



Arisen (Mary Magdalene), Hannah Garrity

An Easter Blessing, by Kate Bowler

It is an astonishing thing to behold:
That a seed falls, and entombed there in the damp
earth
it swells and cracks open, unfolding to reveal
a tender root searching downward,
a bright shoot rising upward toward the light,
becoming this material wonder we call a plant.
Just so, the physical body of Jesus was entombed,
hidden away,
along with all hope that the world could ever change,
could ever be freed from its miserable cycles of
destruction and decay.
And yet. And yet.

That Easter morning to his bewildered friends,
Jesus burst forth from the grave
changed but still recognizable, eating and drinking,
a physical presence that they might believe.
His body reassembled at a cellular level
by regenerative power beyond their comprehension,
reminding them “I am the resurrection and the Life.”
It’s a husbandry of love, that in the season’s fullness
the rescue would be accomplished,
for our helpless earth—for all those on it and those
under it.
Life came, to lift us into Himself.
Alleluia!

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Trumpet Tune*

M. McCabe

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

**All: Sin and death shall reign no more.
Let this place resound with great joy!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

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A PEAL OF CELEBRATION: *The Strife Is O'er*

arr. C. Maggs

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

*HYMN 194: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Abigail Cook

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill and Susan Welch, Piano

I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah! Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah! He lives to bless me with His love; Glory, hallelujah! He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah! He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah! He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah! The dead's alive and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10

Zack Jackson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amelia Britt

(Please read in unison.)

**God of new life,
like the first witnesses of the resurrection,
we come to the empty tomb with varied expectations.
We hear the Good News that Christ has risen,
but we struggle to live into this Mystery with the fullness of our lives.
Forgive our blindness to the Easter mystery.
Forgive our failure to embody the risen Christ
in our words, our actions, and our lives.
As we come to the empty tomb, seeking forgiveness for our sins,
and hope for our despair, we ask you to re-order our lives
to walk and live as Easter People.
In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: Friends, hear this good news:
Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead!
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;
this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.
In the name of the resurrected Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Cornerstone

S. Kirchner

Sanctuary Choir
Cyrus Bush and Emily Hull McGee, Soloists

O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold,
only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold. O the stone that the
builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. Never can our
journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to
whom the night is bright as day. O the stone that the builders rejected became the
cornerstone of a whole new world. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life
that we may sing "Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?" O
the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Hughes

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 Resurrection Way of Life*

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 214: *The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

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**

Kim 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**

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: *Phoenix Processional*

D. Locklair

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

EASTER LILIES

Given In Memory Of:

Bob Owen by Patricia Owen & family
George & Betty Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback
Charles & Ellen Tabor by Billy Choe
Daniel Hudgins by Amy McClure & Karen Brown
Mark Frazier by Meredith F. & Andrew Britt
Mike Britt by Meredith F. & Andrew Britt
Daniel Hudgins by Liam, Annabelle, & Silas McGee
Reba L. & Henry L. Falls Sr. by Janet Falls
Jason P. Huff Jr. by Martha & Linwood Davis
Eleanor & Egbert Davis Jr. by Martha & Linwood Davis
Craig S. Schutt by Al & Jane Hines
Debbie S. Allsbrook by Sibyl & David Smelcer
Janice T. Shearin by Sibyl & David Smelcer
Daniel Hudgins by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins

Patricia Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
Kenneth Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
Anne Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
Arnett Harris by Mary Nell Harris
Jane Wilcox by Kim Wilkinson
Yates Wilkinson by Cindi Goins

Given In Honor Of:

Rev. Emily Hull McGee & family by Patricia Owen & family
Rev. David Williamson by Patricia Owen & family
Dr. & Mrs. David Hughes by Patricia Owen & family
Karen Brown by Amy McClure
Florence & Walter Wiley by Janet Falls
Worshiping Community at Brookridge by Minerva Fox
Care Notes by Minerva Fox
Sanctuary Choir by Brent Greene

SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Anna Scott Masten and Casey Masten
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Kim Wilkinson and Mary Foskett
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	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.





FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Resurrection Way

Eastertide at First on Fifth

As our year “On the Way” draws to a close, we’ll spend our Eastertide together talking about what it means to live “the resurrection way” of Jesus. Join us!

April 16 | John 20:19-31

The Resurrection Way of Surprise

April 23 | John 21:1-19

The Resurrection Way of Memory
Zack Jackson, proclaimer

April 30 | Luke 24:13-35

The Resurrection Way of Recognition

May 7 | John 14:1-14

The Resurrection Way Home

May 14 | John 14:15-21

The Resurrection Way That Abides

May 21 | Acts 1:1-11

The Resurrection Way of Witness

May 28 | Pentecost Sunday | Acts 2:1-21

The Resurrection Way of Us

June 4 | Matthew 28:16-20

The Resurrection Way Ahead

Take Home a Reminder of New Life!

After worship, all are invited to take a plant from the front steps as our gift to you. Take it home and let it remind you of the promise of new life in all its abundance! Happy Easter!

Church Pictorial Directories are Here!

At long last, First Baptist Church on Fifth has a new church pictorial directory, and it’s ready for you to pick up today! Please make your way to the Commons to pick up your family’s copy of the directory. After each family receives one, we will sell additional copies in the coming weeks for \$10/each. Huge thanks to the efforts of staff members Amy McClure, Abigail Cook, and Sally Barbour for bringing the directory to life!

We Give Thanks for Zack Jackson and Amelia Britt!

How grateful we are for the wonderful school year we’ve shared with our pastoral interns, Zack Jackson and Amelia Britt! These two have led us with such care and creativity, and it has been a joy to share this season with them! As their internship draws to a close, we will celebrate their many gifts given to our beloved community in worship on Sunday, May 7, and bless them for the road ahead. While Amelia will be interning this summer at our sister church, First Baptist Church of Greensboro, before her final graduate year at Wake Forest, Zack will continue serving on our church staff through May 2024 in a new role of Pastoral Resident! In the coming weeks, the Personnel Committee will be sharing more about the responsibilities, scope, and hours of our Pastoral Resident. We are delighted to continue our ministry alongside Zack in the coming year, and grateful for this time with Zack and Amelia!

Scholarship Committee Accepting Applications

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2023-24 academic year for the following scholarships, both of which hold a deadline of Friday, **April 14**. To request either application, please call the church office or email scholarship@fbcw-s.org.

- The [Blackwell Memorial Fund Scholarship](#), providing scholarships for North Carolina students preparing for a career in ministry within the Baptist tradition.
- The [Ida Tilson Scholarship](#), providing scholarships to students enrolled at institutions of learning and study, not limited to 4-year colleges. Applications for vocational training programs will be accepted.

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 a short discussion after.

April 16 | New Curriculum for Children

Our 2nd - 5th graders will participate in an 8-week course with Nancy Baxley, written by CBF Global called, “Seeing Through the Eyes of Jesus.” Children will meet in the children’s loft each Sunday at 9:30am. Our Pre-K - 1st graders will continue to meet as usual.

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 25 | Older Adults' Lunch Outing

All adults of retirement age and older are invited to join us for lunch on Tuesday, April 25 at 11:30 AM at Southern Family Restaurant located off of Yadkinville Road. Please sign up by April 17 so we know you are coming! You can do so by contacting Amy McClure (amy@firstonfifth.org).

April 25 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) Tuesday night, April 25, 2023, at 6:30PM via Zoom.

April 27 | Compassionate Samaritans' Mental Health 101

On Thursday, April 27, First on Fifth will be the host site for the Compassionate Samaritans' event called "Mental Health 101." Attendees will learn from topics around physical surroundings and mental health, led by local leaders such as Andy Hagler, Executive Director of Mental Health Association of Forsyth County, and Kristin Ryan, Behavioral Evaluation and Response (BEAR) Team Director. This event is hosted by our Missions Committee, and will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:00 PM, in Baraca Room.. All are welcome!

April 30 | Youth: Church on the Mount

The youth are headed to Pilot Mountain for a pilgrimage of their own! We will enjoy hiking, friends, and food! Plan to meet at the church parking lot by 9:30 AM with a signed permission slip. We will return by 1 PM. To RSVP to Zack (zack@firstonfifth.org) or Amelia (amelia@firstonfifth.org).

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 on Sunday, April 30, from 12:00-1:30PM in Kelly Auditorium. Please RSVP to Pastor Emily at 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 Missions

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for April is instant oatmeal and grits. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you!

Seeking Volunteers | Ashley Academy

There are a number of ways you can get involved in both one-time missional volunteer opportunities and ongoing opportunities to volunteer your time to help others in our Winston-Salem Community. One such way is by joining our team of tutors for children at Ashley Academy. Contact Joani Hughes (joanirhughes@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events, and plan to come and join in!

- May 6 – Pilgrimage to Reynolda House
- May 10 - Last "A Survey of the Bible" class
- May 12 - First Films
- May 16 - Older Adults' Hymn-sing and Picnic in the Park
- May 21 - Congregational Conversation
- May 28 - Pentecost Sunday
- June 4 – Graduate Recognition
- June 11 – Churchwide Celebration picnic (5-7pm, Leinbach Park, June 25 rain date)
- June 28-30 – CBF General Assembly in Atlanta

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, April 10

(*Church office closed for Easter*)

5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (*Online*)

6:00 pm Personnel Committee (*Online*)

TUESDAY, April 11

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, April 12

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, April 13

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

FRIDAY, April 14

7:00 pm First Films (*Kelly Auditorium*)

SATURDAY, April 15

SUNDAY, April 16

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 Congregational Conversation (*Kelly*)

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