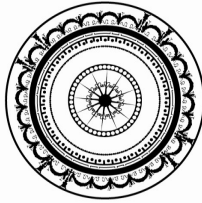


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 2018
10:30 am

Gathering

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Organ Prelude: *Elevation* T. Dubois

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship Josh McGee

Leader: Let us gather as God's people
with signs all about us of God's presence:

People: A baptistry reminding us of God's redeeming grace;

Leader: A Bible breaking to us the bread of life;

People: A cross declaring God's sacrificial love;

Leader: A table where the living Christ bids us welcome.

People: Let us draw near to God, for God is with us.

Centering

*Hymn 366: *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED

Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:6-8 (Pew Bible, OT, p.672) Mitch Cook

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Offertory* J.N. Beck

Sanctuary Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man. He
has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to
do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God of unconditional love and unlimited grace,
your invitation is so simple that we often stumble over its simplicity.
But the simplest standard is often our greatest challenge:
For we confess that we are not a just people.
We confess that we offer kindness when it is forced from us.
We confess that our walk — our daily schedule —
is characterized by pride, not humility.**

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**We confess our tendency to purchase worship with consumables:
perhaps not rams and oil, but something much like it.
And as much as we hate to give up our material possessions,
that would be the easier path to devotion.
But you require something different, something harder.
Your worship requires our very lives, not simply the things we own.
God of justice, kindness and humility,
forgive us and transform us according to your simple call.
And may our response to your generous forgiveness be this:
to do justice and not simply talk about it,
to love kindness and not just offer it when compelled by guilt,
and to walk humbly even when it seems so out of step with our prideful culture.
We offer our confession and our very lives in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.149) John Thornton

Leader: Hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 473: *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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.**

Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination Amy Cook

(Please read in unison.)

**By the breath of your Spirit inspire us,
that in the hearing of your Word
we may be filled with new understanding
and fresh desire to please you in all we do,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:1-2 (Pew Bible, NT, p.123) Amy Cook

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "...To Begin Again the Worship That is Our Very Lives" Emily Hull McGee

Responding

*Hymn of Response 490: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

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 Dee Britt

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *God Is My Shepherd* K. Pryor and D. Nolan

Sanctuary Choir

God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I'm in His hand. My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. All we like sheep have gone astray,

each of us turns to our own way. God is a shepherd who guards His own, giving His life to bring us home. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I'm in His hand. My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb.

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

*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.

Sending

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* M. McCabe

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today celebrate Pastor Emily on the occasion of her birthday, July 28, 2018, and are given with love by her husband, Josh, and their children, Liam, Annabelle and Silas. Thanks be to God!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: A Four-Week Preaching Series

In the Gospel of John chapter 6, we hear a number of stories about Jesus and bread – bread fed unexpectedly to thousands, bread referenced as Jesus reminds his disciples of God's promises, bread given as Jesus proclaims, "I am the bread of life," and bread as everlasting promise of belief. Pair these texts with those from Ephesians regarding how to live the Christian life with one another, and the lectionary both serves us a feast upon which we can be nourished in the living of our days and a reminder of the famines that exist in our lives and our world. Our worship throughout the month of August will see us gathered around the literal and proverbial table, dining together with the One in whom all might never hunger again.

August 5
 "Bread Shared"
 John 6:1-21

August 12
 "Bread Given"
 John 6:24-35

August 19
 "Bread Instead"
 Ephesians 4:25-5:1

August 26
 "Bread Lived"
 John 6:51-69

Ministry Funding Plan June 2018	Month	YTD
Contributions & Receipts	65,417	435,456
Ministry Costs	81,297	475,433
Over/(Under) Met Needs	(15,880)	(39,977)
Contributions Current Year	65,807	436,190
Contributions Last Year	65,751	453,501

RINGERS NEEDED

There are three openings in the Adult Handbell Choir beginning this fall. Handbell experience would be helpful, but a basic music reading ability is all that is required. We will teach you the rest! Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 5:30pm and will begin on September 6. For more information please contact David Williamson at 336-733-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org

SUNDAY, July 29

9:15 am Church-wide Adult Sunday School (Kelly Auditorium)
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, August 1

2:00 pm Summer Javas with John (Offsite)

SUNDAY, August 5

9:15 am Church-wide Adult Sunday School (Kelly Auditorium)
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SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Dee Britt, Mark Thompson
Nursery: Babies-Ones Nancy Baxley, Anna Harris
Nursery: Twos-PreK John Baxley, Kevin Masten

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.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE, BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES PLANNED FOR AUG. 22

All are invited to attend our upcoming Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, August 22, from 6:15-7:15 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Among our regular business, we will hear updates from the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission, House & Grounds Committee, and Finance Committee regarding our ongoing building project. Chief among these updates will be the sharing of our project's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Frank L. Blum, the contractor for our project. Per congregational approval of the scope and budget of Phase One in April 2018, all involved with the project's leadership are working tirelessly towards the \$5M approved budget figure. Assuming no major surprises during the ongoing bid process, the congregation will hear the GMP and vote to approve it during our Church Conference that evening. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, and childcare for infants through preK will be provided. Please contact Amy McClure by August 19 for childcare reservations.

CHURCH-WIDE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our church-wide Sunday School continues with our study of the Adam Hamilton book "Making Sense of the Bible." Please join us as we understand the Bible more fully together!

July 29 - Chapter 25: "Did Jesus Really Say That?" and Chapter 26: "No One Comes To The Father Except Through Me"

August 5 - Chapter 30: "Making Sense of the Book of Revelation"

August 12 - Chapter 31: "Toward an Honest and Reverent View of Scripture" and Chapter 32: "Postscript: - Reading the Bible for All It's Worth"

**THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE:
A Two-Week Preaching Series**

The Greek word *leitourgia*, from which we get the word 'liturgy,' quite literally means 'the work of the people.' Scholar Don Saliers calls this *leitourgia* "our life of prayer and work with God and neighbor." Liturgy forms the worship we celebrate each Sunday as a gathered community in a particular space, as well as the worship that, in the words of our weekly benediction, "is our very lives." As a worshipping community, we'll spend two Sundays thinking together about the symbols and rhythms of our worship, uncovering the meaning behind the words we pray or the songs we sing, and illuminating the rituals of baptism and communion in which we partake. We'll also listen together for God's guidance "as we end this form of worship," to be sent forth as agents of God's hope, peace, joy, and love in the world.

July 29

"... To Begin Again the Worship That is Our Very Lives"
Romans 12:1-2 and Micah 6:6-8

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
ANNOUNCED**

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following students who will receive monetary assistance from First Baptist for the 2018/19 school year. Those receiving funds from the Blackwell Memorial Scholarship Fund are: Alex Bracey, attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Ka'thy Gore Chappell, attending Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Jill Knight and Paul Yoder, both attending Campbell University Divinity School. Recipients of funds from the Ida Tilson Scholarship Fund are: Caroline Cook, attending UNC Wilmington; Mary Morgan, attending UNC Charlotte; and Thomas Stirewalt, attending NC State.

**FIRST ON FIFTH SUMMER DATES
Children**

August 5 - Snacks with Mac (Pre-K children). Meet at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.

Youth

August 1 - Summer Javas with John at 2:30 pm at Footnotes on 4th Street.

**TRAVEL WITH OUR SR ADULTS
TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA!**

Join our senior adults for a two-night, three-day trip to the New Bern/Kinston area August 15-17. The tentative itinerary includes the following:

Smithfield: The Ava Gardner Museum
Kinston: Visitors Center / Civil War Museum and dinner at The Chef and the Farmer restaurant.

New Bern: Tryon Palace/History Complex. Would spend both nights at the Bridge Point Motel/Marina in New Bern.

Kenansville: Liberty Hall (Kenan Homeplace) and the Cowan Museum. Cost for two nights/three days traveling via motor coach would be: double occupancy - \$225; for single room, add \$75. Rates are based on a minimum of 25 participants, or with a smaller group on a small vehicle. Final reservations and payments are due August 6. The Chef and the Farmer reservation would need to be made sooner than August 6. Please contact Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308 for details and to reserve your spot!

**FOREST PARK SCHOOL SUPPLY
DONATION DRIVE**

The First on Fifth Youth are sponsoring a School Supply Donation Drive for Forest Park Elementary School. Please join us in stocking the shelves at Forest Park Elementary. All teacher supplies are needed (notebooks, markers, paper, pencils, etc.), tissue boxes and hand sanitizers, as well as prize incentives for students. We would also like to give each teacher a small token of appreciation in the form of a \$5 gift card to a local business (such as Starbucks or Chick-fil-A). Donations may be dropped off in the Forest Park Elementary donation bin located in the first floor corridor outside of Kelly Auditorium. If you would like to give a monetary donation towards the purchase of gift cards, you may give this to Kim Towles, 336-671-5915. Please email Nathan Towles at towlesnc@gmail.com with questions. Supplies will be collected through the end of August.

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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