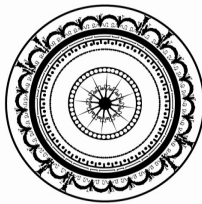


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018
10:30am

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prelude: *Let All Things Now Living* arr. B. Borroughs

Chancel Ringers

Call to Worship John Thornton

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.

**People: Let us give thanks for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to all humankind.**

Leader: For God satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.

**People: Let the peoples praise you O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**People: God provides food for all living creatures,
for God's faithful love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's faithful love endures forever.

Choral Introit: *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look
to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

*Hymn 371: *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing* M. Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his
people. O be joyful in God all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of
his name, make his praise to be glorious.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33 (Pew Bible, NT p.5) Minerva Fox

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: The Lord is near, have no anxiety;
but let us make our confession to God
in full assurance of God's willingness
and desire to forgive us.

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**People: God for comfort and assurance,
your son Jesus reminded us of your generous provision
for even the birds of the air and the lilies of the field.
Yet we strive for food and clothes and housing
as though it all depends on us.
Our tendency to worry reveals our lack of trust in you.
Forgive us for doubting your provision.
Forgive us for hoarding your bounty .
Make of us a generous people so that all might be fed and clothed.
Give us the desire to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness,
for in you we have all that we need. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we are clothed, fed, and sheltered
by the Holy One who knows our every need.
Be assured of God's love and mercy and trust the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 376: *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

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 Great Thanksgiving" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 372: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*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 Ray Owen

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Voluntary on "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* arr. T. Osman

Chancel Ringers

Opportunities for Ministry Emily Hull McGee

Special Recognition 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: *Now Thank We All Our God* S. Karg-Elert

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

CELEBRATING PIVOTAL LEADERSHIP AND BOUNDLESS POSSIBILITIES

In addition to the fine ongoing work led by many of our church's standing committees and teams, we could not have reached this pivotal moment in our church's life if not for the tireless work of short-term, project-based committees and the church's staff. Their work has stretched over years, filled with countless hours of research, conversation, and prayer to discern the best possible future for our great church. Today, we celebrate their contributions that have made way for boundless possibilities in our future.

Special Committee on Facilities & Missions

Gary Knight
Mary Foskett
Chris Gambill
Larry Hovis
Martha Davis
Alice Cox
Annice Hogsette
Preston Cook
Gary Stiffler
Randy Peters
Ray Hawley
Carla Diehl
Meredith Smith
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Long Range Planning Group

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Matt Steen & Anna Harris
Kim Towles

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John Thornton
Sally Barbour
Amy Cook
John Young
Steve Hairston
Jake Hill
Emily Hull McGee

Special Designees

David Hughes
Brent Greene
Marshall Price
Tom Moore
Scott Hudgins
Mike Queen
Cynthia Jeffries
Cheryl Taylor
Beverly Yokeley

SIGNS:

PREACHING THROUGH ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY

"There will be signs..." begins our gospel passage on the first Sunday of Advent. What follows is a vision of what will be as the Son of Man comes, a vision that unfolds in the wilderness with John the Baptist, in the heart of Mary, in a Bethlehem stable, and along the road with some wise men. But what are those signs? In a time when our focus and energies and attention is pulled in countless ways, how might we train our eyes to recognize them? Throughout this season when we await the arrival of Christ, celebrate his birth, and carry forth his light into the world, let us seek the holy signs of life together!

December 2

"Signs of the Times"
Luke 21:25-36

December 9

"Signs Along the Way"
Luke 3:1-6

December 16

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 23

"Signs of Love"
Luke 1:39-55

December 30

"Signs of a New Day"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

January 6

"Signs of Departure"
Matthew 2:1-12

CHURCHWIDE ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Longing and Hope: Journeying Through Advent with the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke

This Advent, you are invited to participate in a Bible study that examines the human longing and the divine promise that sets the stage for the Gospel stories of Jesus. Hear anew their proclamation of hope for a weary world and the dawning of God's vision for all creation. We'll be journeying with the Gospel writers through Advent to ready our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Join us as you are able. This study will be led by Mary Foskett.

SUNDAY, November 18

8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)
 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (Offsite)

MONDAY, November 19

6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

TUESDAY, November 20

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, November 21

No Wednesday Evening Programming

THURSDAY, November 22

Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAY, November 23

Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

SUNDAY, November 25

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (Kelly Auditorium)
 4:30 pm Children & Youth Tanglewood Trip (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week.....Ray Owen , Minerva Fox
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Anna Harris, Joani Hughes
 Nursery: Twos-PreK..... Tommy Henley

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come join the Senior Adults for their annual Holiday Buffet Luncheon to the Pine Crest Inn in Pinehurst on Thursday, November 29. One of the stops will be Southern Supreme near Bear Creek. We will travel by Black Tie Motor Coach (50 passenger). Cost for the trip is \$30 (transportation & meal) with a minimum of 30 participants. Sign up and payment are due by November 21. Please make checks payable to FBC with "Pinehurst trip" in the memo line. Please RSVP to Paul McCraw at 336-768-2308 or paulmccraw@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER DATES TO NOTE

November 21 — No Wednesday evening activities
November 22-23 — Church office closed (Thanksgiving holiday)

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

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 are \$20. Please contact David Williamson at 336-722-2558 ext. 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org for tickets.

CHILDREN & YOUTH TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL November 25 at 5 pm

All children and youth (babies-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. For information, please Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

MESSIAH REHEARSALS

First Baptist Church will host rehearsals for the annual community performance of Handel's *Messiah* to be performed at Reynolds Auditorium on Sunday, December 2 at 3pm. Rehearsals are held on Sundays (2:30-4:30pm) and Tuesdays (7-9pm) in Kelly Auditorium throughout the month of November. Ushers are also needed for the performance. For more information or to volunteer, please contact David Williamson at dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

CHILDREN AND PRAYER**PARTNERS ADVENT WORKSHOP**

Sunday, Dec. 2 following worship
 Calling all children, families and their prayer partners! Join us in Kelly Auditorium to learn more about the special season of Advent. We will have lunch together and participate in exciting stations to learn and grow together. Please RSVP to Meredith Parker (meredith.tuttle@gmail.com) or Amy McClure (amcclure@firstonfifth.org) by November 25.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our first "First Fellowship" meal of 2019 will be held on Wednesday, January 9, in Kelly Auditorium. It will be followed by a Quarterly Church Conference.

EXPLORING GRIEF IN A SEASON OF HOPE

From Darkness to Light is a three-week devotional study open to anyone interested in exploring the experience of grief in the context of Advent's message of hope. Weekly noontime gatherings in The Commons on December 5, 12, and 19 will provide a safe space to acknowledge feelings of loss during a season when everyone seems to be celebrating. A booklet of daily meditations based on Scripture will guide us through the Advent season. Bring lunch if you wish. Led by Linda Lewis. Please RSVP to Amy Cook (acook@firstonfifth.org) or 336-722-2558 ext. 115 by Monday, December 3, so that we will have ample materials available.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PARKING PLACARDS

In this season of transition at First on Fifth, parking is a frequent concern. We have made arrangements with the Winston-Salem Journal to have permission to park in their lot on Wednesday evenings. To ensure that their parking enforcement folks know that our members are permitted to be there on Wednesday evenings, we are making available parking placards to place on your dashboard. These gold-colored placards are available in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Please pick one up and use it if you plan to park in the Winston-Salem Journal lot on Wednesday evenings.

FIRST ON FIFTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE December 1-8

Dec. 1 - 2 pm Jacob Hill Organ Recital
 Dec. 2 - 9:15 am Churchwide Sunday School
 Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens
 Dec. 2 - 11:45 am Children & Prayer Partner Advent Workshop
 Dec. 2 - 3 pm The Messiah - Reynolds Auditorium
 Dec. 5 - 12 pm From Darkness to Light Advent Study - A-L Commons
 Dec. 8 - Youth Progressive Dinner
 Dec. 8 - 7 pm Sounds of the Season Concert

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