



**FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, February 16, 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: *Messe pour les couvents, XVIII. Elevation* F. Couperin
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3 Nikki Byers

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us exalt God's name together!

CHORAL INTROIT: *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord* J. Berthier
Sanctuary Choir
Sally Mir, Soloist

Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all you nations; praise him, all you peoples; alleluia. Strong is God's love and mercy, God is faithful forever, alleluia. Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! Alleluia, let everything living give praise to the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

***HYMN 335: *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* HYFRYDOL**

PASSING OF THE PEACE **David Williamson**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible, OT, p.145) **Chris Smith**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:21-37 (Pew Bible, NT, p.3) **Meredith Smith**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Brent Greene**

Leader: Sisters and brothers,
the words of Jesus challenge our perception of righteousness
and encourage us toward a broader moral imagination,
Let us sing our confession with sincerity and understanding
that we might be transformed into a new way of life.

People:



1."For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
2.How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
4.Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **Brent Greene**

Leader: Friends, when we choose the way of humility
and a readiness to forgive others, we choose life.
Let us love God and walk in God's ways
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL BLESSING: *You Do Not Walk Alone* **E. Hagenberg**

Sanctuary Choir

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you
always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are
hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when
the shadows fall: you do not walk alone.

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: "Everyday Ethics: Elevating our Moral Imagination" Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 395: *Open My Eyes, That I May See SCOTT

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** Joe Bircher

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *Great and Glorious* F.J. Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty, glorious in power eternal, mighty and loving Father; praise Him for His greatness, praise Him for all His exceeding greatness. Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty, let all extol Him for evermore. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God; glorious and mighty, loving Father, glorious ever in majesty. Praise to Thy name, Thy holy name forevermore. God is nigh to all that call truly upon Him; the Lord upholdeth all who fall, and gently He upraiseth those who are bowed down. Great and glorious, mighty and loving Father in power eternal. Great and glorious; call upon Him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise God, O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***BENEDICTION** Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Dix pieces pour Orgue, IX. Sortie* T. Dubois

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acolytes for this service are Liam McGee and Lydia Smith.

FLOWERS

The flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of Ray Fearington Messick and in celebration of his birthday (February 16, 1914) by his daughter, Sylvia Messick Gilley and all the Messick Family. Our father walked with his family from Brown Memorial Church when it merged with First Baptist. Thanks be to God!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:00 am Deacons' Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)
9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 12:30 pm Nancy Guenther Circle Meeting (*Offsite*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics in the Commons
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
11:45 am Outreach Team Meeting
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
(*Conference Room*)
7:00 pm Tuesday Night Small Group Study (*Offsite*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 12:00 pm Common Table (*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Small Group Bible Study
(*Ammons-Lolley Commons*)
6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir (*Sanctuary*)
6:00 pm Youth Discipleship (*Youth Room*)
6:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting
(*Conference Room*)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 11:00 am Partnership for Prosperity (*Conference Room*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:15 am Sunday Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
11:45 am CPR/First Aid Training (*Kelly Auditorium*)

SERVING TODAY

Deacons of the Week: Joe Bircher, Ralph Messick
Nursery Babies-Ones: Preferred Childcare
Nursery Twos-Pre-K: Josh McGee

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS

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

Samaritan Ministries: Tea, Sugar
Crisis Control: Instant Potatoes

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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