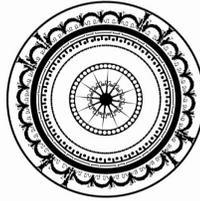


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Messe pour le Couvents, 1.plein jeu* F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: You are holy, God the Creator,
giving us richly all things to enjoy.

**People: You are holy, Christ the Savior of the world,
made flesh to set us free.**

Leader: You are holy, Spirit of Truth and love,
willing to dwell in us.

**People: You are holy and blessed, O God, eternal Trinity,
and we worship you.**

*Hymn 335: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* HYFRYDOL

Passing of the Peace John Thornton

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Psalm Lesson: Psalm 1 (Pew Bible, OT, p.380) Linda Lewis

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession: *Blessed Is the Man* J. Marshall

Sanctuary Choir

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands
in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the
law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree
planted by streams of water.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: Even though we continually walk in ways
contrary to God's beloved counsel,
the Lord is slow to anger and eager to forgive.
Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

**People: Forgiving and gracious God,
we delight in many things,
but seldom is your law one of them.
The advice we seek is convenient at best
and self-serving at its worst.
We have sought recognition, position, and influence,
and have shunned humility, meekness, and childlike trust.
Forgive our foolish and rebellious hearts.
Strengthen our faith and resolve as true disciples of Jesus.
Plant us like trees by streams of water
that we might yield a harvest of righteousness and peace,
all to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Kara Parker

Leader: The God who loves and sustains you
hears your confession.
The Lord desires for you a welcome
into the blessed community of freedom and light.
You are forgiven.
Remember the poor and the outcast,
welcome the child,
and you will know, as well, your own welcome,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Congregational Response: *Make Me a Servant* SERVANT

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are
weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: make me a ser-vant,
make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37 (Pew Bible, NT, p.34)..... Richard Downs

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 603: *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA

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.**

Sermon: "...to practice bold love of God and neighbor..." Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* ST. BRENDAN'S

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: *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord* arr. G. Jones

Sanctuary Choir
Sally Mir, Soloist

In the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. My soul's been anchored in Jesus. Jesus lover of my soul let me to thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll while the tempest still is high. Hide me, oh my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide; oh receive my soul at last.

Opportunities for Ministry John Thornton

*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: *Comes Autumn Time* L. Sowerby

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Acolytes for this service are Hannah Knight and Ashleigh Henley.

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2019 Proposed Ministry Funding Plan

Please mark your calendar now for our next quarterly church conference on October 3, 2018. In addition to regular reports, members will discuss a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the 2019 ministry funding plan. Our Finance Committee will also be providing details regarding paying for our building project. Following is the summary of the 2019 Ministry Funding Plan as recommended by the Ministry Funding subcommittee and deacons. You may pick up a copy of the detailed Ministry Funding Plan in Kelly Auditorium or in the church office.

Denominational and Missions	108,500.00
Outreach and Media	35,000.00
Discipleship Costs (all ages)	33,973.00
Worship and the Arts	20,000.00
Personnel and Administration	616,691.00
Building and Grounds	150,800.00
Fellowship and Congregational care	6,750.00
Less offsets	-41,728.00
Ministries to be Funded	929,986.00

SUNDAY, September 23

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Prayer Partner Care Package Event (Kelly Auditorium)

TUESDAY, September 25

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 5:30 pm Youth Team Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 26

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 Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 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 Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, September 27

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, September 30

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Florence Wiley, Laura Ball
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Kara Thompson, Donnie Tacy
 Nursery: Twos-PreK John Baxley, Sibyl Smelcer

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 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.

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

COMMON TABLE BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR EMILY

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

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 occur in the Ammons-Lolley Commons on Wednesdays at noon, and our time together concludes 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!

SENIOR ADULT DAY TRIP TO ASHEVILLE & HENDERSONVILLE

Thursday, October 4

Join the First on Fifth Senior Adults for a great fall day trip to Asheville and Hendersonville, NC on Thursday, October 4! We'll have a stop at an apple orchard to get some delicious fruit, and enjoy the beautiful fall colors and splendid scenery of Asheville and Hendersonville. Cost is TBD. Please RSVP to Paul McCraw by Monday, October 1. You may call Paul at 336-768-2308 or email him at paulmccraw@yahoo.com.

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 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

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.

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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