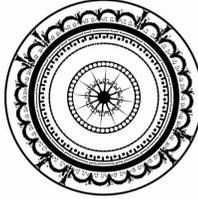


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
February 24, 2019
10:30am

Organ Voluntary: *Sonata No.4, Mov.3* F. Mendelssohn
Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**People: Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**People: Be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for him.**

Choral Introit: *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* G. Root
Sanctuary Choir

The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.

A Silence is Kept

*Processional Hymn 307: *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Passing of the Peace Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38 (Pew Bible, NT, p.49)..... Twyla Nelson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession David Williamson

Leader: Jesus promised us that God is kind
even to the ungrateful and the wicked,
even to us.
Trusting in God's kindness and love,
let us confess our sin.

(Silent confession)

Leader: Let us pray:

**People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.
We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.
Forgive us, Lord.
Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance David Williamson

Leader: Children of the Most High God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
we have received grace in good measure—
spilling out and running over.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now go and live as Christ commands:
Be merciful, as God is merciful;
Do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn, and you will not be condemned;
but forgive, and you will be forgiven;
give, and it will be given you.

People: Amen.

Anthem: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* L. Larsen

Sanctuary Choir

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self abasing, for this is victory! May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go! May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power. May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

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.

*Hymn 440: *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE

Sermon: "Illuminating Identity: When It Gets Hard" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 657: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

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 Jerry Bennett

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Offertory: *Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord* K. Köpe

Sanctuary Choir

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice; Exalt our God with one accord, and in His name rejoice. Ne'er cease to sing, thou ransomed host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite. There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays, and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise; He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God; for us, for us the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord, Amen!

*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: *Sonata No.6, Mov.4* F. Mendelssohn

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Billy Choe in loving memory of his grandmother Joo Ok Cho who passed away on February 13, 2018.

The flowers in the narthex are placed in memory of A.P. Mustian who passed away on February 14, 2019.

SPRING IS COMING

Lent at First Baptist on Fifth

Each year, the rhythms of the Christian year create for us a space for reflection and repentance called Lent. You likely know Lent to be the time when we give things up, when we go with Jesus into the stark and lonely desert, when we sink with him into the darkness of the cross. For many of us, Lent prompts us to face the grim and gritty realities of this life.

But if our observance of Lent is only a 40-day stretch to solemnly grit one’s teeth and bear the heaviness, something profoundly life-giving is missed. The word ‘Lent’ comes from the old English word ‘lencten,’ which means ‘spring season’ or ‘lengthening.’ In the very language we use to name this time, we’re reminded of the ‘why’ of Lent. For as we smudge ashes on our heads, we remember the new life that is promised. As we cleanse our hearts, we remember that abundance awaits. As we prepare for Jesus’s death, we remember his resurrection.

This year, Lent at First Baptist on Fifth will call us to be attentive to how God’s spring is coming right here in our midst. Individually and communally, throughout all the rhythms of our life together, we will call to the forefront of our minds and hearts God’s new creation for this world. Like the plant that peeks forth from the soil after a hard winter, like the smell of possibility that dawns with the morning after a long rainy night, like the spirit of renewal cultivated after letting go, this Lent we’re focusing our attention on what is breaking through, showing forth, being born.

Friends, spring is coming!

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Isaiah 58:1-12
“Restoration Is Coming”

Sunday, March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13
“Abundance Is Coming”

Sunday, March 17

Luke 13:31-35, Psalm 27
“Refuge is Coming”

Sunday, March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9
“Nourishment Is Coming”

Sunday, March 31

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
“Reconciliation Is Coming”

Sunday, April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8
“Newness is Coming”

Palm Sunday, April 14

Luke 19:28-40, Philippians 2:5-11
“Joy is Coming”

Easter Sunday, April 21

Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12
“A New Creation”

DEACONS LEAD CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION ON MARCH 10

All are invited to a church-wide Congregational Conversation on Sunday, March 10 immediately following worship in Kelly Auditorium. Led by our Deacons, the conversation will center around their preliminary work in 2018 on the church’s four priorities for mission and ministry identified last spring: cultivating the well-being of children, mitigating poverty in our community, becoming a teaching and learning church, and growing in number and faithfulness. Their months of brainstorming and listening to the community will spark our collective imagination, as the congregation enters into a similar generative season of prayer, discernment, and discovery together about how we can live into these priorities with our very lives. Lunch will be provided, and all are invited!

SUNDAY, February 24

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

TUESDAY, February 26

6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
 11:30 am Outreach Team Meeting (A-L Commons)

WEDNESDAY, February 27

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 Senior Adult Team Meeting (Kelly Aud., Room E)
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, February 28

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, March 1

7:00 pm First Friday Films "Hidden Figures" (A-L Commons)

SATURDAY, March 2

9:15 am Rise Against Hunger (Kelly Auditorium)

SUNDAY, March 3

9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 1:30 pm Baby Shower-Matt Steen & Anna Harris (A-L Commons)
 2:00 pm Mochas with Mac (Offsite)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week.....Jerry Bennett, Matt Steen
 Nursery: Babies-Ones Nancy Baxley
 Nursery: Twos-PreKJean 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.

**MOCHAS WITH MAC
Sunday, March 3**

Calling all school-age kids! Our next Mochas with Mac is planned for Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 pm at the new Starbucks on Cloverdale (2281 Cloverdale Ave). Please note the schedule for our time together:
 2:00-3:00 pm - 3rd-5th graders only
 3:00-3:15 - K-5 (overlap for fellowship)
 3:15-4:00pm - K-2nd graders only
 Contact Amy McClure at amcclure@firstonfifth.org for details.

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. On March 1 we will view "Hidden Figures," the story of Katherine Johnson, 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. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Join us at 7 pm in the A-L Commons!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, March 2 - 9:15 am-noon

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. Pastries/coffee/juice starts at 9:15 and the assembly line starts at 10:00.

**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.

SAVE THE DATE!!**Habitat Hammerbird 5K — March 23**

First Baptist will be gathering a team for the Habitat for Humanity Hammerbird 5K and One Mile Run/Walk on March 23 at 8:30am! Sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team, all are invited to join as runners, walkers, and folks to staff our tent that day. If you'd like to participate as a runner or walker, sign up to join our First on Fifth team on the Habitat website at <http://habitatforsyth.org> and select the First on Fifth team as you register. Registration fees are \$25 for the Hammerbird 5K, and \$15 for the Hammerbird One Mile Fun Run/Walk. Costs increase after March 1, so sign up now!

If you'd like to join several Outreach Team members in staffing our First Baptist tent, we'd love for folks to do so! We'll be handing out treats for the race participants, as well as information and fun giveaways from the church, and will be engaging the folks there to tell the story of FBC. Sign up in the Commons hallway to participate!

This race gives participants a chance to see first-hand the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood, where Habitat for Humanity has built, remodeled or repaired more than 210 houses since 1985. The 5K begins and ends at Kimberley Park Elementary School. We're excited to move our bodies, fellowship together, and share the story of FBC with our community! Come join us!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

We hope you are all enjoying gathering around the table during our Wednesday evening meals. Our Wednesday, February 27 menu offers: sandwiches, fruit, veggies, and deviled eggs.

ANTICIPATING A NEW ARRIVAL

The GAP Class is hosting a baby shower for Matt Steen and Anna Harris on March 3. All are invited and welcome to celebrate Matt and Anna as they prepare for their new baby! We'll gather Sunday, March 3, in the Ammons-Lolley Commons from 1:30-3:30 pm. They are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-registry-anna-harris>

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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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