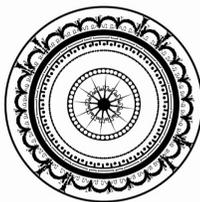


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *O Gott, du frommer Gott* S. Karg-Elert

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship Hailey Greene

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People: Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**People: To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

*Processional Hymn 477: *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Passing of the Peace John Thornton

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *Come, Gracious Spirit* D. Wood

Sanctuary Choir

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above; be thou our guardian, thou our guide, O'er every thought and step preside. The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way; plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may never depart. Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his pastures stray: lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God. Lead us to heaven, that we may share a fuller joy forever there: lead us to God our final rest, to be with him forever blest.

First New Testament Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 (Pew Bible, NT, p.96) Amy McClure

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: Loving and embracing God,
long ago you called your church to a love
beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts and enact such love.
This day you call us to the same broad love
and generous inclusion,
but we so often fall short of your desires
for us and for our world.
Hear us as we confess our sins.

(Silent Confession)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

People Lord, we ask your forgiveness
when we have failed to practice bold love
and boundless compassion.
We confess those times when our hearts
have been closed to the stranger around us,
and because of our self-made limitations and boundaries,
we have missed the very presence of Christ among us.
Lord, forgive us and cleanse us.
Give us a fresh openness to the movement of your Spirit in our day,
that we too might discern new directions
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness David Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
while it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's boundless love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 275: *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?* KINDRED

Second New Testament Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.188)..... Meredith Parker

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *O the Boundless Love of God* D. Mengel

Sanctuary Choir

O the boundless love of God, ever flowing free, all around me above and below, flowing wide as the sea. O the boundless love of God, endless as the sky, glowing brighter than all the stars, clothed in glory divine. O the love that embraces me. Sing, my soul, set the praises free, alleluia! Sing for eternity; how vast is the love of God. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT, p.84)..... Robert Parker

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

Sermon: "Old Boundaries, New Inclusion" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 481: *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

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 Sheree Jones
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory: *A Jubilant Peal* M. Helman
 Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir
 Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure
 Called Church Conference
 *Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee
 Organ Postlude: *Concerto in G, III. Allegro, BWV 592* J.S. Bach
 Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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CHURCH TO VOTE ON PHASE ONE OF BUILDING PROJECT AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

This morning, the church will vote after worship 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

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 on our website, at the Welcome Center, and in the church office.

Thank you for being 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!

SUNDAY, April 29

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Called Church Conference (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Youth Hiking Trip to Pilot Mountain (offsite)

TUESDAY, May 1

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 10:00 am Care Notes (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, May 2

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
 2:30 pm Singing Seniors (offsite)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, May 3

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, May 6

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Sheree Jones, Joy Gambill
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Meredith Smith, Joani Hughes
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Tommy Henley, Anne Rais

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.

"THE FINANCIAL DIARIES" BOOK DISCUSSION BEGINS IN MAY

Starting in May, John Thornton will lead a bi-weekly discussion on the book *The Financial Diaries* by Jonathan Morduch and Rachel Schneider. From the book's description: "The traditional narrative about financial success in America is that hard work, steady saving, and a little bit of luck will ensure financial security, a comfortable retirement, and a better future for one's children," but by zooming in on the finances of 235 families, the authors find, "families that are struggling with financial instability and insecurity, but who are also working hard and devising smart and creative ways to cope." Join us as we discuss the book over coffee at Footnotes Coffee on 4th St. You can order the book on Amazon or pick one up at the church for a suggested donation of \$10. Contact John Thornton (jthornton@firstonfifth.org) with questions.

SOUND TECHS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with operating the sound system for our 10:30 am worship service. Our sound techs serve on a monthly rotating schedule and training will be offered to all volunteers. For information please contact David Williamson at dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org or 336-722-2558 ext. 118.

**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

CARE NOTES MINISTRY**May 1, 10-11:30 am**

The Homebound Team is sponsoring another "Care Time" session on Tuesday, May 1, from 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to meet 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.

**SENIOR ADULT TRIP EXPLORES
OUR HOMETOWN****May 10, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

The New Winston-Salem: Join us on a day trip to explore our changing city on Thursday, May 10. We will leave the church at 9 am and return about 4 pm. During the morning, we will explore sites around city and have lunch at Hutch and Harris (4th and Spruce). Our afternoon will feature a tour of Innovation Quarter with our own Terri Yates. This trip is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee. The only cost is one's lunch. Please sign up at the Senior Adult table by May 7.

**"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 by-gone 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 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

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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