



“All brokenness, and all dying, and all suffering is there to allow you to enter into solidarity with the whole human family, and to give yourselves to others so that your life can bear fruit. God asks you not to have a successful life, but to have a fruitful life.”

+ Henri Nouwen

“Healing,” by Ivan Filichev

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 29, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude*

Jacob Hill, Organ

H. Willan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3

Amy McClure

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

All: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;

All: And let us exalt his name together.

*HYMN 607: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nikki Byers

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:23-25

Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amelia Britt

Leader: The One who heals, pardons, and strengthens all who repent challenges us to name our failings and our hopes.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

**All: Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess our frailty and our lack of faith
in your ability and goodness to heal.
We forget that you are always with us,
and that with you all things are possible.
Forgive us; and lead us to extend your ministry
of proclaiming the good news,
and healing and comforting those who suffer.
Through Jesus Christ, the One who heals every infirmity,
and forgives every sin. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin.
You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ,
the One who leads us and guides us to follow in his way.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: *He Leadeth Me*

B. Wegner

Sanctuary Choir
Mark Thompson, Soloist

He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.
Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur not repine;
content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Zack Jackson

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: Sent*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 658: *Let Your Heart Be Broken*

WYE VALLEY

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

Joani Hughes

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.

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: *Magnificat Fuga*

J. Pachelbel

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Iris Mann and Annabelle McGee
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Joani Hughes and Carlos Mir
<u>Children & 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.



A WORD FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

As most of you know, there is a new covid variant lurking in our midst. Its official name is XBB.1.5. It is another Omicron variant. We will continue to see new variances as the virus continues to mutate globally. Numbers are rising, and hospitalizations have increased. It is hard to tie down the numbers, because so many people are testing at home and not reporting to the health department. Only 15% of Americans have received the latest bi-valent booster. We have all let our guard down as we are all tired of Covid. Most of the counties in North Carolina are classified "red," which means infection rates are up. This variant does not appear to be causing significant illness at this point in time. Since the beginning of Covid, First Baptist Church has followed the recommendations of our local health department and our governor, and we will continue with that practice. Currently there are no mandatory masking guidelines in place. However, there have been recommendations from the CDC to mask when you are out in public or in large gatherings, not only due to the Covid rise but also due to flu and RSV especially if you have significant health issues. (The recommendation for masks to wear are the KN95s.) While masking is optional at FBC, it is highly encouraged. The church will continue to make hand sanitizer available where age appropriate. – Roper Halverson, on behalf of the Covid Task Force



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LESSONS ALONG THE WAY

Worship in February & March

Jesus' most well-known and beloved moral teachings can be found in the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' essential lessons that the gospel writer, Matthew, places right at the heart of his good news. The Sermon on the Mount covers all manner of topics: blessings for the overlooked, words about our anxiety and worry, guidance on how to interact with money and why relationships matter, instructions on prayer and work, law and order, all couched within Jesus' vision of God's dream for the world that is coming into being. In the months of February and March, our worship services will take a deep dive into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, looking at it in its entirety for the lessons we need along the way.

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 Opportunity

The Practicing Moral Discernment Class (hybrid) and Conversations Class (in person) began their new winter semester today. Feel free to join in and reach out to Abigail Cook (abigail@firstonfifth.org) for zoom links and directions on how to join.

Mark your calendar!

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. More information will be available in the following newsletters, including reports, agenda, and zoom links, please make your plans now to attend!

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.

February 22 | Ash Wednesday, 6PM

All are invited to join in our time of Ash Wednesday worship as we orient ourselves to the Lenten season with the ancient rituals of remembering 'from dust we are, and to dust we shall return.'

February 22 | Lenten Pilgrimages and Study

With Pastor Emily leading us in a yearlong focus on the theme, "On the Way," the Adult Ministry Team is sponsoring a Lenten study and a series of local pilgrimages that will enable us to continue on the congregational journey we began before the pandemic of being on the way towards racial justice. We invite Sunday School classes and small groups to take up again the call to end racism and promote racial equity by reading together Cheri L. Mills' Lenten devotional study, *Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery*. The Adult Ministry team is also planning two local pilgrimages related to this Lenten study this spring. We invite you to join us on April 1 for a tour of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro and on May 6 for a visit to the Reynolda House Museum of American Art to see the exhibition, "Stephen Towns: Declaration & Resistance," which "examines the American dream through the lives of Black Americans from the late eighteenth century through the present time." We will be sharing sign-up details about these trips early in Lent. Please consider our invitation to read, reflect, and pray with Cheri L. Mills' *Lent of Liberation* this Lenten season. Books will be available through the church for \$10, or you can order them directly on Amazon. See the full letter from the Adult Ministry Team in our Newsletter. To get on the newsletter list, email Abigail Cook (abigail@firstonfifth.org).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 29

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 First Impressions (*Commons*)
4:30 pm GAP Class Fellowship (*Offsite*)

MONDAY, January 30

6:00 pm Personnel Committee (*online*)

TUESDAY, January 31

6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
6:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 1

11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Kelly*)
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, February 2

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team
(*online*)

FRIDAY, February 3

SATURDAY, February 4

SUNDAY, February 5

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 Deacons Meeting (*online*)

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