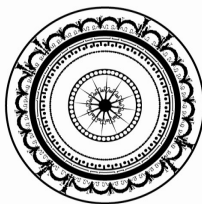


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018
10:30 am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee
Prelude: *Rubrics, IV. The Peace May Be Exchanged* D. Locklair
Jacob Hill, Organ
Call to Worship John Thornton

Leader: Let us celebrate the boundless abundance of our God:

People: The wonder of creation,

Leader: The beauty of sight and sound,

People: The warmth of friendship,

Leader: The joy of human love,

People: The church here and throughout the world.

Leader: But above all of these, O Lord,
we celebrate the gift of Yourself in Jesus Christ,
the greatest of all gifts.

**People: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise!**

*Hymn 341: *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Capital Campaign Testimony Tom Moore and Kim Wilkinson

Congregational Response: *All Are Welcome* TWO OAKS

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
2. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone

a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face;

here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:

all are wel - come in this place.

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.149)..... Kaylee Godfrey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: Let us go to God who offers pardon for sin and peace that endures beyond our greatest failures.

**People: Faithful and generous God,
You provide for our every need out of your boundless resources.
Yet our lack of trust is constantly revealed in our tendency
to hold tightly to that which is given freely.
Forgive our scarcity mentality.
Forgive our timid asking.
Forgive our lack of imagination.
Open our eyes, hearts, hands, and minds to your abundance
so that you might accomplish in us what we would deem impossible,
all to the glory of Christ Jesus, in whose name we make our confession. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: People of God, beloved of the Lord,
the one who created you and maintains your every breath
invites us to receive mercy and be forgiven.
Let us live in peace, in the firm assurance
of God's faithfulness to forgive,
trusting that God will accomplish in us abundantly more
than we can ask or imagine.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 671: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

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: "Boundless Abundance" Emily Hull McGee

*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 Fran Stewart

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Renew Your Church* arr. L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Renew Your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore. Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand. 'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatreds spread their blight, O send us forthwith power endowed, help us, Lord, be renewed. Teach us Your Word, reveal its truth divine, on our path let it shine; tell of Your works, Your mighty acts of grace, from each page show Your face. As You have loved us, sent Your Son and our salvation now is won, O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know Your Word. Teach us to pray, for You are ever near, Your still small voice, Lord let us hear. Our souls are restless till they rest in You, this the goal we pursue. Before Your presence keep us still that we may find Your will. We'll seek Your guidance every day. Lord, teach us how to pray. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all, humankind; break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us not to our fate. As You have loved and given Your life to end hostility and strife, O share Your grace from heaven above, teach us, Lord, teach us how to love. Amen.

Opportunities for Ministry Amy McClure

Celebrating Our Advance Gifts David Smelcer

*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: *Alla Marcia* H. Coleman

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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FLOWERS

The flowers today celebrate the life of Dr. Roy Smith and are giving in loving memory by his family. The memorial service for Dr. Smith was held in the sanctuary yesterday, October 27, 2018. Thanks be to God!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join the Senior Adults on Thursday, November 29, for their annual Holiday Luncheon trip to the Pine Crest Inn in Pinehurst. We'll have several stops along the way, including Southern Supreme in Chatham County. Cost for the trip (\$45) will include a buffet lunch and transportation. Please RSVP by November 19 to Paul McCraw by phone (336-768-2308) or email (paulmccraw@yahoo.com). Be on the lookout for details about our Travelers' Dinner, planned for early 2019. We'll celebrate the activities planned for the new year!

SUNDAY, October 28

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (K-2nd) (Offsite)

TUESDAY, October 30

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, October 31

12:00 pm Common Table with Pastor Emily (A-L Commons)
** No Wednesday Evening Programming

THURSDAY, November 1

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, November 4

8:30 am Commitment Sunday Breakfast (Kelly Auditorium)
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)
5:30 pm Youth Dinner & Discussion (A-L Commons)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Fran Stewart, Jack Eaton
Nursery: Babies-Ones Kara Thompson, Donnie Tacy
Nursery: Twos-PreK Tommy Henley, 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. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PREPARATION

You are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir for the Lessons and Carols Service to be presented in worship on Sunday, December 16. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night at 7pm beginning this week. For more information please contact David Williamson at (336)722-2558 ext 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, December 18, the Music and Arts Team of First on Fifth is sponsoring a night at the theatre! Please join us for "A Christmas Carol" at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem. This event is for all ages. Tickets will be available in November, so watch for more details coming soon!

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 Ammons-Lolley Commons.

September 21: Brooklyn

October 19: The Visitor

November 16: Under the Same Moon

CHILDREN & YOUTH TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL

November 25 at 5 pm

All children and youth (babies through 12th grade) and families are invited to join us Sunday, November 25, for the annual Tanglewood Festival of Lights ! We will meet in the YMCA parking lot on Peace Haven Road at 5 pm. From there we will board rental vans, eat dinner, and drive through Tanglewood. Please sign up by Sunday, November 11 by going to: <https://goo.gl/forms/sPXN6GPYyYBLu5xU2>

HAT DEDICATION NOVEMBER 11

On November 11, we will have the dedication service for the hats created by the loom knitters and other faithful crafters for several ministry partners. The hats should be brought to the church November 4-7 so they can be arranged for our

time of dedication For safekeeping, place the hats in a plastic bag with the knitter's name and number of hats and bring the hats to John Thornton's office. If you are planning to bring hats, contact Joni Wells (1221jw@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Bowes (mapbowes@aol.com). We are grateful for all who choose to share with others in this tangible way and look forward to this time of prayer for these gifts!

HIKING AT HANGING ROCK

The youth and adult volunteers are going hiking at Hanging Rock on November 11th immediately following worship. They'll meet in the Commons and depart directly from the church returning around 3:30 pm. The cost is \$5/person to cover lunch. RSVP to John Thornton (jthornton@firstonfifth.org) by November 6th.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

A BOUNDLESS HOME: BUILDING BEYOND WALLS

An October Preaching Series

Boundless home. Boundless possibility.

Boundless abundance. And a boundless God.

We at First Baptist Church on Fifth are in a season of renewal, one that will make possible our bold and hopeful future ahead. For the month of October, our worship will be wholly informed by the boundless God in whom we worship. Together, we will turn each week to Ephesians 3:14-21, letting these words of faith help us tell our own story in this moment. We'll hear testimony from our fellow members, sing and hear music that stirs our souls, and ask God to renew our minds, our hearts, and our resources within the spirit of the One "who is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." Please make every effort to join your church family in these weeks ahead!

October 7

"Strength from the Inside"

October 14

"Rooted. Grounded. Home."

October 21

"Fuller"

October 28

"Boundless Abundance"

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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