



“To believe in the Beatitudes is to believe in the strength of communal love (not the selfish sentimentality of a passing romance, but the irresistible force of a love so great that one person would lay down her life for another). It is to believe that that strength is sufficient to wear down even the most entrenched institutions of human hatred. And I believe *Jesus* believed that when love is galvanized against the powers of injustice, then a love harnessed rather than dispersed is a love respected rather than scorned. Like the soaring arches of the great temple that buttress and support one another, members of the beloved, blessed community do what no verse can do in and of itself: they rise and meet one another, hold one another aloft, strengthen and sustain one another, and in so doing create the heavenly canopy under which God’s work on earth can surely commence.”

+ Erik Kolbell, *What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes & a Meaningful Life*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 5, 2023 • 11:00 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Ephesians 1:3-4

Ash Henley

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world,

**All: that we might be holy and blameless before God.**

\*HYMN 310: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *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.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-20

Wally Cox

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: Generous God, yours is a Kingdom of blessing –  
for those who mourn, for the meek,  
for those who hunger and thirst, for the peacemakers,  
and for those who are persecuted for living  
according to the law you came to fulfill.

**All: Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.**

Leader: Loving God, you call us to be the salt of the earth,  
but too often we consider your way to be bland,  
and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor  
that spreads from us to those around us.

**All: Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.**

Leader: You call us to be the light of the world,  
but too often our actions do not bring praise to you.  
We make choices that help us blend into our culture  
rather than stand out as your people.

**All: Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you told us your Kingdom is not of this world.  
Save us from dismissing the Law you came to fulfill,  
and instill in us a love for your Law and the desire to fulfill it  
as whole-hearted lovers of this Kingdom.

**All: Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. J. Rouse

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise His name! I'm fixed upon it: name of God's redeeming love. Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place; and I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love: Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

## 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: *Lessons Along the Way: Blessing*

Emily Hull McGee

### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 467: *We Are One in Christ*

THAXTED

*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

Nikki Byers

*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

### CELEBRATION: BWIM NC Anne Thomas Neil Award for Laity

Ka'thy Gore Chappell

#### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund.

## SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Evie Crandall  
Deacon of the Week: Pat Thompson 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.



<u>Ministry Funding – Dec 2022</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	149,389	894,974
Ministry Costs	81,334	805,937
Over/(Under) Met Needs	68,055	89,037
Contributions Current Year	148,320	821,225
Contributions Last Year	160,047	870,755





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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. 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 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!

### New Study Opportunities | Join in Now!

The Practicing Moral Discernment Class (hybrid) and Conversations Class (in person) began their new winter semester last week but you can still join in! Reach out to Abigail Cook ([abigail@firstonfifth.org](mailto:abigail@firstonfifth.org)) for zoom links and directions on how to join.

### Mark your calendar!

#### 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](mailto:abigail@firstonfifth.org)).

### March 23-24 | CBFNC Annual Gathering is local

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. A leadership forum will be offered on Thursday morning in addition to the gathering. This is a professional/spiritual development event with Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*. More information will be shared in our weekly newsletter.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, February 6

TUESDAY, February 7

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 8

- 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 9

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

FRIDAY, February 10

SATURDAY, February 11

SUNDAY, February 12

- 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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