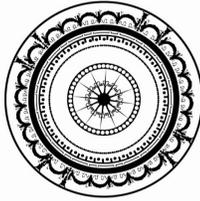


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 20, 2019
10:30am

Organ Voluntary: *Liturgical Improvisation* G. Oldroyd

Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Prayer for the Day..... Leslie Lowdermilk

(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God,
through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.
Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,
that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts
that you alone are Lord of all creation.
Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn 154: *Christ is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p.133) Roper Halverson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world
and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

**People: True and Living God,
have mercy on us for we still cling to idols.
Unlike those idols made of stone or wood,
our idols have different names:
wealth, reputation, power, beauty, relationships...
Forgive us when we allow anyone or anything
to assume the place reserved only for you.
You have uniquely gifted each of us – a variety of gifts
by the One Spirit – all given for the common good.
Forgive us for our ignorance and misuse of those gifts.
We confess the damage caused to this Beloved Community
and to the world we are called to serve
by our neglect of those Spirit-given gifts:
wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, discernment...
Bless us with a deeper sensitivity to your Spirit
and a fresh awakening to our true identity and calling,
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Amy McClure

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, the light of the world,
unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from all that oppresses us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD

Prayers for the People Scott Hudgins

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.**

Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.71)..... Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Illuminating Identity: Relational Beings" Emily Hull McGee

Anthem: *Here I Am, Lord* arr. C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord; is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Litany of Commissioning Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls men and women within Christ's church to serve as deacons.

Congregation: All ministry emerges from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God is always calling us to join in this great work of Love in the world!

Leader: Deacons, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you to be a deacon. Each of you has accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and commit yourselves to following in his way of Love?

Deacons: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: During your tenure as a deacon, will you seek the peace and unity of this church? Will you covenant to be present and faithful to our life together?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Will you fully commit your life and gifts to sharing in the pastoral care and generous stewardship of our Beloved Community? Will you covenant to lead with courage and compassion?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, receive these sisters and brothers as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's work of Love, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

Congregation: We do, God being our helper.

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.

Laying on of Hands

Candidates for Ordination

Joe Bircher, Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Darlene Guerry, Nancy Robinson, Matt Steen

Ordination Prayer Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for these servants who you have newly called to be deacons in our beloved community. As we set them apart for this special ministry, we ask you to fill them with all the grace and courage needed to fulfill their responsibilities.

Congregation: Grant them boundless compassion for human needs, boldness in their servant leadership, and devotion to the well-being of your church, that together we may follow Jesus more fully in the way of Love.

Leader: We thank you for Joe Bircher, and ask that you fill him with all the good graces of your Spirit that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Ka'thy Gore Chappell, and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Darlene Guerry, and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Nancy Robinson, and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Matt Steen, and ask that you fill him with all the good graces of your Spirit that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: Friends, we receive these deacons, commissioned and ordained, as servant leaders in our life together, and we celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church.

Congregation: We give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ, and covenant to hold all our deacons in prayer as they serve you this year. We pray these things in the name of your son Jesus, our leader and guide, Amen.

*Hymn of Response 473: *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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 Gary Stiffler

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Seek First the Kingdom* M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you. Child of the Father, we are all His children. It is His pleasure to give His Kingdom. Wait upon the Lord. Set your mind on that which is above! For where your treasure is, there will your heart be. For I am the Kingdom and the power, and I am the Father, I am your Father. Seek first the Kingdom and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Organ Postlude: *Processional* D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

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Deacon Testimonies

Joe Bircher

I was at first surprised when I was invited to be a deacon for First Baptist Church on Fifth. I always viewed the individuals that were deacons as people that perhaps were life long members of this church or another Baptist church and not someone such as myself to be somewhat recently baptized into the Baptist tradition. I was also flattered to be considered for a deacon's position and it did not take me long to decide that I would consider it an honor to have that responsibility.

I also feel honored and privileged to have been the architect of the Ammons-Lolley Commons and of the Phase One Renovation of the building and to be involved in what I consider to be a significant defining moment in the life of this church. This moment was led by the leadership of this church whom I have come to know over the past years through this process that continues this day and into the future.

Although I very much respect the past and tradition of First Baptist Church, it is the future of this church that I am most interested in and I hope to be able to contribute to that as a deacon. Most of all, I would like to see this church grow—in numbers of those attending, in reputation, in ministry as well as to grow in faith and spirituality.

Driving home every Sunday after service I think about how special our church is, how beautiful the church service was, how beautiful our sanctuary is and how lucky we are to have such talented and amazing ministers! Then I think about all the people who missed all of that are not even aware of what we have to share. I hope we can become known and grow into our future, and that someday soon, it just might be a little harder to find a seat on Sunday mornings in this church of bold love and boundless compassion.

Ka'thy Gore Chappell

Innocently, when asked at the age of nine if I loved Jesus, I said "Yes" to the pastor of my hometown church and that "Yes" was accompanied with a heart full of love for God, Jesus, the Church and others. As a child, following Christ meant going to Sunday school, visiting nursing homes, doing mission projects, singing hymns, participating in communion and of course, being baptized.

Since childhood, I have continued to embrace living a life of faith, loving and serving others, following God's call to ministry and truly seeking to practice the presence of God alongside a community of believers. At this season of life, God is calling me to serve my community of faith more fully and in turn, this community of faith has invited me to serve as a deacon. I am honored and humbled at the invitation to be part of a leadership team and church fellowship that is prayerfully and creatively thinking differently about the strategic location of First Baptist on Fifth in downtown Winston-Salem. My response to the invitation to serve as a deacon is "Yes, I love Jesus!"

Darlene Guerry

Having been raised by two seminarians, I was taught very early that because I had received many good gifts from God, I was to pattern my life in thanksgiving and service. I have concentrated my best efforts in the church. I have tried to STUDY hard, LEARN well, TEACH what I learn and PRACTICE what I teach. I have managed these things with mixed results.

I found that through the years I am best at working with groups of people to achieve things that none of us could do by ourselves. Pray for me as I live into this new challenge as a deacon.

Deacon Testimonies

Nancy Robinson

I grew up in the country on Highway 64 in Wake County. I was lucky enough to be raised in a loving Christian home and attended Wil-
ders Grove Baptist Church. I was 12 years old when I accepted Christ as my Savior and was baptized at Knightdale Baptist Church at 3:00 in the afternoon, as we did not have a baptist-
ery at our church I will never forget it! They had forgotten to heat the water so when I came up after being immersed, I screamed! It was so cold! From that day until now, I have followed Christ and put him first in all that I do and say.

I love First Baptist Church. I joined this church in September, 1967. I have been in the choir, taught children's Sunday School, led Acteens, helped with youth choirs, and chaperoned youth trips. When I married Barry Robinson in July, 1973, we continued to work with children and youth as we raised our daughter, Ruth Ann. I have held many positions in this church and watched our church go through many changes. We have recently done away with our Children's Center, demolished two buildings, and are now fitting everything into one building. I feel this is the time to step up and help my church through the biggest changes so far as we complete phase one and move towards the completion of phases two and three. These are exciting times for First Baptist, and I am honored to have been asked to serve. With the help of Christ and each other, I know we can reach our goal and our church family and its beloved community will be stronger than ever.

Matt Steen

I was raised in the Baptist church as the son of two deacons and the grandson of three minis-
ters, and they instilled in me an abiding love for church and the weekly rhythms of church life. I felt the call to baptism at the age of 11, and I have been seeking to grow and mature in faith ever since. I have a deep appreciation for the way God speaks through music, and small group Bible studies and book discussions are the place where I am best able to gain a better understanding of who God is and who I am called to be. Amidst the busyness of everyday life, I try to maintain a sense of gratitude for the innumerable gifts and blessings that have been bestowed upon me, and I feel a responsibility to be a good steward of those resources for the benefit of others.

In a time of significant and historic change in the life of our church, I feel a call to serve through this transition. I hope to bring a unique perspective as a fairly new member, and I also anticipate learning from those with lifelong ties to First on Fifth and valuable experience as deacons. During this term, I hope to see the church continue to grow, to reimagine how we do ministry and live out our mission in down-
town Winston-Salem, and to turn our focus more fully from our physical footprint to building our beloved community.

First Baptist Church on Fifth 2019-2021 Deacons

Laura Ball - 2019
John Baxley - 2020
Nancy Baxley - 2021
Jerry Bennett - 2019
Joe Bircher - 2021
Linwood Davis - 2020
Bob Edwards - 2020
Judy Eustice - 2020
Minerva Fox - 2020
Chris Gambill - 2019

Joy Gambill - 2020
Ka'thy Gore Chappell - 2021
Darlene Guerry - 2021
Roper Halverson - 2021
Ray Hawley - 2021
Annice Hogsette - 2020
Kim Hovis - 2020
Scott Hudgins - 2019
Leslie Lowdermilk - 2019
David Matthews - 2020

Ralph Messick - 2020
Carlos Mir - 2019
Randy Peters - 2019
Mitch Phipps - 2020
Nancy Robinson - 2021
Matt Steen - 2021
Gary Stiffler - 2020
Mark Thompson - 2019
Jason Webster - 2019
Florence Wiley - 2020

**ILLUMINATING IDENTITY:
A WINTER PREACHING SERIES FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

By the light of that Bethlehem star, we enter into the season of Epiphany, the time where we learn more about who Jesus Christ is and why he matters. The lectionary orients us primarily to the Gospel of Luke, where stories of Jesus's early ministry illuminate for us his identity as Son and Savior, Healer and Liberator. But within the beam of the Light of the World, we too find our identity as God's beloved children. In a day and time where our public personas can be curated with every post or tweet, in an era when 'who we say we are' differs as roles shift with passing time, in a cultural context that encourages differences between people to define their identity, and in a season within our church where we are leaning into our changing future, let the texts and commitments of Epiphany remind us of who and whose we are!

January 13 / Baptism of the Lord Sunday

"Illuminating Identity: Who and Whose You Are"
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 / Deacon Ordination

"Illuminating Identity: Relational Beings"
John 2:1-11

January 27

"Illuminating Identity: Why You Are"
Luke 4:14-21

February 3

"Illuminating Identity: Permission to Grow"
Luke 4:21-30

February 10

"Illuminating Identity: What You Do"
Luke 5:1-11

February 17

"Illuminating Identity: Plain and Simple"
Luke 6:17-26

February 24

"Illuminating Identity: When It Gets Hard"
Luke 6:27-38

March 3 / Transfiguration Sunday

"Illuminating Identity: Holding On and Letting Go"
Luke 9:28-43a

FIRST IMPRESSIONS & JOINING SUNDAY

First Impressions - January 27 & February 3
Joining Sunday - February 10

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in "First Impressions" on Sundays, January 27 and February 3, to learn more about life at First Baptist. Led by our pastoral staff and sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect with one another, get involved in ministry, and join the church. These First Impressions gatherings will be held at 9:15 –10:15 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Please RSVP by January 23 to Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

Our next "Joining Sunday" is planned for Sunday, February 10! 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. For information on "First Impressions" or "Joining Sunday", please contact Pastor Emily at ehullmcgee@firstonfifth.org.

**MEALS, LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP
HIGHLIGHT MIDWEEK**

Welcome back to Wednesdays at First on Fifth! The first Wednesday of the month is deemed "First Fellowship," punctuated with a hot meal that gathers a large crowd from many walks of life in which to enjoy it. Subsequent weeks also offer a meal, but these are more casual and light: meals able for you and your family to take them with you as you go, but also conducive to sitting and sharing in a meal together. The gathered community at First on Fifth remains in close fellowship with each other throughout the week, supporting people of all ages as they nurture their lives of faith. Come and be a part!

First Baptist Weekly Wednesday Night Schedule

- 3:00 - 4:30 - Youth Commons Time
- 4:00 - 4:30 - Snacks in the Commons for children and youth
- 4:30 - 5:00 - Handbells for 3rd-5th graders, youth
- 5:00 - 6:00 - Music and Missions for PreK and School-Age
- 6:00 - 7:00 - Intergenerational Fellowship Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
- 7:00 - 8:15 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

| <u>Ministry Funding - Dec 2018</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Contributions & Receipts | 165,119 | 963,178 |
| Ministry Costs | 89,773 | 959,885 |
| Over/(Under) Met Needs | 75,346 | 3,293 |
| Contributions Current Year | 138,649 | 925,920 |
| Contributions Last Year | 144,670 | 946,226 |

SUNDAY, January 20

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

MONDAY, January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 Church office closed

TUESDAY, January 22

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

WEDNESDAY, January 23

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 Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, January 24

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, January 27

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Deacon Orientation (Kelly Auditorium)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week..... Gary Stiffler, Carlos Mir
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Marty Cook
 Nursery: Twos-PreK..... 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS NEEDED

The flower calendar has many openings this year. If you would like to provide flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please call Ralph Messick at 336-723-2564 to reserve a date.

MOCHAS WITH MAC

Sunday, January 20 - 2 pm

Our next Mochas with Mac is planned for Sunday, January 20, at 2 pm at the Starbucks on Harvey St. Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org for details

**BIBLE STUDIES IN THE NEW YEAR
DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS
IN THE COMMONS**

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 am
Ammons-Lolley Commons
 Beginning January 8

Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David has resumed. We will begin the semester with a study of How to Pray, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information or to order a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext. 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

**'COMMON TABLE' WINTER BIBLE
STUDY WITH PASTOR EMILY**

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:15 pm,
Ammons-Lolley Commons
January 16 - February 27

This winter, 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 with Pastor Emily and one another as we delve into the prophet Micah and his writings in scripture. Gatherings will occur in the Ammons-Lolley Commons on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:15pm. Around our common table, we'll share in conversation about the particular scripture for the day, walking through a passage verse by verse with attention given to its historical context, textual translation, theological significance, and meaning for our lives.

For our winter study, our Common Table Bible Study will focus on the Old Testament prophet Micah, one who spoke words of judgment and words of promise to reveal God's justice for the world. These ancient words hold contemporary meaning for our church, as we seek to live as a community of bold love and boundless compassion right in the heart of the city. Each week, we'll read a chapter of Micah together, wondering how a deeper understanding of scripture will impact our own prophetic imagination as individuals and a community. Come and join us!

**SENIOR ADULT TRAVELERS'
LUNCHEON COMING SOON**

You are invited to the annual Senior Adult Travelers' Luncheon at the 66 Grill located at 3440 Frontis St. in Winston-Salem (just off Stratford Rd.) on Thursday, January 31. We'll gather for a dutch treat luncheon at 11:45 am to discuss First on Fifth senior adult activities and travel plans for 2019. Be on the lookout for additional details. RSVPs are due by January 28. Please sign up at the table outside the A-L Commons or email Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFFERING
ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

We continue to be encouraged by your abundant support of our Capital Campaign! If you would like information on other giving options and/or want to request offering envelopes to use for your campaign gifts, please call the Finance Office - ext 103. On any Capital Campaign gift, please be sure to note that it is for the "Boundless Home campaign" so it is properly allocated.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES
ICE SKATING OUTING**

Join us for an afternoon of ice skating on Saturday, February 23 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm! Children, youth, and families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of open skating with their First on Fifth friends. Please meet in the skating rink lobby located at the fairgrounds no later than 1:00 pm. Cost is \$5/person (includes admission and your skate rental) and is due no later than the day of the event. Please sign up at firstonfifth.org/children.

YOUTH DATES TO NOTE

Winter Retreat at Black Mountain is March 1-3. Cost is \$50. More details to come. Invite a friend! Please send Kim an email or text if you can go.

PASSPORT, July 8-13 at Furman University. Mark your calendars. More information to come.

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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