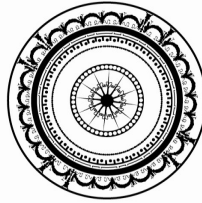


# First Baptist Church on Fifth



**The Worship of God**  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 31, 2019  
10:30am

*As you enter the Sanctuary, all are encouraged to enjoy fellowship with those around you, or to spend time at the prayer stations throughout the Sanctuary to prepare your heart and mind for worship. As the prelude begins, we'll shift into a brief time of quiet reflection, where God uses the stillness of the moment to quiet our souls for what will continue to emerge during our community's worship of the living, loving God.*

Prelude: *This Is My Father's World* ..... arr. M. Hayes

Jill Knight, Piano

Invitation to Worship ..... Emily Hull McGee

Prayer for the Day ..... David Williamson

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Gracious God, seeker of the lost:  
draw your children back to your loving embrace,  
restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons,  
and reconcile our hearts to you,  
that we may become ambassadors  
of your reconciling love to all the world.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 312: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* ..... MARION

\*Passing of the Peace ..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Ordinance of Baptism ..... Amy McClure

Candidates for Baptism

*Kara Parker*

*Kate Parker*

Come to the wa - ter on this ho - ly day. Our Lord has  
called us, we come to o - bey. Fol - low the One who has  
shown us the way. Live in God's king - dom for - ev - er.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p.139) ..... Sheree Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *O Love Divine* ..... arr. J. Hudson

Sanctuary Choir

O love divine amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above. The Son of God for us to die that we might dwell on high. He died for you, He died for me and shed His blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns He bore, for us a robe of scorn He wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save. O wanderer, come, on Him believe, His grace by faith receive. Awake, arise, and hear His call, the feast is spread for all. He died for you, He died for me and shed His blood to make us free, upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Pew Bible, NT, p.59)..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession ..... Emily Hull McGee

**We Confess the Sins of the Younger Son**

We confess that we take all you have to give while denying that you were ever our father. We confess that we prefer the identities we can buy, wear, and discard to the vulnerable robes of sonship and daughterhood. We confess that we are willing victims of those who tell us who to be because it is in their financial interest to do so. We confess that we are in rags in the pigsty, trying to remember who we once thought we were. We confess our emptiness; our inability to live on what the system gives us, or to be the machine that the system wants us to be. We confess that we are to others the system that does not feed; we are to others the system that dehumanizes. We confess that what we find unbearable when it is asked of us is what we ask of others.

**We Confess the Sins of the Older Son**

We confess that we do our duty while hiding our resentment, saying thank you with our lips while saying "is that it?" in our thoughts. We confess that we insist on our rights rather than waiting for your gifts. We confess that we judge the younger son harshly and pride ourselves on our superiority; forgetting that pride is the deadliest sin. We confess that we think it rather weak of you to welcome and forgive so readily; we wish you would live up to our moral standards. We confess that we do in our hearts what the younger son did in a foreign country; our hearts have become a foreign country to you.

*(Please read in unison.)*

**We ask to be forgiven and to be helped to live new lives,  
both those who went away and those who stayed but went away in their hearts.  
We want to return home to your embracing welcome,  
and celebrate with you the feast for a son who was dead and is alive again. Amen.**

Words of Assurance..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: And the father said, "Quickly, bring out a robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 409: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ..... CONVERSE

Prayers for the People ..... 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.**

Sermon: "Reconciliation Is Coming" ..... Emily Hull McGee

\*Hymn of Response 295: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ..... NETTLETON

*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 ..... Minerva Fox

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Break Forth, O Joyful Heart* ..... D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart, and make His goodness known, Who all thy life, though undeserved, such love to thee has shown. Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart, break forth, no longer silent be; break forth, break forth in grateful praise to Him Who came to ransom thee. 'Twas Jesus sought my wandering soul, and with a shepherd's care He brought me kindly to His fold, and still protects me there. My soul shall magnify the Lord. My voice His love proclaim, and every power within me join to bless and praise His name.

\*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: *Plein Jeu from "Messe pour le Couvents"* ..... F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

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

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**FLOWERS**

The flowers are given in loving memory of Raymond and Evelyn Schmidt and in celebration of their lives and legacies by Mark, Alana, Katherine and Julia Williams.

**SUNDAY, March 31**

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 9:15 am First Impressions (A-L Commons)
- 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Game Night (Offsite)

**TUESDAY, April 2**

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons (A-L Commons)
- 10:00 am Homebound Care Cards (A-L Commons)

**WEDNESDAY, April 3**

- 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, April 4**

- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

**FRIDAY, April 5**

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

**SUNDAY, April 7**

- 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 ..... Minerva Fox, Ralph Messick
- Nursery: Babies-Ones ..... Nancy Baxley
- Nursery: Twos-PreK ..... John Baxley

**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).

**CURRENT DONATION NEEDS**

- Crisis Control ..... Toilet Tissue
- Samaritan Ministries ..... Canned goods, coffee

**SPRING YOUTH DATES TO NOTE**

- March 31** - Game Night 5:00 pm McGee home
- 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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS**

This Wednesday, April 3, the serving line opens at 5:30 pm, and our dinner menu will offer pulled chicken, rice, black beans and fruit.

**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 anticipate welcoming many visitors. 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 join us Saturday, April 13, to help out with some tasks. We'll begin at 9:00 am.

**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](mailto:dwilliamson@firstonfifth.org).

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE**

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Blackwell Scholarship and Ida Tilson Scholarship for the 2019/20 school year. The Blackwell Scholarship was established in 1945 by the Blackwell family to provide funds for students who are preparing for a career in church ministry. The Ida Tilson Scholarship Fund was established in 1981 to provide scholarships, granted on the basis of need, to students enrolled at "institutions of learning and study." To request an application, please call the church office at 336-722-2558 or email [baxley@wfu.edu](mailto:baxley@wfu.edu). All applications must be submitted to the church office no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

**EASTER LILY ORDERS**

We will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 21. To place a lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the form located outside the A-L Commons and return it with your payment to the church office by Monday, April 15. The cost is \$14.50 each.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS & JOINING SUNDAY**

*First Impressions - March 31 & April 14*  
*Joining Sunday - April 21*

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in "First Impressions" on Sundays, March 31 and April 14, 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 9:15–10:15 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons.

Our next "Joining Sunday" is planned for Sunday, April 21! 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).

**CREATE A CARE NOTE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS**

The Homebound Team is sponsoring a "Care Time" session on Tuesday, April 2, from 10:00-11:30 am in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. We will write notes of encouragement to our homebound members and to those on the prayer list. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Prayer lists and homebound lists will be available.

**PALM SUNDAY COAT COLLECTION**

The Children's Ministry Team is asking everyone to bring coats and jackets that we will use for our Palm Sunday service. Following the service, the children's ministry team will donate the coats and jackets to the rescue mission. Please bring your coat/jacket for donation and place it in the donation bins on the ground level of the church by April 13 or bring it with you the morning of Palm Sunday and give to Pastor Amy in the sanctuary prior to the service.

**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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