



FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH

THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 1, 2019 • 10:30 AM

As you enter for worship, 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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP Leslie Lowdermilk

Leader: God calls us to service,

People **rather than honor.**

Leader: God calls us to love the unknown,

People: **rather than the familiar.**

Leader: We come to this time of worship
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

People: **who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

*HYMN 315: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Matt Lowdermilk

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:1,7-14 Nikki Byers

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 471: Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy** RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Amy McClure

Leader: God invites us to mutual love.
But to find mutuality, we must release
our need for honor, our desire for privilege.
In humility let us seek forgiveness,
trusting the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Merciful God, forgive us
for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.
We choose to believe we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.
Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people
without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Amy McClure

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
through the grace of Jesus we are forgiven!
In gratitude to God let us resolve
to grow in our faith and love with a full heart
so that all may come to share in the good news of the gospel.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM: *The Gift of Love* H. Hopson

Women's Chorus

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have
not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain. Though I
may give all I possess and striving so my love profess, but not be given by
love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit come, our hearts
control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE 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.

SERMON: "*The Posture of Our Practice*" Emily Hull McGee

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 457: *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed* REGENT SQUARE**

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 Leslie Lowdermilk**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Sanctuary Choir

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath, His wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

***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

**Those who are able will please stand.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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MISSIONS FUND

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Missions Fund. This fund is primarily used to meet immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the **Missions** Fund.

FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in our worship space today in honor of Elizabeth Gertner Williams (Mark's Mom) and in celebration of her birthday and are given with love from Mark, Alana, Katharine, and Julia Williams.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Kelly Auditorium*)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Church Office closed – Labor Day holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 am Homebound Care Cards (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:00 pm Common Table with Pastor Emily (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
4:00 pm Youth Study Hall (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal (*Kelly Auditorium*)
5:30 pm Youth Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (*Kelly Auditorium*)
6:00 pm Preschool Children's Music (*Children's Loft*)
6:00 pm Children's Music (*Music Suite*)
6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 pm First Films (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am Bookmarks Festival (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 am First Impressions (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Kelly Auditorium*)
11:45 am Prayer Partner Care Package Event (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Leslie Lowdermilk
Nursery Babies-Ones: Marty Cook
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Victoria / Roland Crandall

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1st floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.
Samaritan Ministries: Mustard/Ketchup
Crisis Control: Rice (1 lb. bags)

WORSHIP IN KELLY AUDITORIUM

We gather for worship today in Kelly Auditorium due to an unexpected renovation and repair in our Sanctuary. Although this has displaced us from our primary worshipping space for a season, we give thanks for the warm intimacy of Kelly Auditorium, the adaptable spirit of our community, and a God whose Spirit cannot be contained!

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service 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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