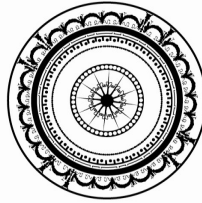


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Romanza* R. Vaughan Williams

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship: Psalm 47 Kaylee Godfrey

*Processional Hymn 219: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessing of Mothers John Thornton

Leader: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers of all forms, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. We thank you for the women who raised us, whether they were mothers, older sisters, aunts, grandmothers, or someone else. We offer prayers for all our mothering people who have led us more fully to you.

People: Grant them a sense of fulfillment and the appreciation of others.

Leader: We pray for mothers whose children are grown.

People: Grant them joy and satisfaction in fulfilling their motherly roles through all the changing seasons of life, and generous mercy and forgiveness for those times when they have fallen short of expectations.

Leader: We pray for new mothers experiencing changes they could not predict, changes that have upended life as they've known it.

People: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you day by day and into the future.

Leader: We pray for mothers who face the demands of single parenthood.

People: Grant them strength, wisdom, and the courage not to walk this road alone.

Leader: We pray for mothers who are raising their children in poverty.

People: Grant them relief, justice, and communities who see the needs of these children as their own.

Leader: We pray for mothers who are separated from their children.

People: Grant them faith, hope, and everlasting knowledge of your presence.

Leader: We pray for mothers in marriages that are in crisis.

People: Grant them support, insight, and the grace of their first belovedness by you.

Leader: We pray for mothers who have lost children.

People: Grant them deep and abiding comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and surround them with those who remember.

Leader: We pray for women who desperately want to be mothers.

People: Grant them steadfastness on this journey and hands filled with that which brings them life.

Leader: We pray for those present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

People: Grant them a community who holds their sorrow, and peace which passes all understanding.

All: God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. Shape them into instruments of your peace as they model your all-embracing mercy and share your unconditional love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem: *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Wherever there's despair, hope. Where there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe. For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life! Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT, p.90) Justin Chandler

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible, NT, p.148) Kim Hovis

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

**People: Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
our leadership lacks courage and conviction,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
As Christ is our witness, God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore, let God send us forth to proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:
Through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 403: *Lead Me, Guide Me* LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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.**

Sermon: "Old Followers, New Leaders" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 223: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

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 Kim Hovis
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: *When I Can Read My Title Clear* arr. B. Ingram
Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure
Celebrating the Ministry of Our Intern Emily Hull McGee

*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: *Toccata* D. Gawthrop
Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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Acolytes for this service are Kara and Kate Parker

Kaylee Godfrey, a second-year student at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, completes her service as Pastoral Intern today. We offer our gratitude and thanks for her ministry over the past school year.

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WINSTON SALEM STREET SCHOOL GRADUATION IS JUNE 7

You are invited to the Winston-Salem Street School graduation at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 520 Summit Street, on June 7 at 6:30 pm. The Street School provides an opportunity for our city's at-risk youth to earn a high school diploma in a Christian environment. This experience generally results in the transformation of a disenfranchised youth into a productive citizen.

The Street School receives support from FBC Mission Funds. Our support to the Street School is making a difference in the lives of these youth and building a better community through Christ's love.

Please come to the graduation; come hear the stories, witness the miracles and see lives changed forever. You will leave with a heart full of joy as you see these young people take a giant step forward in their lives.

SUNDAY, May 13

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

MONDAY, May 14

5:30 pm House & Grounds Committee Meeting (Gray Room)

TUESDAY, May 15

9:00 am Loom Knitting (A-L Commons)
5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 16

5:30 pm First Impressions (A-L Commons)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

THURSDAY, May 17

11:30 am Senior Adult Team Meeting (A-L Commons)

SUNDAY, May 20

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
9:00 am Celebrating Buildings B&C (Chapel)
10:30 am Choral Worship Service for Pentecost (Sanctuary)
Joining Sunday

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Kim Hovis, Paul McCraw
Nursery: Babies-Ones Gayle Edwards, Kim Towles
Nursery: Twos-PreK Bob Edwards, Jean Mallard

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.

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.

"THE FINANCIAL DIARIES" DISCUSSION

The bi-weekly discussion led by John Thornton on the book "The Financial Diaries" by Jonathan Morduch and Rachel Schneider began May 10, but it is not too late to get in on the conversation! Join us as we continue the discussion at Footnotes Coffee on 4th St. on May 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.

**LOOM KNITTING CLASS
May 15, 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, May 15, 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.

**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 the April 29 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!"

**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.

**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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