



**FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH**

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, October 20, 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: *Cello Concerto No.2 in D Major, Adagio* ..... F.J. Haydn**  
Emily Grissing, Cello

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP ..... Emily Hull McGee**

**CHORAL INTROIT: *Wait for the Lord* ..... J. Berthier**  
Sanctuary Choir

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

**CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Amy McClure**

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be,  
we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church,  
we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,  
we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will forgive and restore my people;  
when I will equip them for every good work;  
and when I will grant justice,  
for I hear their cries day and night.**

**THE MINISTRY OF SILENCE**

**\*HYMN 58 : *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ..... ST. DENIO**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE ..... Brent Greene**

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible, OT, p.570) ..... Kate Masten**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT, p.62) ..... Kevin Masten**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... David Williamson**

**Leader:** The new covenant God has made with Israel,  
and with us, begins in forgiveness.  
Though we continually break covenant with God,  
God remains faithful.  
We confess our sins to God,  
trusting that God will forgive us  
and remember our sins no more.

**People:** Gracious God,  
we confess that we do not meditate on your commands  
and teachings all day long.  
We do not keep your word before us always  
and in all things.  
Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth  
and wander toward easier options.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.  
Forgive us for growing weary in following you;  
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;  
for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.  
Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.  
Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.  
Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.  
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE ..... David Williamson**

**Leader:** Friends, God promises to forgive us  
and remember our sins no more.  
In this way, God gives us not just a second chance  
but a new beginning.  
Believe the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM: *Like a River in My Soul* ..... 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE ..... Sheree Jones**

**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 383: *Near to the Heart of God* ..... McAFEE**

**SERMON: "*Lessons for Living a Life: Nevertheless, Persist*" ..... Emily Hull McGee**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 688: *Show Us How to Stand for Justice* ..... PLEADING SAVIOR**

*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 ..... Judy Eustice**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY: *Sérénade* ..... R. Leoncavallo**

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: *Rigaudon*..... A. Campra**

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life and legacy of Al Amos, and are given in loving memory of him on his birthday (October 23) by his wife, Doyce, and his family.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acolytes for this service are Ashleigh Henley and David Smith.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)  
9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
9:15 am First Impressions (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
11:45 am Fall Festival Planning Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)  
2:00 pm Nathan Towles' Eagle Scout Ceremony & Reception (*Kelly Aud., Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 12:00 pm Nancy Guenther Circle Meeting  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 12:00 pm Common Table with Pastor Emily  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
4:00 pm Capital Campaign Executive Team Meeting  
(*Conference Room*)  
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*)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:30 am Senior Adult Mountain Trip  
5:30 pm Innovation for Ministry Fund Grant Advisory  
Group Meeting (*Conference Room*)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 11:00 am Neighborhood Fall Festival on Fifth

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

## SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Judy Eustice, Bob Edwards  
Nursery Babies-Ones: Ying Xiong  
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Preston/Laura Cook

## WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is streamed live from our website at [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org).  
Online giving is available at [give.firstonfifth.org](http://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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## CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.  
Samaritan Ministries: Canned soup  
Crisis Control: Dry beans (1 lb. bags)



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