



Gathering

Invitation to Worship John Thornton

Prelude: *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, Op. 122, no. 5* J. Brahms

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2 Amy McClure

Leader: I will sing praise to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you.

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

Centering

*Hymn 339: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-12, 8:6-7 (Pew Bible, OT, p.483, 486) Randy Peters

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart* A.L. Page

Sanctuary Choir

Set me as a seal upon Your heart, O God, for love is as strong as death. The waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon Your heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a strong spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Restore unto me the joy of salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit. Then I'll teach Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

New Testament Lesson: James 1:17-27 (Pew Bible, NT, p.179) Annice Hogsette

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Pew Bible, NT, p.32) Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: With sincere hearts and minds,
let us confess our sins before God and the world,
trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

**People: Loving, righteous God,
our hearts are filled with the wickedness you hate.
You have called us to yourself, but we so easily go astray.**

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**Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions.
Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments.
We honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you.
Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions;
cleanse our tongues from evil words
so that our worship may be pure and undefiled
and we may live with you in love for others. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition
and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.
Hear this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Proclaiming

*Hymn 594: *Before the Throne of God Above* BEFORE THE THRONE

Pastoral Prayer David Williamson

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: "The Transforming Power of Love" John Thornton

Celebration of Communion

Responding

*Hymn of Response 365: *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

*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 Florence Wiley

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. H. Ziegenhals

Sanctuary Choir

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for
pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making
music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, As worship
moves us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the church in liturgy and
song, In faith through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in every
tongue, Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost
evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing for whom He won the fight:
Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have
a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Opportunities for Ministry David Williamson

*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 John Thornton

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* D. German

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today by Tom Allen to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Blanche Shermer Allen and their daughter, Elizabeth Mae (Beth) Allen.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST ON FIFTH THIS SEMESTER

We recently premiered our new Wednesday schedule for Fall 2018. Due to shifting needs among those who are actively involved in life here at First on Fifth, we have crafted a new Wednesday schedule that we trust meets those needs while holding in place opportunities for growth and fellowship that are treasured by many in our midst. The first Wednesday of the month will be called "First Fellowship," punctuated with a hot meal that anticipates a large crowd from many walks of life in which to enjoy it. Each subsequent week will also see a meal offered, but these will be more casual and light: meals able for you and your family to take them with you as you go, but also conducive to sitting and sharing in a meal together. Schedules for children and youth will retain their music and arts spiritual formation, while shifting earlier to more readily capture their attention. Space for committees and teams to meet at night will open up, as Bible Study and small groups for adults move to other days and times during the week. All in all, the gathered community at First on Fifth will remain in close fellowship with each other throughout the week, supporting people of all ages as they nurture their lives of faith. Come and be a part!

First Baptist Weekly Wednesday Night Schedule

- 3:00-4:30 - Youth Commons Time
- 4:00-4:30 - Snacks in the Commons for children and youth
- 4:30-5:00 - Handbells for 2nd-5th graders, youth
- 5:00-6:00 - Music and Missions for Pre-K (Ages 3-5) & School-Age (K-5thgrade)
- 6:00-7:00 - Intergenerational Fellowship Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
- 7:00-8:15 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 2

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

MONDAY, September 3 Labor Day

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 4

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 10:00 am Homebound Care Cards (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, September 5

12:00 pm Common Table with Pastor Emily (A-L Commons)
 3:00 pm Youth Commons Time (A-L Commons)
 4:00 pm Children & Youth Snack Time (A-L Commons)
 4:30 pm Children's (2nd-5th) Handbells (Music Suite)
 4:30 pm Youth Handbells (Sanctuary)
 5:00 pm Pre-K Music & Missions (Children's Loft)
 5:00 pm School-Age Music & Missions (Music Suite)
 6:00 pm First Fellowship Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, September 6

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, September 9 Capital Campaign Kickoff

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Deacons Theology Mini Retreat (Kelly Auditorium)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (Offsite)
 3:00 pm Javas with John (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Florence Wiley, Dee Britt
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Kim Towles, Tina Magee
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Mitch Phipps, 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.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am, Commons
 September 4 - November 20

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David resumes this fall. We will begin the semester on September 4 with a six-week study of *A Gospel of Hope* by Walter Brueggemann. On October 16 we will transition to a study of *How to Pray*, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

MOCHAS WITH MAC

Sunday, September 9 - 3 pm

Calling all school-age kids! Our next Mochas with Mac is planned for Sunday, September 9, at 3 pm at the Starbucks on Harvey St. Our special guest will be Pastor Emily, so make sure to join us! Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org for details.

COMMON TABLE BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR EMILY

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Commons
 September 5 - November 14

Starting this fall, all are invited to take their lunch hour, bring a lunch and a healthy measure of curiosity, and share together in fellowship and Bible study around a 'common table' with Pastor Emily and one another. Gatherings will occur in the Ammons-Lolley Commons on Wednesdays at noon, and our time together will conclude each week no later than 1:00pm to give folks time to get back to work or anything else that fills the day. After our meal together, we'll share in conversation about a particular scripture, walking through a passage verse by verse with attention given to its historical context, textual translation, theological significance, and meaning for our lives.

This fall, our Common Table Bible Study will focus on the New Testament letters of Galatians and Ephesians, listening closely for God's guidance in our time and place through these two letters written to churches amidst change and challenge. Themes of faith and freedom, interpretation of the law in light of the gospel, moving beyond barriers and difference to unity in Christ, and living a Christian life will serve as a counter-narrative to the divisive, highly-charged, and rancorous rhetoric in our world today. And yet, around a literal and metaphorical 'common table,' participants will share in the promises of God revealed through scripture as manna for their week. Come and take your seat!

CARE NOTES MINISTRY

September 4 - 10:00-11:30 am

The Homebound Team is sponsoring a "Care Time" session on Tuesday, September 4, from 10:00-11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. We will write notes of encouragement to our homebound members and to those on the prayer list. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Feel free to bring your own cards, notes, and artistic creations, or use our cards. Prayer lists and homebound lists will be available.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS, JOINING SUNDAY DATES

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in a condensed version of "First Impressions" on Wednesday, September 12, 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 September 10 to Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

Our next "Joining Sunday" is planned for Sunday, September 16! 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 information on "First Impressions" or "Joining Sunday", please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

JAVAS WITH JOHN

Sunday, September 9 - 3 pm

All youth are invited to Footnotes Coffee on 4th Street for our next Javas with John on Sunday, September 9, at 3 pm. For more information, contact John Thornton at jthornton@firstonfifth.org.

SAVE THE DATE!! CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**** Please make sure to join us for this special time in the life of our congregation! We'll have plenty of information about all the ways this initiative will shape the mission and ministry of First on Fifth, and how you can play an important role in that effort!**

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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