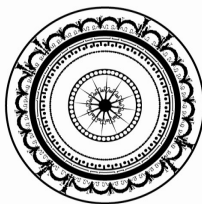


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



## The Worship of God

May 27, 2018

10:30 am

Invitation to Worship ..... John Thornton

Prelude: *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* ..... arr. B. Boertje

Jill Knight, Piano

Call to Worship ..... Amy McClure

Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the splendor of creation your majesty and our responsibility.

**People: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the face of Jesus Christ your divinity and our humanity.**

Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling.

**People: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!**

\*Processional Hymn 2: *Come, Thou Almighty King* ..... ITALIAN HYMN

Passing of the Peace ..... Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible, OT, p.492) ..... Leslie Lowdermilk

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession ..... David Williamson

*Please read in unison.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
all the earth is full of your glory.  
Forgive us, we pray when our lives do not reflect  
your glory and the purposes you intend for us.  
Help us, O Lord, for we are a people  
of unclean lips and impure hearts.  
But even though our lips are not clean  
and our hearts are not pure, you still call us.  
Help us to comprehend your will and ways in the world.  
We long to feel your grace and glory,  
for in you we are healed and set free. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:12-17 (Pew Bible, NT, p.120) ..... David Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:  
We did not receive the spirit of slavery,  
but rather the spirit of adoption.  
Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out,  
for you are God's beloved children —  
forgiven, loved, and free.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: *Spirit, Now Live in Me* ..... arr. F. Bock

Sanctuary Choir

O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending,  
All of our shattered dreams You're mending, Spirit, now live in me. O  
holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing, You  
are the life that starts us growing, Spirit, now live in me. O holy Rain of  
God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling, You are that  
inner voice now calling, Spirit, now live in me. O holy Flame of God now  
burning, You are the power of Christ returning, You are the answer to our  
yearning, Spirit, now live in me. Spirit, now live in 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.**

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-16 (Pew Bible, NT, p.71)..... Matt Lowdermilk

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ..... KINGSFOLD

Sermon: "Between the Inevitable and the Unpredictable" ..... John Thornton

\*Hymn of Response 488: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* ..... BEACH SPRING

*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 ..... John Hanes

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Fairest Lord Jesus* ..... D. Hakes

Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will  
I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the  
meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus  
is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sun-  
shine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines  
brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Sav-  
ior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, Praise  
adoration, now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

Opportunities for Ministry ..... David Williamson

\*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 ..... John Thornton

Organ Postlude: *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King* ..... J. Bender

David Williamson, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary today by Ralph and Patricia Messick to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life and legacy of their daughter, Amy, and in honor of her beautiful children, Hannah, Robert and John. Thanks be to God!

<u>Ministry Funding—April 2018</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions & Receipts	95,441	292,656
Ministry Costs	78,102	319,392
Over/(Under) Met Needs	17,339	( 26,736)
Contributions Current Year	95,637	294,263
Contributions Last Year	76,808	292,364

### FIRST ON FIFTH SENIOR ADULTS SUMMER 2018 DATES

#### June

**June 7** - Picnic at Southern Family Restaurant @ noon (no sign-up required, just show up!)

**June 12** - Aging Well seminar "Understanding Dementia" at the Central Library @ 6:00 pm (Registration required by calling 336-713-2378)

**June 27** - Dinner at Cloverdale Kitchen @ 5:00 pm (no sign-up required, just show up!)

#### July

**July 10** - Aging Well seminar "Improvisational Movement: What it is and how it can help you feel good and live well" at the Central Library @ 6:00 pm (Registration required by calling 336-713-2378)

**July 18** - Lunch at Mama Zoe's @ 11:30 am. (no sign-up required, just show up!)

**July 19** - Caregiver Lunch and Learn at Senior Services. (Register by calling 336-721-6918)

**July 25** - Day Trip for peaches and to visit Sandhills (sign-up calling Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308)

#### August

**August 14** - Aging Well Seminar "Research brings knowledge. Knowledge brings answers. Answers bring hope" at Central Library @ 6:00 pm (Registration required by calling 336-713-2378)

**August 15-17** - Overnight trip to New Bern/Kinston (sign-up by calling Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308)

**August 22** - Dinner at Midtown Cafe @ 5:00 pm (sign up by calling Pastor Amy McClure at 336-722-2558)

**\*For more specific details for each event, please visit our website at [www.firstonfifth.org](http://www.firstonfifth.org)**

**SUNDAY, May 27**

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

**MONDAY, May 28**

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY, May 29**

5:45 pm SCFM Meeting (A-L Commons)

**WEDNESDAY, May 30**

7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Suite)

**SUNDAY, June 3**

9:15 am Church-wide Adult Sunday School (Kelly Auditorium)  
 9:15 am Church-wide Celebration of Graduates (A-L Commons)  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Graduate Sunday

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacons of the Week .....John Hanes, David Matthews  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones .....Marty Cook, Ying Xiong  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK .....Kara Thompson, 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](http://firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://give.firstonfifth.org).

**CHURCH-WIDE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 3**

Beginning on June 3, we'll start our church-wide Sunday School in Kelly Auditorium from 9:15-10:15 am each Sunday. We'll be reading and discussing the Adam Hamilton book "Making Sense of the Bible." This book begins by asking big questions about Scripture: What is it? Who wrote it? Why is it sometimes so confusing? What does God have to say to us through its words today?

We'll have greater details in the next few weeks, but the reading schedule for June is as follows:

June 3: Intro - Chapter 2; June 10: Chapters 3-7; June 17: Chapters 8-13; June 24: Chapters 14-18.

You can purchase your own copy or pick one up at the church in the Commons for \$5. That money can be given to John Thornton, the church office volunteer, or drop it in the offering plate and designate it for "Summer Sunday School." We hope you'll join us!

**"THE FINANCIAL DIARIES" DISCUSSION**

The bi-weekly discussion led by John Thornton on the book "The Financial Diaries" concludes at Footnotes Coffee on 4th St. on June 7 at 7 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](mailto:jthornton@firstonfifth.org)) with questions.

**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.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

We will recognize all 2018 graduates during the June 3 worship service and listing them in the worship folder that day. If you have a family member graduating this year, please submit the following information to Amy Cook at [acook@firstonfifth.org](mailto:acook@firstonfifth.org) by noon on Wednesday, May 30: the graduate's name, degree, school attended, relationship to you, and, if applicable, institution the graduate will attend for further study.

**CHURCH-WIDE CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES**

June 3, 9:15 am

**Ammons-Lolley Commons**

Please plan to join our Hospitality and Fellowship Ministry Team, in partnership with the Youth Ministry Team, in the commons to congratulate our 2018 graduating high school seniors. There will be baskets available for each student if you wish to bring a card of congratulations. We will also provide a few cards if you wish to use one of ours. Doughnuts, juice, and coffee will be provided. The four graduates we will be celebrating that day will be John Kearney, Rachael Allen, Daniel Hudgins, and Betty Huang, who is competing her senior year as an exchange student from Taiwan. Please come by on your way to Sunday school to shake their hands, hug their necks, and congratulate them!

**WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE: MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE**

In conjunction with our churchwide Summer Sunday School's exploration of Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible", we will gear our worship in the month of June towards unpacking some of the bigger questions and assumptions about the Bible: what it is and is not, what story it is telling throughout the Old and New Testaments, and then how we should read and engage with these ancient words. As Baptist Christians, we hold the personal engagement with the words (scripture) and the Word (Jesus) in highest regard. Thus, our focus together will help you with tools and language for your own interaction with these wonderful words of life!

**June 3**

"What the Bible Is and Is Not"  
 1 John 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**June 10**

"Making Sense of the Old Testament"  
 Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**June 17**

"Making Sense of the New Testament"  
 John 1:1-18

**June 24**

"How to Read the Bible"  
 Genesis 32:22-32

**PICK-UP DATES FOR PRE-SALE ITEMS**

If you purchased items during our pre-sale on May 23 and need to pick them up, please note the following pick up schedule:

Sunday, May 27: 12:30-1:30 pm  
 \*Tuesday, May 29: 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 \*Wednesday, May 30: 12:00-5:30 pm  
 \*Thursday, May 31: 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
 \*FBC Maintenance staff will be available to help load items.

**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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