



“Baptism does not confer on us a status that marks us off from everybody else. To be able to say, ‘I’m baptized’ is not to claim an extra dignity, let alone a sort of privilege that keeps you separate from and superior to the rest of the human race, but to claim a new level of solidarity with other people. It is to accept that to be a Christian is to be affected – you might even say contaminated – by the mess of humanity. This is very paradoxical. Baptism is a ceremony in which we are washed, cleansed and re-created. It is also a ceremony in which we are pushed into the middle of a human situation that may hurt us, and that will not leave us untouched or unsullied. And the gathering of baptized people is therefore not a convocation of those who are privileged, elite and separate, but of those who have accepted what it means to be in the heart of a needy, contaminated, messy world. To put it another way, you don’t go down into the waters of the Jordan without stirring up a great deal of mud!”

+ Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*

Threshold, by T. Denise Anderson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 8, 2022 • 11:00 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 29

Amelia Britt

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION

Zack Jackson

(Please read in unison.)

**God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame to be your people,
faithful and courageous.**

**As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters
of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.**

**We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN 154: *Christ Is the World's Light*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-17

Nikki Byers

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO BAPTISM: *Come to the Waters*

KELERIN

1. Come to the wa - ter on this ho - ly day. Our Lord has
 2. Gath - er - ing un - der God's heav - en a - bove, bro - thers and

called us, we come to o - bey. Fol - low the One who has shown us the
 sis - ters sur - round you in love. God's Ho - ly Spir - it will come like a

way. Live in God's king - dom for - ev - er.
 dove now to be with you for - ev - er.

THE ORDINANCE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Liam McGee

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM: *Redeemed*

A.L. Butler

Sanctuary Choir

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 redeemed through His infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.
 Redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed, how I love to
 proclaim it, His child, and forever, I am. Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no
 language my rapture can tell; I know that the light of His presence with me
 doth continually dwell. Redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 redeemed, how I love to proclaim it, His child, and forever, I am.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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: Baptized*

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 619: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

ASSURANCE

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

Fran Stewart

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

A BLESSING FOR THE COOK FAMILY

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Fran Stewart and Wally Cox
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: 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.



HOME BY ANOTHER WAY

Worship in January

The new year often brings new imagination for what the shape of one's life might look like. Sometimes, this can mean charting unfamiliar terrain and going places where we've never been. But often, the new year begins with a return.. This January, we'll follow along with the early days of Jesus' life and ministry: the visit from the Magi to Bethlehem, his baptism and temptation in the wilderness, his call to the disciples, and his first steps into public ministry. We'll notice the connection between a beginning and a return, all the while finding our way home by another way.

January 8, Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Home By Another Way: Baptized
Matthew 3:1-17

January 15

Home By Another Way: Tempted
Matthew 4:1-11

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar!

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 on January 22 from 12:00-1:30pm in Kelly Auditorium. Check your email for more info!

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

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 (lstiffle70@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 Opportunity

Devotional Classics class will begin 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 information please contact pastor David at david@firstonfifth.org.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 8

- 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*)

MONDAY, January 9

- 5:00 pm Personnel Committee (*online*)
5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (*online*)

TUESDAY, January 10

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, January 12

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)

FRIDAY, January 13

SATURDAY, January 14

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*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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