walk downtown for special "snacks with Mac." Parents, please drop your child in the sanctuary at 3 pm and pick up at 4:00 pm.

**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.

JAVAS WITH JOHN**April 8, 3:30 pm**

On Sunday, April 8, youth are invited to come grab coffee with John Thornton at the Starbucks on Stratford Road (110 Oakwood Drive).

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH*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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