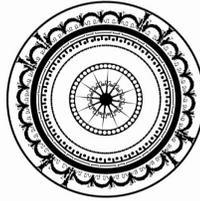


First Baptist Church on Fifth



The Worship of God
The First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019
10:30am

Organ voluntary: *Cantio Sacra* Samuel Scheidt

Jacob Hill, Organ

Invitation to Worship Emily Hull McGee

The Call to Worship Amy McClure

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**People: Like Jesus, we are not alone.
The Holy Spirit is with us.
God's Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

**People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

Choral Introit: *Go Not Far from Me, O God* Zingarelli

Sanctuary Choir

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age,
forsake me not when my strength faileth. O let my mouth be filled
with Thy praise that I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

*Hymn 60: *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY

*Passing of the Peace Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Pew Bible, OT, p.141) Linda Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT, p.46)..... Joseph Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Amy McClure

**People: God who sustains us in our weakness,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
We choose our comfort over your demanding claims upon us.
We settle for less than the abundance you intend.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

(Silent confession)

Leader: Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation;

**People: For we confess with our lips that Jesus is our Lord,
and we offer this prayer in his name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: Romans 10:8b-13..... Amy McClure

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response: *Like a River in My Soul* arr. T.Osiek

Sanctuary Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

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.

*Hymn 677: *When We Are Tested* SLANE

Sermon: "Abundance Is Coming" Emily Hull McGee

*Hymn of Response 422: *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* HYFRYDOL

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 Ka'thy Gore Chappell

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* T. Osman

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

*Doxology WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who
 is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

*Benediction Emily Hull McGee

Postlude: *Courante* Samuel Scheidt

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary today with thanks to God and in celebration of our Amy McClure and her 4 years of loving ministry among us here at First on Fifth. Thanks "Mac"!

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, Philipians 2:5-11

"Joy is Coming"

Easter Sunday, April 21

Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12

"A New Creation"

SPRING EVENTS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adult Luncheon—Thursday, March 21 at 12:00 pm — Southern Family Restaurant

All are welcome to join us for lunch and to hear Deb Burcombe, the Chair of the Age Friendly Forsyth Executive Team and Program Director of Outreach for the Sticht Center for Healthy Aging and Alzheimer's Prevention. She will share information about an exciting community-based, collaborative initiative aimed at making sure aging adults in Forsyth County are afforded opportunities and resources for living their best lives. Please sign up on the table outside the Ammons-Lolley Commons or by emailing or calling Amy McClure.

Senior Adult Trip to Concord / Salisbury, NC—Thursday, April 4 from 8:30-5:00 pm

Trip highlights include: Salisbury—driving tour and art gallery/museum, and Concord—Memorial Gardens, S & D Coffee, and Cabarrus Creamery. We'll meet at Hanes Mall across from BJ's Restaurant. Cost: \$20, which includes transportation and ice cream. Lunch is dutch treat. Please sign up on the table outside the Ammons-Lolley Commons or by emailing or calling Amy McClure. RSVP no later than April 1.

Senior Adult Trip to Eastern NC—April 11-13

Itinerary includes: Edenton tour, Ava Gardner Museum, Sylvan Park Bird Park and more. Please sign up on the table outside the Ammons-Lolley Commons or by emailing or calling Amy McClure. RSVP no later than March 14.

Senior Adult Trip to East Bend—Tuesday, May 14

SUNDAY, March 10

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Congregational Conversation & Lunch (Kelly Aud.)

MONDAY, March 11

5:45 pm House & Grounds Committee (Conference Room)

TUESDAY, March 12

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

2:30 pm Singing Seniors (Offsite)
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)
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal (Kelly Auditorium)
6:15 pm "Becoming" series (Kelly Auditorium)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, March 14

5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, March 17

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week Ka'thy Gore Chappell
..... Jason Webster
Nursery: Babies-Ones Donnie Tacy
Nursery: Twos-PreK Mitch Phipps

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.

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Crisis Control Toilet Tissue
Samaritan Ministries Canned goods, coffee

YOUTH DATES TO NOTE

March 17 - Dinner & worship 5:00 pm A-L Commons
March 24 - Lunch & missions 11:45 am A-L Commons
March 31 - Game Night 5:00 pm
April 7 - Dinner & worship 5:00 pm A-L Commons
April 14 - Lunch & missions/Children's Palm Sunday event
April 21 - Easter Sunday (no meetings)
April 28 - Dinner & worship 5:00 pm A-L Commons
May 5 - Lunch & missions 11:45 am TBD
May 12 - Mother's Day (no meetings)
May 19 - Dinner & worship 5:00 pm A-L Commons

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 \$30 for the Hammerbird 5K, and \$20 for the Hammerbird One Mile Fun Run/Walk.

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 showcases 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!

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45am in the Commons
Our Tuesday morning co-ed small group with Pastor David continues. We are studying Adam Hamilton's John: the Gospel of Light and Life. For more information or to obtain a book, please contact David at 722-2558 ext. 118 or dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

This Wednesday, March 13, we will begin the serving line at 5:30 pm, so we will have time to eat prior to our Wednesday evening programming. The dinner menu for March 13 is: popcorn chicken, veggies and fruit.

BECOMING: STORYTELLING WITH THE SAINTS

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," says the writer of Hebrews, "let us run the race of faith set before us." Past, present, and future, the cloud of witnesses that envelops First Baptist are witnesses who are becoming -- never done or complete, but always available to God's work in their life.

This spring, we will hear from a number of them as they tell stories of their own becoming. Some stories of faith will be more general, others more specific to the four priorities for mission and ministry our church is leaning into. All will give us a glimpse into the ways that God is perpetually inviting and encouraging God's people, we who are saints-in-progress, saints becoming a people transformed.

We'll do so on Wednesday nights, March 13—May 1, 6:15-7:15 pm in Kelly Auditorium. On Saturday, March 30 at 4:00 p.m., we'll also gather for a special afternoon of storytelling with John, Nancy, and Paul Baxley called "Becoming Baxley," hearing from this dear family about their journeys of faith and how Paul is preparing to step into his role as our new Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator.

All are invited to come and 'become'!

CHURCH WORK DAY APRIL 13

As we continue to do so much work on the exterior of our church, naturally we want our interior to experience a "face lift" as well. This spring fix up time coincides with the lead up to Easter, when we hope that many visitors will walk through our doors and experience the warm welcome that is the hallmark of First on Fifth. There are many tasks that could use an extra set of hands—from hanging pictures to touching up paint on the handrails to assembling visitor packs to distribute on Easter Sunday. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, to come to the church house and help out with some tasks. We'll gather beginning at 9:00 am.

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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