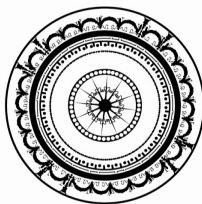


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

10:30am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee
Organ Prelude Jacob Hill
Call to Worship Nancy Baxley

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: In this form of worship and the worship that is our very lives,

All: God calls us to practice resurrection.

Leader: With boldness and courage for what lies ahead,

All: God beckons us with the promise of new life!

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*Processional Hymn 195: *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* WESNATE
Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

**Resurrecting God, you have shown yourself to us by Word
and Spirit,
With signs and wonders,
In flesh and blood,
Yet we still struggle to live and believe
in the good news of the risen Christ.
Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear
So that we may practice bold love for you and neighbor
And boundless compassion for all people. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness John Thornton

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have an advocate with God,
One who offered his very life in love
To save us from ourselves and our sin.
This is the good news we proclaim today:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* H. Friedell

Sanctuary Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Scripture Lesson: I John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible, NT, p.187) John Baxley

Pastoral Prayer 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 196: *Alleluia No. 1* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:13-31 (Pew Bible, NT, p.92).....Emily Hull McGee

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

Sermon: "Resurrecting Boldness" Paul Baxley

*Hymn of Response 425: *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

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 David Matthews

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *O Sons and Daughters of the King* P. Sjolund

Sanctuary Choir

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia! On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in songs of joy and shouts of praise: Alleluia! And we the holy church unite, as evermore is just and right, in glory to the King of light. O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

*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

Organ Postlude Jacob Hill

**Those who are able will please stand.*

Kaylee Godfrey, a second-year student at Wake Forest School of Divinity, is serving First Baptist Church as Pastoral Intern for the 2017-18 academic year.

FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary today by John and Nancy Baxley in honor of their children and grandchildren and in gratitude to First Baptist Church.

**“OLD LIFE, NEW LIFE”
AN EASTERTIDE PREACHING SERIES
April 15 - May 20**

Many times in our lives, we experience an event that becomes the pivot point from which everything changes. We look back on our old lives, “before kids” or “before the diagnosis,” with a range of emotions: nostalgia at a bygone time, anger for unrealized expectations, grief at what once was. And for some of us, the pivot point represents a new phase of life: “after the wedding” or “after retirement.” We can look ahead with hope and possibility, making big plans and setting goals and readying ourselves for something new. Even for our church, we are preparing to think about time “before renovation” or “after demolition.” But for all of us who claim to follow Christ, Easter is for us that pivot point upon which all things changed. Through his resurrection, Jesus offers us new life. But this new life doesn’t come with a plan or a road map; it’s often frightening and fully outside the norms we know. By exploring the stories of people who encountered the resurrected Christ or experienced new life in him, together we will be equipped to look back on these events in our life with a clearer idea of how resurrection changes us and look forward in hope for what lies ahead.

April 15

“Old Fear, New Experience”
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

“Old Rocks, New Stones”
Acts 4:4-12

April 29

“Old Boundaries, New Inclusion”
Acts 8:26-40

May 6

“Old Plan, New Interruption”
Acts 10:44-48

May 13

“Old Authority, New Leadership”
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 20

“Old Bones, New Body”
Ezekiel 37:1-14

**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@firststonfifth.org.

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)

MONDAY, April 9

5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, April 10

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

WEDNESDAY, April 11

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
 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 Adult Faith Formation (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, April 12

2:00 pm Senior Adult Team Meeting (A-L Commons)
 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, April 15

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting
 9:15 am Bible Study
 9:15 am First Impressions (Kelly Auditorium)
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Children's Musical Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the WeekDavid Matthews, Kim Hovis
 Nursery: Babies-OnesGayle Edwards, Kate Masten
 Nursery: Twos-PreKBob Edwards, Kevin Masten

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.

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 (263 Harvey St - near PF Changs).

LOOM KNITTING CLASS**April 17, 9 am-1 pm**

Loom knitting is continuing by popular demand! If you are interested in learning this skill, Joni Wells will teach a one-session class on loom knitting on Tuesday, April 17, at 9:00 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. If you are interested, please email Joni at 1221jw@gmail.com for details and a materials list.

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.

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.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE APRIL 18

As is our custom, the congregation will gather for our regular Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday night, April 18, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. In addition to regular reports, the congregation will hear further information regarding the proposed Phase One of our building project. The congregation will also hear a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding one of our designated funds, called the Parsonage Fund. Please make every effort to be part of these important conversations!

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!

SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE MAKE-UP PRESENTATION**April 8, 9:15-10:15 am****A-L Commons**

After continuing in the steady work on our church's facilities and our related forthcoming building project, the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission presented to the congregation a proposal regarding Phase One of the building project on Wednesday, April 4. If you were 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. Handouts which detail the Phase One proposal are located at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Further information will be shared at the Quarterly Church Conference on April 18; 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU FOR APRIL 11

Spaghetti, salad, rolls, cookies

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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