



“Real temptation beckons us to do that about which much good can be said. *Stones to bread?* – the hungry hope so; *take political control?* – the oppressed hope so; *leap from the temple?* – those longing for proof of God’s power among us hope so. All this is to say that a *real temptation is an offer not to fall but to rise*. The tempter in Eden did not ask, ‘Do you wish to be as the devil?’ but, ‘Do you wish to be as God?’ There is nothing here of debauchery; no self-respecting devil would approach a person with offers of personal, domestic, or social ruin. That is in the small print at the bottom of temptation. If anyone is having trouble believing that Jesus was *really* tempted, then he or she needs to keep in mind that temptation is an indication of strength, not of weakness. We aren’t tempted to do what we cannot do, but what is within our power.”

+ Fred Craddock

*Christ's Temptations in the Desert*, by Michael O'Brien

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 15, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Elevation

D. P. Benoit

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki Byers

Leader: Sing a new song,  
a song of thanks and praise,

**All: for God has done wondrous deeds,  
and is great beyond compare!**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;

**All: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart.  
Happy are those who make the Lord their trust!**

\*HYMN 349: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

LITANY FOR DREAMS IN HONOR OF DR. KING

Emily Hull McGee, Children of First on Fifth

Leader: God, we are living inside your dream

**All: The dream of creation**

Leader: The dream of time and space,

**All: The dream of humanity**

Leader: You dreamed us up

**All: And we're all yours.**

Leader: The dream of the Kingdom of God;

**All: In which all is done according to the law of Love,**

Leader: In which exploitation, inequality and poverty are unheard of

**All: In which peace is normal,**

Leader: In which separation from you and each other is an illusion,

**All: In which Christ is King:**

Leader: This is the dream we are living for.

**All: This is the dream we must live out.**

Leader: When it seems just beyond our reach

**All: Love will bridge the gap.**

Leader: When it seems unimaginable

**All: Love will give us imagination.**

Leader: When it seems impossible

**All: Love will make a way.**

Leader: Help us to bravely step out now,

**All: Into the unknown**

Leader: Into the dreamed-of future

**All: Into the beauty of now.**

Leader: For you are Love,

**All: And your dream is alive in our hearts. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

Zack Jackson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

BEACH SPRING

Sanctuary Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amelia Britt

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to ignore.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
sustain us in the temptations of this present day,  
and open to us a future in which we grow more and more**

**into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 40:1-3**

**Amelia Britt**

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Hear this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: And let us share the sign of peace with these words:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with those around you.)*

**ANTHEM: *With a Voice of Singing***

**M. Shaw**

Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. O be joyful in God all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Jim Nelson**

**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: *Home By Another Way: Tempted***

**Emily Hull McGee**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 677: *When We Are Tested***

**SLANE**

*God calls all to respond! Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to follow Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come to the front and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

**PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE**

**Mary Foskett**

*The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part of active, vibrant worship. At the conclusion of the worship service you will find offering plates at the exit doors for those who would like to make a financial contribution to support the ministries of First Baptist*

Church. If you would like to give online, you will find additional information in this worship guide and at our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org).

## THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

### \*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: Fuga, BuxWV 175

D. Buxtehude

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Mary Foskett and John Hanes
<u>Children &amp; Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette

### IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, we welcome you! Please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pews, and give it to a minister or drop into the offering plate after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply with our church. If you're visiting with young children, we welcome them in whatever way is best for your family! Creative resources for our little ones guide their experience of worship in the Sanctuary, and worship care for infants – kindergarten is available in the nursery on the first floor. Masking is optional in the Sanctuary. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring an even greater distance. Extra masks and hand sanitizer are available at all three entrances to the sanctuary. We're glad you're here!

### HOW WE SUSTAIN MINISTRY THROUGH FBC

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today to God's work of Love through First on Fifth, you can do so by placing your gift in the offering plates upon your exit from the room, or by scanning the QR code to give online. Because you will need to enter your personal financial information when registering online, we encourage you to set up your account on a secure network at home before using the app for the first time.





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **HOME BY ANOTHER WAY:** *Worship in January*

This January, we'll follow along with the early days of Jesus' life and ministry, noticing the connection between beginning and return, all the while journeying home by another way.

January 22

*Home By Another Way: Called*

Matthew 4:12-22

Deacon Ordination & Installation

January 29

*Home By Another Way: Sent*

Matthew 4:23-25

### **Mark your calendars!**

#### **January 22 | Deacon Ordination**

Today in worship, we joyfully install and ordain eight new Deacons to the work of servant leadership in our church. The Deacons extend care and connection with our members and cultivate the spiritual well-being of the church.

#### **January 22 | Leadership Lunch & Orientation**

All newly-elected leaders of the church (2023 committee & ministry team members, Deacons, & officers) are invited to a Leadership Lunch & Orientation from 12-1:30pm in Kelly Auditorium. Nursery - Pre K childcare is provided.

#### **January 29 | First Impressions, 12:00-1:30pm**

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect, get involved in ministry, and join the church. This First Impressions gathering will be held from 12:00-1:30PM in the Ammons-Lolley Commons. Please RSVP to [emily@firstonfifth.org](mailto:emily@firstonfifth.org) by Friday, January 27.

#### **January 31 | Quarterly Church Conference**

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church

Conference (QCC) Tuesday night, January 31, 2023, at 6:30PM via Zoom.

#### **February 19 | State of the Church, 12-2PM**

Mark your calendars for a time of lunch and learning about the landscape of church life and our particular piece of it, followed by robust discussion about the horizon ahead.

#### **Seeking Donations | Dominican Republic Trip**

Kim Towles and Lee Anne Stiffler will leave for the Dominican Republic on Saturday, January 28, 2023. As in the past, there are some ways you can support the trip. There is a DR collection box on top of the donation bins where we would gladly accept the following items: travel size soap, lotion, shampoo, wash cloths, and small stuffed animals (like Beanie Babies). Each of these items go in the beans and rice bags that we deliver in the community. If any of you loom, knit, or crochet baby hats, we will take those too. We are blessed by First Baptists generous support of the beans and rice program. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Anne Stiffler ([Istiffle70@gmail.com](mailto:Istiffle70@gmail.com)). Thank you in advance for supporting these two women and their commitment to this ongoing ministry.

#### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for January are canned soup and crackers. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry to our community!

#### **New Study Opportunities**

Devotional Classics began a new study on January 10! This discussion group will meet Tuesdays mornings on Zoom at 6:45-7:45 AM to study Richard Rohr's [Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi](#). For more contact pastor David at [david@firstonfifth.org](mailto:david@firstonfifth.org).

A Survey of the Bible will begin this semester on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:00AM to study books of the Bible with Dr. David Hull. For more

information please contact  
davidwhull42@gmail.com.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 15

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth,  
and Children (*in person*)  
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)  
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)  
5:30 pm Fellow Travelers (*Commons*)

MONDAY, January 16

Office Closed for MLK Day

TUESDAY, January 17

6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)  
5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)  
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 18

11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Kelly*)  
12:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)  
5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, January 19

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)  
11:00 am Older Adult Ministry Team (*online*)  
6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)  
7:00 pm Missions Committee (*online*)

FRIDAY, January 20

SATURDAY, January 21

SUNDAY, January 22

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)  
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth,  
and Children (*in person*)  
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)  
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)  
12:00 pm Leadership Lunch (*Kelly*)

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