



“We have listened to the Sermon on the Mount and perhaps have understood it. But who has heard it aright? Jesus gives the answer at the end. He does not allow his hearers to go away and make of his sayings what they will, picking and choosing from them whatever they find helpful, and testing them to see if they work. He does not give them free rein to misuse his word with their mercenary hands, but gives it to them on condition that it retains exclusive power over them. Humanly speaking, we could understand and interpret the Sermon on the Mount in a thousand different ways. Jesus knows only one possibility: simple surrender and obedience, not interpreting it or applying it, but doing and obeying it. That is the only way to hear his word. But again he does not mean that it is to be discussed as an ideal, he really means us to get on with it.”

+ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 26, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *How Firm a Foundation*

FBC Greensboro Youth Handbell Choir

S. Eithun

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 66: 1-5, 8

Jackson Spencer

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise.

**All: Say to our God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, every creature will bow before you.**

Leader: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,
they sing praises to your name.

**All: Come and see what God has done;
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
Let us bless our God;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

CHORAL INTROIT: *Canon of Praise*

Crossroads Choir

N. Sleeth

Praise God, Oh, praise God! Come, ye people, praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to God’s holy name. To the God of glory loudest praise now bring, source of our salvation, our eternal King.

*HYMN 332: *O for a Thousand Tongues*

AZMON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Zack Jackson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Bring Us Peace*

L. Spevacek

Crossroads Choir

Bring peace to all the world, bring peace and Godly love to every nation.

Ban tyranny and strife; teach humankind to live in harmony. O God, bring us peace.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:21-29

Karen Brown

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amelia Britt

(Please read in unison.)

**Lord, forgive us; for we have called you Lord,
yet reserved parts of our lives for our own selfish will and purposes,
withholding them from your Lordship.**

**We have chosen foundations of sand for building our careers,
our families, and our very lives.**

**Forgive us and renew us. Teach us both to hear and to act;
for we confess that it is easier to hear the Sermon on the Mount than to live it.
Strengthen us as we seek to do both. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 34:7-8

Amelia Britt

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Friends, this day Jesus Christ has become our refuge and our deliverance.

All sin is forgiven, all things are made new.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*

R. Emerson

Crossroads Choir

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone? He delivered Daniel from the Lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not everyone? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone? I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail; it landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back no more. Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone?

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: Motion vs. Action*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 590: *The Solid Rock*

SOLID ROCK

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

Carol Wilkinson

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

WONDROUS LOVE



To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will
sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Deux versets, L'Adoro Te*

L. Boëllmann

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Kara and Karly Parker
Deacon of the Week: Carol Wilkinson and Fran Stewart
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Ash Henley

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

Guest Choir Today in Worship

We welcome the Crossroads Choir and the Youth Handbell Choir from First Baptist Church of Greensboro in our worship service today! Both choirs are under the direction of Baker Lawrimore, Director of Music for Children and Youth.

Lessons Along the Way

Jesus' most well-known and beloved moral teachings can be found right at the heart of the gospel of Matthew in the Sermon on the Mount. Here, Jesus offers his vision of God's dream for the world through these lessons along the way that guide our worship!

Make Plans for Holy Week and Easter

April 2 | Palm Sunday
11:00 AM worship of palms and hosannas
April 6 | Maundy Thursday
12:00 - 1:00 PM stations of the cross and communion
April 7 | Good Friday
6:00 - 7:00 PM stations of the cross
7:00 PM service of shadows
April 9 | Easter Sunday
9:30 AM fellowship on the front lawn
11:00 AM Easter worship

March 29 | Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00-7:30 PM, at Foothills Brewery. Anyone in their twenties and thirties is invited to participate.

March 30 | Lent for Liberation Book Discussion

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 PM, on Zoom. Join Adult Discipleship Team Leaders Mary Foskett and Linda Jones for a discussion of our churchwide Lenten study, Lent for Liberation. Get the link in the newsletter.

April 1 | International Civil Rights Center Pilgrimage

We will travel to Greensboro to tour the International Civil Rights Museum from 12 - 1:30 PM. Meet inside the main entrance at 11:45 AM. The 90-minute tour does not include any opportunity to be seated. We are extending the deadline to sign up via the newsletter through today, Sunday, March 26. The cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church on Fifth. If you want to ride along to Greensboro with someone, please let Linda Jones or Mary Foskett know.

April 16, May 21 | Congregational Conversations

These Sunday conversations over lunch are leading us to consider how we are the church (today and tomorrow) in a thriving and sustainable way. Our next conversation is April 16 on *Governing and Staffing: Resources of People* and again May 21 on *Funding: Resources of Money*. Get more information and sign up for lunch in our newsletter.

April 3 | Crisis Control 50th Anniversary 7 PM

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and former chair of the board at Crisis Control Ministry in 1980, will bring a message of hope and inspiration. The WFU Gospel Choir, the Ardmore brass band, community leaders and young people will all be a part of the service. First Baptist has a long history including our own Mission Pastor, Ron Rice was the founding director of Crisis Control. It began as a crisis center that went beyond stop-gap aid for persons in crisis situations and initiated by the Downtown Church Center, a group of six churches in downtown Winston-Salem including ours. Through that vision, the doors of Crisis Control Ministry (CCM) opened on April 4, 1973. Since then, it has grown to be the largest nonprofit provider of short-term emergency assistance serving Forsyth and Stokes Counties. For more information or to reserve your seat sign up at crisiscontrol.org.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for March is canned fruit. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you!

Offering | CBF Global Mission

This is the time of year we give an Offering for Global Mission. God invites us to join with field personnel in welcoming everyone to the table. When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, more than 50 field personnel in 18 countries cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development as they invite one and all to the table. You can give through CBF.Net or a check to FBC if you want to give through the church.

Sign Up for the Newsletter

Contact abigail@firstonfifth.org to be added.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 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*)

MONDAY, March 27

- 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*online*)

TUESDAY, March 28

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
- 4:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 29

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

THURSDAY, March 30

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

SATURDAY, April 1

- 12:00 pm Pilgrimage to Civil Rights Museum (*Greensboro*)

SUNDAY, April 2

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- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

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