



**FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
Sunday, January 19, 2020 • 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, let us shift into a brief time of quiet reflection as 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.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Six Pieces for Organ, II. Allegro comodo* ..... F. Bridge**  
Jacob Hill, Organ

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 40:1-4a ..... Gary Stiffler**

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;  
and the Lord inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

**People: Happy are all who make the Lord their trust.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**PASSING OF THE PEACE ..... Nikki Byers**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT, p.526) ..... Roper Halverson**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-42 (Pew Bible, NT, p.70) ..... Matt Steen**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION: *Lamb of God* ..... J. Reim**

Sanctuary Choir

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Grant us peace. With your stripes we are healed. The Lord has placed on  
You the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our peace was  
upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.  
Grant us peace.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Amy McClure**

Leader: Compassionate and forgiving God,  
You reveal yourself to us as the Lamb of God,  
the One who frees us from the burden of our disobedience.

**People: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

Leader: You invite us to follow you, to come and see,  
but too often we prefer blindness to sight.  
You instruct us but we do not listen.

**People: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

Leader: You call us to love, but we are slow to answer that call.  
Our reluctance perpetuates prejudice, violence, and greed.

**People: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

Leader: God of grace, receive us in mercy,  
Even as we repent in spirit and in truth,  
and ask your forgiveness.

**People: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy;  
and grant us your peace. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE ..... Amy McClure**

Leader: The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world,  
restoring all of creation to right relationship with its Creator.  
This is the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN 500: *Just As I Am* ..... WOODWORTH**

(Stanzas 1,3,6)

**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: "Called as Invitation"** ..... Emily Hull McGee

**LITANY OF COMMISSIONING** ..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls women and men within Christ's church to serve as deacons.

**Congregation: All ministry emerges from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God is always calling us to join in this great work of Love in the world!**

Leader: Deacons, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you to be a deacon. Each of you has accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and commit yourselves to following in his way of Love?

Deacons: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: During your tenure as a deacon, will you seek the peace and unity of this church? Will you covenant to be present and faithful to our life together?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Will you fully commit your whole life to sharing in the care and generous stewardship of our Beloved Community? Will you covenant to lead with courage and compassion?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, receive these sisters and brothers as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's work of Love, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

**Congregation: We do, God being our helper.**

CALL TO ORDINATION: *Make Me a Servant* ..... SERVANT

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are  
weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: make me a ser-vant,  
make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.

LAYING ON OF HANDS ..... Emily Hull McGee

**Candidates for Ordination**

Joani Hughes, Kevin Masten, Kim Wilkinson

ORDINATION PRAYER ..... Emily Hull McGee

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for these servants  
who you have newly called to be deacons in our beloved community.  
As we set them apart for this special ministry,  
we ask you to fill them with all the grace and courage needed  
to fulfill their responsibilities.

**Congregation: Grant them boundless compassion for human needs,  
boldness in their servant leadership,  
and devotion to the well-being of your church,  
that together we may follow Jesus more fully in the way of Love.**

Leader: We thank you for Joani Hughes,  
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit  
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

**Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.**

Leader: We thank you for Kevin Masten,  
and ask that you fill him with all the good graces of your Spirit  
that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

**Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.**

Leader: We thank you for Kim Wilkinson,  
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit  
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

**Congregation: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.**

Leader: Friends, we receive these deacons, commissioned and ordained,  
as servant leaders in our life together,  
and we celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities  
for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church.

**Congregation: We give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ,  
and covenant to hold all our deacons in prayer as they serve you this year.  
We pray these things in the name of your son Jesus,  
our leader and guide. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 473: Will You Come and Follow Me ..... KELVINGROVE**

*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 ..... Bob Edwards**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY: Renew Your Church ..... arr. L. Larson**

Sanctuary Choir

Renew Your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore. Make us again  
as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand. 'Mid somber shadows of the  
night, where greed and hatreds spread their blight, O send us forthwith power  
endued, help us, Lord, be renewed. Teach us Your Word, reveal its truth divine, on  
our path let it shine; tell of Your works, Your mighty acts of grace, from each page  
show Your face. As You have loved us, sent Your Son and our salvation now is won,  
O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know Your Word. Teach us to  
pray, for You are ever near, Your still small voice, Lord let us hear. Our souls are  
restless till they rest in You, this the goal we pursue. Before Your presence keep us  
still that we may find Your will. We'll seek Your guidance every day. Lord, teach us  
how to pray. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,  
humankind; break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us not to our fate. As  
You have loved and given Your life to end hostility and strife, O share Your grace  
from heaven above, teach us, Lord, teach us how to love. Amen.

**\*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: Op. 25, Suite Gothique, II. Minuet ..... L. Boellmann**

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## DEACON TESTIMONIES

### Joani Hughes

I cannot remember a time when I wasn't immersed in church life. Growing up in the home of a Minister of Education of a Baptist church, I lived the rhythms of two services on Sunday and Wednesday activities in the middle of the week. My faith was synonymous with church life and I am grateful for the many people in my church who spent time with me and spoke into my life. As a child I vividly remember associating the Deacons as those men ( in those days, all men!) who walked down the long aisles holding offering plates.

My faith became my own when I went to Wake Forest. My relationship with God became much more than simply church activities and I began a spiritual journey which continues to this day. Being married to a pastor threw me back into the world of church busyness again, but along with that, I discovered a deeper walk with God that extended into all of my life. I understand faith to be an on-going experience of knowing and being with God. I am very honored to be chosen to be a deacon at First on Fifth and pray that as a church, we will continue to discover what it might mean to reflect God's love and life in Winston-Salem.

### Kevin Masten

I grew up in a Christian home near Pilot Mountain in Surry County, NC with a loving mother, father and two sisters. My mother is the sweetest and hardest working woman that I've ever met; she has most demonstrated to me the love, compassion, work ethic and generosity that I will strive to achieve throughout my life as I work to set an example of what a Christian should be. My life was officially given to Christ through Baptism when I was 24 years old by Bill Faw at Siloam Baptist Church in an old-fashioned ceremony on the Yadkin River.

My life has changed dramatically since the time I was Baptized including moving away from where I grew up, employer changes, getting married to my wonderful wife and having three beautiful children. During these changes, I have been blessed beyond measure and for that I am grateful. I am honored to be selected to serve as a deacon for First Baptist Church, and I will work hard to show thanks for the many blessings that I have been bestowed by serving others through First Baptist Church and in the name of Christ.

### Kim Wilkinson

I can't even begin to tell you how excited I am to be able to serve God and my church by serving as a Deacon! To be nominated to serve a church I dearly love will certainly rank as one of my most treasured times!

My family was always involved in church. Since Dad was a pastor, we were at church whenever the doors were open! This proved to be both good and bad. Being around church, I was able to learn and experience God's love but it was always easy to take it for granted as well. It was also easy to get labeled as "The Preacher's Kid" and have expectations thrust upon you.....Add to that the fact that I'm a female, and church was not always a welcoming place for me.

As I became an adult, I made the decision that I was going to be faithful to God by serving in a church and using my talents there. Church hasn't always been easy but the end result will be worth it!

Not only is our church in transition but I am as well! Preparing for retirement from teaching in June as well as discerning what the future holds for me...Transition abounds for all of us! Throughout this time of transition, one hymn, *Blessed Assurance*, has become meaningful for me. *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God! Born of His Spirit, washing in His Blood! Perfect submission, all is at rest! I in my Savior am happy and blessed! Watching and waiting, looking above- Filled with His goodness, lost in His love!"*

It is my prayer during my time as Deacon that I grow stronger spiritually as well as help our church grow stronger! I desire to see our church thrive in numbers and also in faithfulness! I pray that as a Deacon I will be a part of that growth!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CALLED: PREACHING IN JANUARY**

This Epiphany season, we look for God's revealing in the world, particularly through the Light that enlightens us all in Christ! Our lectionary readings in worship will orient us to what such a revealing and enlightening can look like in practice. For when God is at work, often God's people – you! Me! Us! – are the ones who feel a particular call. This January, we'll spend several weeks looking to the gospels at Jesus's first experiences of call – his call to and experience of baptism, and his invitation to the disciples to 'come and see' and 'follow me.' What happens when God calls? What does that ask of us? And what does it actually mean in our lives if we respond? As the new year begins, come and see what might emerge as we listen together to God's call this year!

### **January 19**

*Called as Invitation*

John 1:29-42

### **January 26**

*Called to Follow*

Matthew 4:12-25

## **READING THE BIBLE IN PREPARATION FOR TEACHING**

### **A workshop for Adult Bible Study Teachers & Leaders Saturday, January 25 | 9:00am**

This Saturday morning workshop is for adult Bible study teachers and leaders who would like to reflect on and learn more about reading, studying, and teaching the Bible. The session will explore ways of reading the Bible, familiar and new questions we can bring to the Bible, resources for studying the Bible, and suggestions for teaching adults. Mary Foskett will lead the workshop, which will be held at First on Fifth from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, January 25. Contact Brent for more details and to sign up at [bgreene@firstonfifth.org](mailto:bgreene@firstonfifth.org).

## **QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE IS JANUARY 26**

Please join us for our next Quarterly Church Conference, planned for Sunday, January 26, following worship. We will gather for lunch in Kelly Auditorium, and then engage in a brief quarterly church conference. Please make plans to stay for lunch and financial update reports as we wrap up the construction phase of our building project!

## **DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS IN THE COMMONS**

### **Tuesdays, January 14-February 25 | 6:45 am**

Join Pastor David for Devotional Classics in the Commons, our early morning study that meets through February 25. We are discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. You may order your copy from Amazon or contact David Williamson to obtain a copy.

The Devotional Classics in the Commons Lenten study will focus on selected readings from *The Confessions* by Augustine, and will meet on Tuesdays at 6:45 am from March 3-April 7.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **CPR/First Aid Training | Sunday, February 23**

ALL children and youth workers are asked to attend CPR/First Aid training on Sunday, February 23, immediately following worship. We will gather in Kelly Auditorium for lunch and the training. Please RSVP by February 16 to Amy McClure at [amcclure@firstonfifth.org](mailto:amcclure@firstonfifth.org).

## **FIRST FRIDAY FILMS**

Our monthly film series resumes on Friday, February 7, at 7 pm in Kelly Auditorium. During this series, we will explore the idea of family, and how family can transcend blood, race, and even divinity. The screenings will be followed by a discussion.

Our February film is "Loving," the story of Richard and Mildred Loving. Their arrest in Virginia for interracial marriage culminates in the historic 1967 Supreme Court Decision (*Loving v. Virginia*). This is a tender, wonderfully acted film.

On March 6, we will view "Last Days in the Desert." While Yeshua makes his way out of the wilderness, he encounters a nomadic family and temptations leading to his dramatic test. This multi-layered work is sure to spark conversation.

Our spring series wraps up on April 3, when we watch "The Good Lie." This film follows refugees from the Sudanese Civil War as they experience the complexities of life in Kansas City, Missouri guided by their employment agency counselor who navigates her own challenges.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Join us beginning February 7, at 7 pm in Kelly Auditorium!

## **SUPPORTING THE WOMEN'S DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP**

February 1, 2020 marks the beginning of the Women's Trip to Mission Emanuel in the Dominican Republic. Lee Anne Stiffler will join forces with groups from Wisconsin, Winston-Salem and NC to minister to the families of Cielo. Thank you to the Missions Committee and First on Fifth for once again supporting our ministry efforts with funds for the purchase of "beans and rice" and water cards and food for the banquet for the Mission Emanuel staff and faculty. These acts are a wonderful demonstration of our priority for "cultivating the well being of children" and our vision for "showing boundless compassion for others." If you wish to send toothbrushes, washcloths or travel sizes of toothpaste, soap, and shampoo to help fill the "beans and rice" bags, please bring these items to church before January 29 and place them in the box labeled Women's Trip "Beans and Rice." You will find this box on top of the bins in the hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Anne Stiffler at [lstiffle70@gmail.com](mailto:lstiffle70@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting this group in prayer.

## **A NOTE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING**

The Finance Committee would like to invite the congregation to celebrate with us the recently received unrestricted legacy gift from Mildred Southern's Trust. We are grateful to God for this faithful servant who remembered First Baptist Church in her estate planning.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)  
9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
3:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting  
(*Children's Loft*)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

- 12:30 pm Nancy Guenthner Circle Meeting (*offsite*)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
(*Conference Room*)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (*Sanctuary*)  
6:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting  
(*Conference Room*)  
6:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- 5:30 pm TV Task Force Meeting  
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study Teacher Workshop  
(*Kelly Auditorium*)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:15 am Sunday Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
11:45 am Quarterly Church Conference and Lunch  
(*Kelly Auditorium*)

## SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Bob Edwards, Matt Steen  
Nursery Babies-Ones: Melissa Dellinger  
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Tina Magee

## CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

Please place donations in designated donation bins in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway outside of Kelly Auditorium.

Samaritan Ministries: Coffee, canned goods

Crisis Control: Beef stew

## 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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