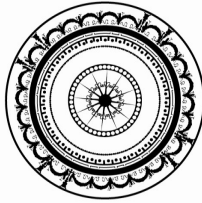


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Den die Hirten lobten sehre* H. Walcha

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship David Williamson

Leader: We worship in the name of our Creator,

**People: the one eternal God in whom we live
and move and have our being,**

Leader: and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: the One who calls us to follow in discipleship,
and through whom the love of God
comes to life in us and around us,**

Leader: and of the Holy Spirit,

**People: our Counselor and Guide,
by whom we become the people of God
and the church of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit;

People: And let your praise resound throughout the earth!

*Hymn 26: *God of Creation, All Powerful, All Wise* SLANE

Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Call to Baptism: *Come to the Water* KELLERIN

Come to the wa - ter on this ho - ly day. Our Lord has
called us, we come to o - bey. Fol - low the One who has
shown us the way. Live in God's king - dom for - ev - er.

Ordinance of Baptism Emily Hull McGee

Candidates for Baptism
Bryanna Greene
Hailey Greene

Choral Blessing: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: James 2:1-10 (Pew Bible, NT, p.179) Victoria Crandall

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession John Thornton

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

**People: God of favor, we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.
You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we crush them.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have favored the rich and despised the poor.
We have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.
Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance John Thornton

Leader: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil. Let us rejoice in the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38 (Pew Bible, NT, p.34) Justin Chandler

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 486: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* RESTORATION

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: "...called by Jesus..." Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 491: *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* FALLS CREEK

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 Baxley

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *The Never Ending Song of Praise* E. Harris

Sanctuary Choir

All through the day and through the night the never ending song goes on: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, may your Kingdom come. Glory and honor be to Him, seated on the throne most high, thanks be to Him who reigns forever, He who will never die. Holy, holy, He will never die. Thanks be to Him who reigns forever; He who will never die. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty King; Holy, holy, holy Lord, they never cease to sing. Power! Glory! Honor unto you, O Holy Lord. All through the day and through the night the never ending song goes on: Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, may your Kingdom come.

Opportunities for Ministry 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

Postlude: *Choral Prelude on GELOBT SEI GOTT* H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Acolytes for this service are Isabelle Yates and Micah Knight

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OUR VISION, GOD’S VISION
A September Preaching Series

Inspired by God at work within our people, written by the Special Committee on Facilities and Mission, and unanimously affirmed by the congregation in March, our church’s new vision statement tells a story about a people, a place, and a calling. For the Spirit has been at work among us, inviting us in this season of our common life to, in the words of Dr. William Sloane Coffin, “risk something big for something good.” In so doing, we’ve taken our cue from Jesus, whose life and ministry capture his vision of a new day, a kingdom where God’s dream for this world is made possible. Using our lectionary texts this month, we will explore our vision statement together in worship, letting the stories of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark inform our understanding of this vision for First Baptist’s future that God has given us.

September 9

“We are a community in the heart of the city...”
Mark 7:24-37; Proverbs 1:20-21

September 16

“... called by Jesus...”
Mark 8:27-38; James 2:1-10

September 23

“... to practice bold love of God and neighbor...”
Mark 9:30-37; Psalm 1

September 30

“... and boundless compassion for all people.”
Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20

SUNDAY, September 16

8:00 am Deacons Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Joining Sunday

TUESDAY, September 18

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 5:00 pm Finance Committee (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 19

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)
 5:30 pm Missions Team Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, September 20

12:00 pm Senior Adult Fall Luncheon (Offsite)
 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, September 21

12:00 pm Fall Film Series "Brooklyn" (Kelly Auditorium)

SUNDAY, September 23

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Chris Gambill, John Baxley
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Anna Harris, Joani Hughes
 Nursery: Twos-PreK Tommy Henley, Josh McGee

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, 6:45-7:30am, Commons
 September 4 - November 20

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David continues with a study of A Gospel of Hope by Walter Brueggemann. It's not too late to join us at 6:45am on Tuesdays! For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext. 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

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!

FALL FILMS

We will explore the theme of "Bold Love and Boundless Compassion" this fall with three powerful films. The screenings will be followed by dialogue and discussion. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Show time is 7pm in Kelly Auditorium.

September 21: Brooklyn
 October 19: The Visitor
 November 16: Under the Same Moon

TODAY IS "JOINING 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. While folks are welcome to unite with our congregation at any time, we set aside specific Sundays to welcome new members who want to make this commitment as part of a group. For more information on our next "Joining Sunday," please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

PRAYER PARTNER INTRODUCTIONS & CARE PACKAGE EVENT

Sunday, September 23

Kelly Auditorium following worship

All children and one of their parents, along with the senior adult prayer partners, are invited to our "Meet your Prayer Partner!" event. We will gather, eat lunch together (lunch provided), and join together to create care packages that we will distribute to our college students. This event is sponsored by our Children's Ministry Team. We invite the rest of the congregation to pray for our prayer partners as they kick off the 2018-2019 school year! Questions? Please contact Pastor Amy McClure: amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

SENIOR ADULT FALL LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 20

12 noon at Southern Family Restaurant
 The Senior Adult Fall Luncheon is Thursday, September 20, at 12 noon at Southern Family Restaurant. We are pleased to welcome Richard Groves as our guest speaker! Mark your calendars and join us for this great time of fellowship! Please call Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308 by September 17 to make your reservation.

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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