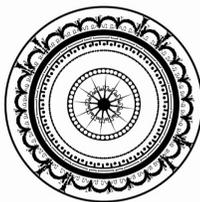


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Third Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 27, 2019  
10:30am

Organ Voluntary: *Suite for Organ, Mov.2* ..... John Stanley  
Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Call to Worship ..... David Williamson

Leader: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;

**People: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

Leader: Eternal Power, be our support.

**People: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

Leader: Eternal Love, have mercy upon us  
that with all heart, mind, and strength we may seek your face,

**People: And be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Processional Hymn 332: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ..... AZMON

\*Passing of the Peace ..... Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presentation of Bibles ..... Jill Knight and Amy McClure

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19 (Pew Bible, OT, p.387) ..... Jill Knight and David Smith

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Call to Prayer: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* ..... Healy Willan  
Sanctuary Choir

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiance Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

Prayer of Confession ..... David Williamson

Leader: In contrast to God's clear word,  
our faults and failings may remain hidden from others  
and even from ourselves.  
Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts,  
for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven.  
Let us confess our sins:

**People: God of our Restoration,  
whenever we come home to you,  
we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten  
of your law and your love.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us, heal us,  
and restore us to our relationship with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

Words of Assurance ..... David Williamson

Leader: God's word does not come to condemn us,  
but to make us wise,  
reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.  
God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,  
who sets us free to live as forgiven people.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Celebration of Forgiveness: *Festival of Praise* ..... Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir  
Jacob Hill and Jill Knight, Piano

O come and sing unto the Lord, shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Come before His presence with blessing in your heart; O come and sing unto the Lord. In His hand are the deep places of the earth, the heights of the hills and the sea. He is our God and we are His people, O come before Him in song.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.47)..... Matt Lowdermilk

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 280: *Speak, O Lord* ..... SPEAK, O LORD

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: "Illuminating Identity: Why You Are" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 488: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* ..... BEACH SPRING

*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 ..... Leslie Lowdermilk

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Joyful Dance* ..... Margaret Tucker

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

\*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: *Triumph Song* ..... Alec Rowley

Jacob Hill, Organ

*\*Those who are able will please stand.*

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**SUNDAY, January 27**

9:15 am First Impressions (A-L Commons)  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 12:00 pm Deacon Orientation (Kelly Auditorium)

**MONDAY, January 28**

4:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

**TUESDAY, January 29**

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 30**

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 (3rd-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)  
 6:15 pm Leadership Orientation Night (Kelly Auditorium)  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**THURSDAY, January 31**

11:00 am Travelers' Luncheon (Offsite)  
 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, February 3**

9:15 am First Impressions (A-L Commons)  
 9:15 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Deacon Ordination

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacon of the Week..... Leslie Lowdermilk, John Baxley  
 Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Donnie Tacy  
 Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... Josh McGee

**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://firstonfifth.org). Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://give.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.

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

*Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am*  
*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](mailto: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!

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

*Saturday, March 2 - 9:15 am-noon*  
*Kelly Auditorium*

Please join our church-wide missions project to help alleviate world hunger as we gather to prepare bags of food through the Rise Against Hunger organization. These meals are shipped both domestically and internationally to help feed the hungry. This event is open to anyone of any age from 5 - 105! This is also open to anyone of any ability. There is room for YOU to help us. Pastries/coffee/juice starts at 9:15 and the assembly line starts at 10:00. Please sign up on the table outside of the Ammons-Lolley Commons, or you may sign-up online through our website, [www.firstonfifth.org](http://www.firstonfifth.org).

**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 via [firstonfifth.org/children](http://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.

**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.

**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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