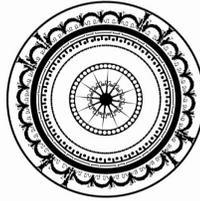


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 17, 2019
10:30am

Organ voluntary: *L'homme armé Organ Mass, VI. Agnus Dei* Margaret Vardell Sandresky
Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 17:7-8 David Williamson

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

**People: They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.**

Leader: It shall not fear when the heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

**People: In the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

Leader: Friends, as plantings of the Lord,
let us extend our roots into the soil of Love,
to be nourished by the very presence
and power of God's Spirit.

**People: Baptized and freed, grounded in Love,
let us worship God.**

*Processional Hymn 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Passing of the Peace David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26 (Pew Bible, NT, p.49)..... Kim Towles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer: *Lead Me, Lord* S. Wesley

Sanctuary Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain
before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in
safety.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

Leader: Even when God makes the way plain, we so often go astray.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us,
so that God might lead us in the way everlasting.

(Silent confession)

Leader: Let us pray:

**People: Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom
you are bringing in Jesus Christ.**

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**People: Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
people who are poor and hungry; people who weep.
We have not stood with those who are hated,
bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God,
and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Pew Bible, NT, p.135) Amy McClure

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
because Christ has been raised from the dead,
sin and death do not have the last word!

**People: Our faith is not in vain!
Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.
Thanks be to God!**

Words of Assurance: *Cornerstone* S. Kirchner

Sanctuary Choir
Soloists: Brent Greene and Emily Hull McGee

O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold, only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousand-fold. O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day. O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing "Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?" O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

Pastoral Prayer Gene Sherrill

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 71: *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Sermon: "Illuminating Identity: Plain and Simple" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 278: *We Are Travelers on a Journey* 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 John Baxley

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Enduring Gladness* R. Mallory

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

*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

Postlude: *Wedding March* Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by John Beasley in loving memory of his father
James R. Beasley who passed away on February 6, 2018.

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!

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6 - 6:15 pm - Sanctuary

The season of Lent begins with our March 6 Ash Wednesday Service, centering on a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our forty-day journey to Easter. During this season the people of God are called to reflect on the meaning of their relationship with Christ—his life, death, and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. But what seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we set our hearts and minds on the spiritual renewal that is made possible through the Good News of Easter which awaits us at the end of this holy season. Join us on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary as we begin the Lenten journey together.

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

Our monthly film features resume on Friday, March 1, at 7 pm in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. We will explore a variety of thought-provoking themes with a series of powerful films. The screenings will be followed by dialogue and discussion.

In March, we will view “Hidden Figures,” the story of Katherine Jonson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson—brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn. This visionary trio crossed gender and racial lines and inspired generations. The film is rated PG.

Our April 5 film is “Of Gods and Men,” which explores the circumstances of an order of Trappist monks who live among the Muslim population in Algeria. As the country is plunged into civil war in the mid-1990s, the men must decide whether to stay among the impoverished residents or flee the encroaching fundamentalist terrorists. The film features subtitles and is rated PG-13.

The May 3 film, “Florence Foster Jenkins,” follows a wealthy 1940’s New York socialite who attempts to become an opera singer despite her terrible singing voice. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. Her husband goes to great lengths to protect her from the reality of the situation, but when she sets her sights on performing at Carnegie Hall, he realizes that he’s facing his greatest challenge yet. The film is rated PG-13.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Join us beginning March 1 at 7 pm in the A-L Commons!

SUNDAY, February 17

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (Kelly Auditorium)
- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Youth Team Meeting (A-L Commons)
- 5:00 pm Youth Dinner & Worship (A-L Commons)

MONDAY, February 18

- 4:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

TUESDAY, February 19

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 9:00 am Senior Adult Breakfast with Pastor Amy (Offsite)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:45 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, February 20

- 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 Member-Minister-Missionary Meeting (A-L Commons)
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, February 21

- 1:00 pm Tax Prep Help with Paul McElroy (A-L Commons)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, February 23

- 1:00 pm Children, Youth & Families Ice Skating (Offsite)

SUNDAY, February 24

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Youth Lunch & Conversation (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week..... John Baxley, Florence Wiley
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Anna Harris
 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. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am—Ammons-Lolley Commons
 Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David continues. We are studying *How to Pray*, a collection of essays and reflections by C.S. Lewis. For more information, please contact David at 722-2558 ext. 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, March 2 - 9:15 am-noon
 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 and anyone of any ability. There is room for YOU to help. 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 online through our website, www.firstonfifth.org.

SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST WITH PASTOR AMY

Tuesday, February 19 - 9:00 am
 Senior adults are invited to join Pastor Amy for a dutch treat breakfast on Tuesday, February 19 at 9:00 am at Cloverdale Kitchen. Grab a friend and enjoy some fellowship as we start off the day together!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES ICE SKATING OUTING

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

BABY SHOWER FOR MATT STEEN AND ANNA HARRIS

All are invited and welcome to celebrate Matt and Anna as they prepare for their new baby! We'll gather for a baby shower on Sunday, March 3, in the Ammons-Lolley Commons from 1:30-3:30 pm.

YOUTH DATES TO NOTE

Winter Retreat is March 1-3. The cost is \$50. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

First Baptist will be gathering a team for the **Habitat for Humanity Hammerbird 5K run/walk on March 23** at 8:30 am! Sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, all are invited to join as runners, walkers, and folks who want to staff our tent that day. Look for details and a chance to sign-up in next week's eBlast and worship folder!

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES 101

The Senior Adult Team is sponsoring a presentation on Thursday, February 21 at 1:00 pm in the Ammons-Lolley Commons for tax preparation. It will cover topics such as:

- Changes as a result of the new tax law
- Who needs to file?
- Should you itemize or take the Standard Deduction?
- What credits are available?
- What about the Affordable Care Act?
- What is the best way to get my taxes done?

Paul McElroy, a faithful church member, who also volunteers with AARP Foundation Tax-Aid, will be the program leader. Please sign up on the table outside of the Commons or by emailing Paul at p1mcelroy2@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

We hope you are all enjoying gathering around the table during our Wednesday evening meals. Please join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday, February 20, when our menu offers: sandwich wraps, ham and cheese roll-ups, pizza roll-ups, fruit, veggies, and deviled eggs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Wednesday meal team is looking for a few good helpers. We need 1 or 2 folks to be at church around 5 pm to help our guru, Mark Whittington, set up the meal. We also need 3 or more folks who are willing to help Mark at the end of the meal to clean up. If you are interested, please contact Cindi Goins at goinsmath@gmail.com.

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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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