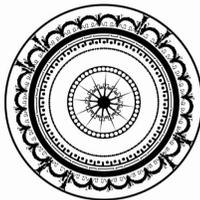


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Improvisation* G. Oldroyd

Jacob Hill, Organ

Invocation Amy McClure

**God of grace and God of glory,
fill your church with the power
that flows from Christ's resurrection
so that, in the midst of this sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,
risen to new life with Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Processional Hymn 217: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYMN TO JOY

Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7 (Pew Bible, NT, p.188).....David Williamson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48 (Pew Bible, NT, p.69)..... Annice Hogsette

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Emily Hull McGee

**Good and gracious God,
we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life death, and resurrection among us,
needing forgiveness.
We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.
We beg your mercy for our fallen world.
We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.
Be our solace in this life and always.
We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.
Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Brothers and sisters,
Let us remember the love of God lavished on us
that we should be called God's children,
for that is what we are.
Our prayers for forgiveness have been heard.
God's promises are true: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Peace be with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Peace Unto You* G. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Peace unto you when your feet are weary, peace unto you when your path grows dim; peace unto you when you don't see clearly, peace unto you when you find you can't find Him. Peace unto you when your heart is breaking, peace unto you when your spirit cries; Peace unto you when your soul is aching, peace unto you when your hope, your last hope dies. Peace unto you when in prayer you're pleading, peace unto you when you cease to roam; Peace unto you when in finally seeking peace, you find that you're finally home.

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

*Hymn 197: *We Welcome Glad Easter* ST. DENIO

Sermon: "Old Fear, New Experience" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 285: *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

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 Paul McCraw

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Praise! Praise!* G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Praise! Praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord. Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all. Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise. The glory and power of God we proclaim, and sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name.

Opportunities for Ministry David Williamson

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* J. Clark

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Bob and Patricia Owen to the glory of God and in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on April 18.

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CHURCH TO VOTE ON PHASE ONE OF BUILDING PROJECT APRIL 29

After two presentations by the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission and robust times of Q&A on April 4 and 8, the church will vote after worship on Sunday, April 29 to approve the concept of Phase One of our building project. In summary, Phase One of the project will include the following:

- Demolition of Buildings B & C
- Related work alongside demolition, including asbestos abatement and backfill
- Utility relocation of the electrical transformer and the boiler
- Site work around the grounds once Buildings B & C are no longer here
- Full replacement of the Building A roof
- Exterior restoration of the tower, and all restoration at and above the roofline of Building A
- Addition of bathrooms in the Sanctuary narthex
- Temporary space for children and some offices

Full details about Phase One can be found at this link: <https://firstonfifth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SCFM-Presentation-to-the-Church-on-Phase-One-4.4.18-2.pdf>

Pending a vote of approval by the church, the project is slated to begin as early as June 1 and will last approximately 10-14 months. Many leadership bodies in the church (including our Deacons, House & Grounds, Finance, Special Committee, and staff) are working tirelessly together to attend to all the details that will enable this substantial transition to take place.

In addition to this vote on Phase One, the church will also vote to approve the utilization of our existing line of credit for initial expenditures of up to \$1M, expenditures that enable the work to begin prior to our fall 2018 capital campaign. Ultimately, these dollars will be included in the Guaranteed Maximum Price given to us by our contractor, Frank L. Blum, a number that the church will receive and approve this summer. The total budget for Phase One of the project is approximately \$5M.

Handouts detailing Phase One of the project are available at the link above, at the Welcome Center, and in the church office. Should you have questions regarding the content and scope of the April 29 vote, a time for further discussion about the impending project will come in the context of our Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:15 p.m.

Please make every effort to be present for these important times of discussion, discernment, and decision! May God grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days in the life of First Baptist Church!

“OLD LIFE, NEW LIFE”: AN EASTERTIDE PREACHING SERIES

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

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)

MONDAY, April 16

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, April 17

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 9:00 am Loom Knitting (A-L Commons)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, April 18

- 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 Quarterly Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 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 19

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

SUNDAY, April 22

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- Joining Sunday
- 11:30 am Children's Musical Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Paul McCraw, John Hanes
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Emily Phipps, Marty Cook
 Nursery: Twos-PreK John Baxley, Minerva Fox

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.

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 1221jlw@gmail.com for details and a materials list.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER**MENU FOR APRIL 18**

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes,
green beans, rolls, cookies

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

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in "First Impressions" which continues on Sunday, April 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.

**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 and have time for questions. The congregation will also hear two recommendations from the Finance Committee: (1) to lift the restrictions one of our designated funds called the Parsonage Fund, a fund that is church-restricted, which enables it to be utilized as the church deems appropriate; and (2) to continue spending for architectural services through Walter Robbs Callahan as we enter into the next phase of our building project design. Please make every effort to be part of these important conversations!

**MISSIONS AND MUSIC
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION****Wednesday, April 25 at 6:15pm
Kelly Auditorium**

Join us as we celebrate together a year of missions and music with choirs, handbells, and mission project reports! A highlight of this evening will be the children's musical "The Ultimate Question." Please plan to be with us as we wrap up another season of learning and growing together!

**CELEBRATING AMY TURNER'S
MINISTRY AMONG US**

After 11 years of faithful ministry serving God through the music, children's, and administrative ministries of First Baptist Church on Fifth, Amy Turner is concluding her work on our staff to pursue her growing piano studio and another work-from-home job with First in Flight Entertainment. Amy's work with the church has taken numerous forms over these years, and she has been a vital part of the fabric of our ministry. We will celebrate Amy's ministry as Children's Choir Coordinator on Wednesday night, April 25, at the conclusion of the children's music presentation that night, blessing her with our love and gratitude as she steps into a new season of life. Please join us on April 25 at 6:15 p.m. in Kelly Auditorium as we share in the gifts of our children and celebrate Amy's ministry among us!

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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