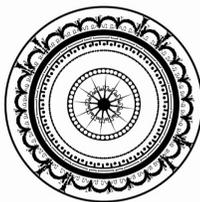


First Baptist Church on Fifth



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

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Soliloquy* H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

Choral Introit: *Let Us Praise Your Name* J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

Let us praise your name, God our Savior, Alleluia,
alleluia! Praise and bless your name, God our
Savior, praise and bless your name, alleluia!

Invocation John Thornton

(Please read in unison.)

**We praise you for creating this world in all beauty
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.
We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise,
to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.**

*Hymn 5: *Come, Great God of All the Ages* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible, NT, p.35) Jacob Hill

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, NT, p.181) Sheree Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick;
anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another
so that we may be healed.

**People: God of compassion,
you know our great transgressions,
our hidden faults, our secret sins.
With our hands we grasp at power;
with our feet we stumble into evil;
with our eyes we look out for ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us
in your holy way of life and love and peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Leader: Though we wander from the truth,
God brings us back and saves our souls from death.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Response: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. W. Dawson

Sanctuary Choir
Leigh Walters, Soloist

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

Pastoral Prayer John Thornton

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.**

*Hymn 653: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* BEECHER

Sermon: "...and boundless compassion for all people." Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 658: *Let Your Heart Be Broken*..... WYE VALLEY

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 Jason Webster

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Like a River in My Soul* arr. T.Osiek

Sanctuary Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

*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: *Organ Sonata No.4, I.Allegro maestoso* F. Mendelssohn
 Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Acolytes for this service are Hailey Greene and Norah Knight.

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FIRST FELLOWSHIP MEAL THIS WEDNESDAY

As we have shifted our Wednesday evening routine around here at First on Fifth, we have instituted a new way we approach Wednesday evening dinners. This Wednesday, October 3, marks our second “First Fellowship” meal. This hot meal provides great fellowship time around the table and draws a large crowd from many walks of life in which to enjoy it. The menu for that night is fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, lima beans, rolls and dessert. Our Wednesday, October 3, First Fellowship Meal will begin at 5:45 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Our Quarterly Church Conference and Ministry Funding Plan discussion begins at 6:15 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Look forward to seeing you for both events on October 3!

2019 PROPOSED MINISTRY FUNDING PLAN

Please mark your calendar now for our next quarterly church conference on October 3, 2018, at 6:15 pm in Kelly Auditorium. 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	<u>-41,728.00</u>
Ministries to be Funded	929,986.00

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 30

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

TUESDAY, October 2

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

WEDNESDAY, October 3

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, October 4

8:00 am Senior Adult Trip to Asheville/Hendersonville
5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, October 7

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week Jason Webster
Nursery: Babies-Ones Meredith Smith, Marty Cook
Nursery: Twos-PreK Minerva Fox, Jean Mallard

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://www.firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at give.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

CARE NOTES MINISTRY October 2, 10-11:30 am

The Homebound Team is sponsoring a "Care Time" session on Tuesday, October 2, 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.

NEIGHBORS BEYOND WALLS

Missions Opportunities for October

In October, we have several unique missions opportunities in which our members can engage. From serving the homeless to reaching out to our friends at Forest Park Elementary to providing support to those in the eastern NC impacted by Hurricane Florence, we are able to assist many. For more details, go to www.firstonfifth.org/missions.

FIRST ON FIFTH PARTNERING WITH NEIGHBOR CHURCHES TO PROVIDE HURRICANE RELIEF

Our neighbors across the street, Centenary United Methodist, have organized and issued a call for a supply drive to offer relief to those affected by Hurricane Florence in our region. They will collect these items and distribute them to partner ministries in eastern North Carolina. You can bring the requested items to First Baptist on Fifth and put them in the designated bins in the first floor hallway. We will accept donations until October 8 at noon. The following items are requested:

- Bottled Water - all size containers
- Toilet Paper & paper towels
- Cleaning gloves
- Spray cleaners & bleach
- Trash bags
- Diapers & wipes
- Feminine Supplies
- Washcloths/Towels
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, soap, etc.)

We continue to work with our ministry partner CBFNC to address needs presented by Hurricane Florence.

Please give to the CBFNC Disaster Response Fund. One hundred percent of the funds collected will be used to address local needs identified by CBFNC partner churches. Donate via a secure link at <http://www.cbfnc.org/>

Right now, our mission partners, Baptists on Mission (NCBM), who specialize in disaster response, have set up operations in several locations. They have the infrastructure to help those in need.

They need volunteers. Please visit their website for updates and opportunities : <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ADVANCE

COMMITMENT LUNCHEON

ON OCTOBER 14

As we enter into the "A Boundless Home" Capital Campaign, a luncheon is planned for Sunday, October 14 immediately after the worship service in Kelly Auditorium. This event provides members an opportunity to make advance commitments to the Capital Campaign. The entire congregation is invited to attend, and we hope that many of you will attend, as a robust turnout will indicate strong support for the capital campaign. Child-care and lunch will be provided for children, 5th graders and younger.

The program will consist of a fuller explanation of Advance Commitments, the different ways that gifts can be given in the campaign, and the distribution of commitment cards with privacy envelopes. It will not be necessary to complete commitment cards at the lunch, though people may choose to do so if they already know what their gift will be. Our goal is for you to have the information you need to make an Advance Commitment by the end of the brief program.

The church will receive advance cards in privacy envelopes from October 14-21 in a variety of ways:

1) at the lunch, 2) by mail, 3) bringing to the church office or 4) placing in the offering plate on Sunday, October 21. On Sunday, October 28, we will announce two totals: the number of commitments received in advance, and the total of gifts and commitments received to date for the campaign. We are praying that we can announce that we are at half our goal, or more!

Please consider our invitation to the luncheon on October 14 and the opportunity to make your Advance Commitment to the campaign. The church accounting manager (Sally Barbour) will confidentially tally the results and report the total advance commitments received.

YOU MUST RSVP FOR THE LUNCH BY: Thursday, October 4 by email to: acook@firstonfifth.org or telephone at 336-722-2558 ext. 115.

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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