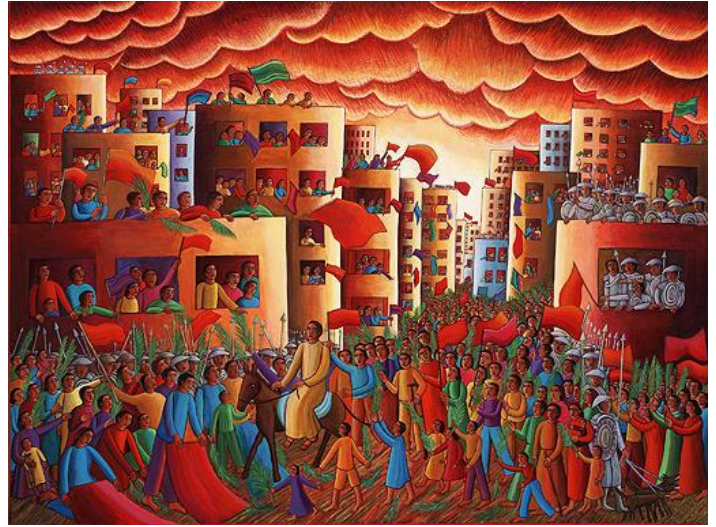


“So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ’s feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ’s grace, with the whole Christ – ‘for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ’ – so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.”

✠ Andrew of Crete

Palm Sunday, John August Swanson



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. S. Geschke

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of children you have ordained praise!

Children: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leader: Let us fill the air with welcome to our Lord!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!**

PALM PROCESSIONAL

*HYMN 175: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kara Parker

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-17

Joy Gambill

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Zack Jackson

(Please read in unison.)

**O God, we pray that you enter into our worship
and into our lives as you did into Jerusalem
on that Palm Sunday long ago.
Be our gentle conqueror.
On this first day of the week that is called "Holy Week,"
enable us to offer a disciple's praise whenever we meet Jesus along our way.
Teach us to heed the call of Christ even when the requests seem strange
or the teachings reach beyond our ability to understand.
Strengthen us to stand by our Lord
and to accept risk as an element of faithfulness.
Confront us with our capacity to deny and to crucify.
As this week passes, speak to us through its events,
reminding us of your constant love and surprising grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM: *Behold the Lamb of God*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain; a perfect sacrifice for all,
He died, but lives again. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified. He lives – let Heaven
rejoice, and earth her honors bring. To Him, the everlasting God, the great
eternal King. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side. The Son of
God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified. Oh, strike your harps of gold, ye
ransomed host above. Praise Him who bought you with His blood, and saved
you by His love. Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side. The Son
of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amelia Britt

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: *The End of Ways and Means*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 171: *What Wondrous Love*

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Chris Gambill


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: *Solemn Procession*

C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Chris Gambill and Kevin Masten
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Ash Henley

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.

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

Easter Sunday and following we will begin a new series on “The Resurrection Way” exploring themes of life, surprise, memory, recognition, home, witness, us, and the way ahead.

Holy Week Schedule of Events and Worship

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

**On Easter Sunday we encourage you to bring flowers from the store or your home garden as we gather together for our tradition of flowering the cross and pastries on the front lawn. After the service, we give flowers from the front steps to plant at home as a symbol of resurrection life you can take with you.*

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. 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!

April 14 | First Films

The second film in our Spring Film Series is “Limbo” Screening time is 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!

April 16 | Called Church Conference

At the conclusion of the 11 AM worship service on April 16 we will have a brief Called Church Conference to vote on the ordination of Jill Knight, Jacob Cook, Abigail Cook who have been in a year long ordination process with our Deacons and Ordination Council made up of members of the church and their wider communities. The recommendations from our Deacons and Ordination Council for these three candidates are unanimous, we look forward to adding our blessings to these three!

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 30 | First Impressions for New Folks

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, April 28.

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 the main entrance at 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church on Fifth. Space is limited, and reservations are due by April 15, sign up through our newsletter.

Offering | CBF Global Mission

This is the time of year we give an Offering for Global Mission. You can give through CBF.Net or a check to FBC if you want to give through the church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, April 2

Palm Sunday

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, Young Adults, and Children (*in person*)

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)

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

MONDAY, April 3

2:30 pm Deacon Ordination Committee (*online*)

7:00 pm Crisis Control 50th Anniversary (*Sanctuary*)

TUESDAY, April 4

6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)

10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)

7:00 pm Fellow Travelers (*online*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, April 5

11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Kelly*)

5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, April 6

Maundy Thursday

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

12:00 pm Communications Outreach (*online*)

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion

FRIDAY, April 7

Good Friday

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (*front lawn*)

7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship (*Sanctuary*)

SATURDAY, April 8

Holy Saturday

SUNDAY, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)

9:30 am No Sunday School - All are encouraged to gather on the front lawn with your church family.

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

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