

“Through violence, you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence, you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

+ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Sunday, February 19, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Trio

Jacob Hill, Organ

A. Bruckner

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 17:1-8

Amelia Britt

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

INVOCATION

Abigail Cook

*(Please read in unison.)*

**Immortal God of power and wonder,  
we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.  
We rejoice at what we can see;  
we marvel at what we cannot see.  
You dazzle us with your brightness;  
you overshadow us as with a great cloud;  
Yet you tell us not to be afraid.  
Visit us in this hour of worship that we might be  
transformed through the power and presence  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 58: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48**

Devin Withrow

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Zack Jackson

Leader: O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world:  
so much suffering through the ages,  
wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse,  
endless gun violence in schools and workplaces.  
We cry on behalf of our violent world:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Forgive us for returning violence for violence.  
hatred for hatred, anger for anger.  
For in doing so, we encourage the darkness to increase.  
We confess our part in this violent world.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Forgive us, and use us as instruments of your peace.  
Help us to fight darkness and hate with weapons of light and love.  
Strengthen us to turn the other cheek, to go the second mile,  
and to extend the grace that you have extended to us.  
For in doing so, we mirror your great love for this violent world.

**All: Lord, have mercy and grant us your peace. Amen.**

*A silence is kept.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *The Kingdom of God***

Taizé Community

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and  
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and  
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

Leader: Friends, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
we are forgiven and called to usher in a peaceable kingdom.  
Those who make peace shall be called children of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: *I Will Be a Child of Peace***

**E. Hagenberg**

Sanctuary Choir

O Holy Father,  
I will be a child of peace and purity,  
for well I know Thy hand will bless  
the seeker after righteousness.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Twyla 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: *Lessons Along the Way: On a Moral Imagination***

**Emily Hull McGee**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love***

**ST. BRENDAN'S**

*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**

**Lynn Rhoades**

*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: *Allegro Moderato***

**L. Mourlan**

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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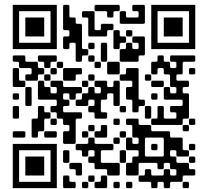
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Kate Parker and Karly Parker
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Lynn Rhoades and Twyla Nelson
<u>Children &amp; Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette

## 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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### 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. Our collective worship will focus us together on the lessons we need along the way.

### Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for February is instant potatoes. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry to our community!

### Mark your calendar!

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

Today we meet for lunch and learning in Kelly!

### 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. Our church will engage in a devotional study, *Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery*. 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).

### February 25 | Contemplative Walking Pilgrimage

Joani Hughes will lead a pilgrimage exploring the spiritual life one encounters as they walk in the world. We will gather at the gazebo outside of Reynolda House at 10:30 AM. Before walking, we will briefly take a look at what Scripture teaches us about the importance of walking in God's presence and examine mindfulness in walking. All are invited, including those with four legs. This is not a difficult walk, but it is guaranteed to be beautiful and soul feeding, regardless of the weather.

### March 11 | All Creatures Birding Pilgrimage

Roper Halverson will lead a pilgrimage capturing the gift of birds in nature and opening our eyes more fully to all we see. We will meet at Miller Park (near the tennis courts) at 8:30 AM, and come prepared with good walking shoes, binoculars (if you have them), and a camera. Open to all ages! Rain date is March 25.

### April 1 | International Civil Rights Center Pilgrimage

We will travel to Greensboro to tour the International Civil Rights Museum. More to come in the Newsletter!

### May 6 | Reynolda House Museum of American Art

We will travel 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."

### CBFNC Annual Gathering

This year, the CBFNC Annual Gathering is at Ardmore Baptist in Winston-Salem! CBFNC encourages ministers and lay leaders to attend this two day event. The theme, Living Together, is based on a theology of cooperation.

### EASTER LILIES

Our Sanctuary will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up a form on the table across from the Commons and return it to the church office with a \$15 payment per lily by Sunday, March 12.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 19

- 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 State of the Church Report (*Kelly and online*)

MONDAY, February 20

- 4:30 pm New Member Ministry Team (*online*)

TUESDAY, February 21

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 5:30 pm Fellow Travelers (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 22

- 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 23

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

FRIDAY, February 24

SATURDAY, February 25

SUNDAY, February 26

- 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*)

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