



FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 19, 2019 • 10:30 AM

As you enter the Sanctuary, all are encouraged to greet one another and enjoy fellowship with those around you. 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: *Andante Cantabile* T. Dubois

Emily Grissing, Cello

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 21:1-5a Nikki Byers

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

People: **And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

Leader: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

People: **Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."**

Leader This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 281: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible, NT, p.83) Twyla Nelson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION David Williamson

Leader: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

People: **God of mercy, your command to love one another across
all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often
respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for
humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true
repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in
the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE David Williamson

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are
forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you
always be known by your love.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: O Love E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give
Thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller
be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to
thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Brent Greene

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 196: Alleluia No. 1** ALLELUIA NO. 1

SERMON: "Lessons in Leaving: Love One Another" Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians* ST. BRENDAN'S**

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 Scott Hudgins**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Cavatine* T. Dubois

Emily Grissing, Cello

***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: *Procession in A Major* D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

**Those who are able will please stand.*

FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of Lorene Kleu and in celebration of her life by Jim, Jon and Lori Kleu. Thanks be to God!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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*)

MONDAY, MAY 20

12:30 pm N. Guenther Circle Meeting (*A-L Commons*)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am Loom Knitting (*A-L Commons*)
4:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (*Conf. Room*)
5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (*Conf. Room*)
6:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (*A-L Commons*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Scott Hudgins, John Baxley
Nursery Babies-Ones: Lara Arredondo
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Kara Thompson

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Crisis Control: Instant Oatmeal
Samaritan Ministries: Laundry Pods (HE)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will recognize all 2019 graduates during the June 2 worship service and list them in the worship folder that day. If you have a family member graduating this year, please submit the following information to Amy Cook at acook@firstonfifth.org by noon on Tuesday, May 28: the graduate's name, degree, school attended, relationship to you, and, if applicable, institution the graduate will attend for further study.

YOUTH DATES | SPRING 2019

May 26 - Lunch & conversation 11:45 am (Youth Room)
June 2 - Graduation Sunday (Luncheon immediately following worship – offsite)
June 9 – Youth Team Meeting 11:45 am (A-L Commons)
PASSPORT, July 8th-13th at Furman University. Mark your calendars. More information to come.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is televised live at 10:30 am on Cable Channel 1312 and is streamed live from our website at firstonfifth.org. Online giving is available at give.firstonfifth.org.

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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