

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

+ Wendell Berry, "The Peace of Wild Things"

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 5, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude on St. Columbia*

H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121

David Williamson

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

All: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

*HYMN 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

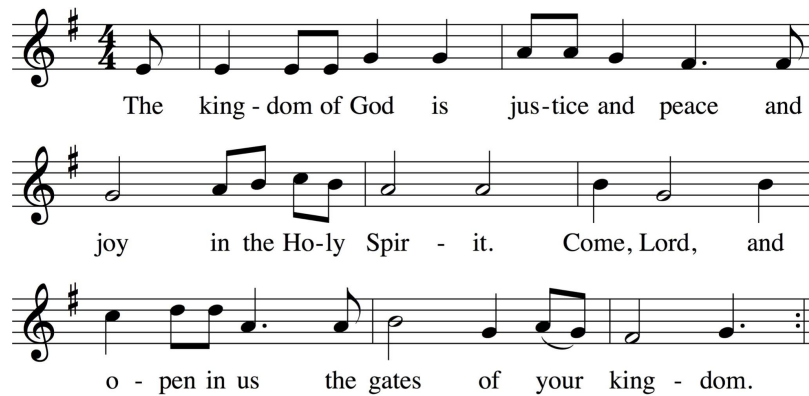
BEECHER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nikki Byers

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.



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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: The kingdom awaits all who seek God with a whole heart.
In single-minded devotion let us confess our sins,
so that, with hearts made right with God and neighbor,
we may help usher into the world
just such a kingdom of justice, peace, and joy.

**All: Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have failed to love you, and you alone.
We confess our divided hearts—
our pursuit of material things,
our fears of never having enough,
our lack of faith.
Grant us now the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
the kingdom of God has been opened to you.
We are forgiven and empowered to live lives
of justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
In gratitude to God, let us seek first the Kingdom of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Seek First the Kingdom*

M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.
Child of the Father, we are all His children. It is His pleasure to give His
Kingdom. Wait upon the Lord. Set your mind on that which is above! For
where your treasure is, there will your heart be. For I am the Kingdom and the
power, and I am the Father, I am your Father. Seek first the Kingdom and all
these things shall be added unto you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

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: Do Not Worry*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 466: *Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

BEACH SPRING

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

Sheree Jones

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: *Liturgical Improvisation*

D. P. Benoit

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Lorelei Clark and Silas McGee
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Sheree Jones and Jill Knight
<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.



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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for March is canned fruit. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry to our **community!**

March 5 | Celebration of David Williamson's 25th

In worship this morning, we celebrate 25 years of David Williamson's ministry among us! Join us for worship and a time of reception to follow.

March 10 | First Films

Announcing our Arts Ministry Film Series dates, second Fridays of the month, on March 10, April 14, and May 12 at 7:00 PM in Kelly Auditorium. Come ready to watch the film and have short discussion after. We will provide drinks, popcorn, and candy. Hope to see you there!

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.

March 12 | Celebration of Nikki Byers' Ministry

In worship this morning, we celebrate the gift of Nikki Byers' ministry among us as she retires from her role as Minister for Missions. Join us for worship and a reception to follow in the Ammons-Lolley Commons!

March 12 | First Impressions

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 Kelly Auditorium. Please RSVP to emily@firstonfifth.org by Friday, March 10.

March 18 | Youth Contemplative Photography Walk

Youth (Middle and High School) will meet at Dough Joes at 10:30 AM for snacks, coffee, or hot chocolate and walk the grounds of Reynolda Garden. Zack Jackson will lead a contemplative photography practice, so bring a phone or camera. We can't wait to see you there! The gathering will last until Noon.

March 29 | Young Adult Gathering at Foothills

Young Adults (20s and 30s) will meet Wednesday, March 29, 6-7:30PM at Foothills Brewery on 638 W 4th St. Join us there for food and conversation!

Pilgrimages related to the themes examined in our Lenten study of Cheri L. Mills', Lent of Liberation, are coming up in April and May.

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. Sign up through our newsletter by March 15. 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 by March 15.

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 10-11:30 AM. We will meet inside Reynolda House main entrance at 9:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church on Fifth. Sign up through our newsletter by April 15.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 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*)
- 12:00 pm David Williamson 25th Anniversary Reception (*Commons*)

MONDAY, March 6

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

TUESDAY, March 7

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

WEDNESDAY, March 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, March 9

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

FRIDAY, March 10

- 7:00 pm First Films: Just Mercy (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, March 11

- 8:30 am All Creatures Birding Pilgrimage (*offsite*)

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- 12:00 pm First Impressions (*Kelly*)
- 12:00 pm Celebrating Nikki Byers (*Commons*)

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