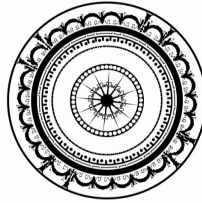


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Messe pour les Paroisses, VI. Plein Jeu, Et in Terra pax* F. Couperin
Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-4 Amy McClure

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**People: The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

*Processional Hymn 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *Hymn to the Holy Spirit* C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire; While the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame. Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame! Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live. Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife. Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life. Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace, by Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release! Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery! Amen!

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

Leader: You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.

**People: I gave them for a moment,
then withdrew them, for the work was hard.**

Leader: You asked for my mouth,
to speak out against injustice.

People: I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

Leader: You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

People: I closed them, for I did not want to see.

Leader: You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

People: I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Leader: Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you —
only when it is convenient to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

**People: O Christ, ignite us with your fire;
Baptize us with your fiery Spirit,
crown our lives with tongues of flame! Amen.**

Words of Assurance John Thornton

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
Christ is our peace;
those who are divided he has made one.
He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death
and has built us up into one body with God.
To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation.
So let us live as people reconciled to God and one another.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 (Pew Bible, NT, p.99)..... Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:



but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - like souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

Pastoral Prayer David Williamson

Leader: Spirit of the Living God,

People: Fall fresh on us.

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.**

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6 (Pew Bible, NT, p.189) Scott Hudgins

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Old Plan, New Interruption" Emily Hull McGee

Celebration of Communion

*Hymn of Response 274: *As Grain on Scattered Hillsides* MERLE'S TUNE

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 Scott Hudgins

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* M. Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise; the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name. Let every creature join to praise the one eternal God, ye heavenly hosts the song begin and sound His name abroad. Jesus, the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free. His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me. He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise; the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name. Let every creature join to praise the one eternal God, ye heavenly hosts the song begin and sound His name abroad.

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

Mission Moment: Winston-Salem Street School Ray Owen

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Organ Postlude: *Wedding March* Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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Acolyte for this service is Norah Knight.

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.

SUNDAY, May 6

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

MONDAY, May 7

Pastoral Staff Planning Retreat (offsite)

TUESDAY, May 8

Full Staff Planning Retreat (offsite)

WEDNESDAY, May 9

11:30 am "Present Over Perfect" Women's Study (A-L Commons)
12:00 pm Volunteer Luncheon (Kelly Auditorium)
5:30 pm Youth Team Meeting (Youth Loft)
6:30 pm "Present Over Perfect" Evening Study (Offsite)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, May 10

9:00 am Senior Adult Downtown Tour (Offsite)
5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, May 13

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Scott Hudgins, Ray Owen
Nursery: Babies-Ones Emily Phipps, Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreK Ray Hawley, Mitch Phipps

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.

"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. For all of us who claim to follow Christ, Easter is for us that pivot point upon which all things change. 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 together the stories of people who encountered the resurrected Christ or experienced new life in him, we will be equipped to look back on these events in our life with a clearer idea of how resurrection changes us and to look forward in hope for what lies ahead.

May 13: "Old Authority, New Leadership"

May 20: "Old Bones, New Body"

"THE FINANCIAL DIARIES" DISCUSSION

Starting May 10, John Thornton will lead a bi-weekly discussion on the book "The Financial Diaries" by Jonathan Morduch and Rachel Schneider. Join us as we discuss the book at Footnotes Coffee on 4th St. on May 10 & 24, and June 7, at 7:00 pm. 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.

**CHURCH CELEBRATES
PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20**

Pentecost Sunday, the day that Christians worldwide mark the beginnings of the church, will be for First Baptist a day of celebration and remembrance! Following our April 29 vote to proceed with Phase One of our building program, we will gather that morning to give thanks for all the life and ministry contained within buildings B & C. From 9:00-9:45am that morning, all are invited to the chapel for a service of celebration, followed by a time of prayer around the buildings. We then will meet for worship as is our custom at 10:30, in which we will be led musically by our Sanctuary Choir and a 28-piece orchestra in a moving time of worship. Our morning will conclude with a time of joining, as we welcome into our fellowship new members and mark the movement of the Spirit among us. Please make every effort to join us for this momentous day!

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS & JOINING
SUNDAY COMING SOON**

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in a condensed one-week version of "First Impressions" on Wednesday, May 16, to learn more about life at First Baptist. Led by our pastoral staff and sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, First Impressions familiarizes 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. This First Impressions gathering will be held at 5:30-7:30 pm in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by May 14 to Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

Our next "Joining Sunday" is planned for Sunday, May 20-Pentecost Sunday! 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.

**WITH BOLD VISION, CHURCH
VOTES TO APPROVE PHASE ONE**

In Sunday's Called Church Conference to hear the recommendation from the Special Committee regarding Phase One of our building project, the congregation voted to proceed with the substantial first phase of our work. The motion passed overwhelmingly with 90% of voting members in favor of the recommendation.

Phase One will begin this summer, and plans are already underway to finalize our move out of these buildings in preparation for their removal. The church will gather on May 20 at 9:00am for a special time of worship to celebrate all the ministry contained within. A churchwide dinner and sale of items within the building will take place on Wednesday night, May 23. The Deacon subgroup continues their tireless work to cull through all the items in the buildings, and our House & Grounds Committee is overseeing related preparations for a public sale of these items in June and relocation of various spaces into Building A.

We give thanks for all who continue to keep us moving into the next season of our church's life together, but most of all, to the God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

**MAY 10 SENIOR ADULT TRIP
EXPLORES OUR HOMETOWN**

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.

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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