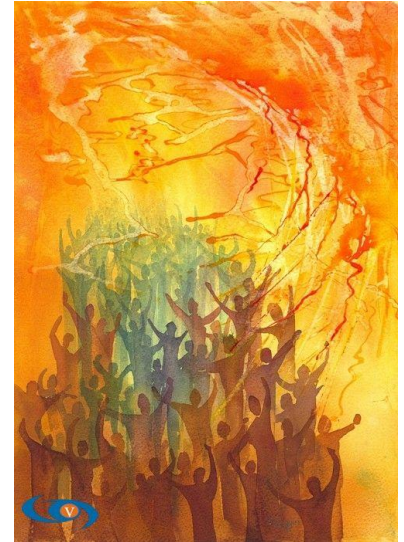


“This is the church. Here she is. Lovely, irregular, sometimes sick and sometimes well. This is the body-like-no-other that God has shaped and placed in the world. Jesus lives here; this is his soul’s address. There is a lot to be thankful for, all things considered. She has taken a beating, the church. Every day she meets the gates of hell and she prevails. Every day she serves, stumbles, injures, and repairs. That she has healed is an underrated miracle. That she gives birth is beyond reckoning. Maybe it’s time to make peace with her. Maybe it’s time to embrace her, flawed as she is.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

Pentecost, by Mark Wiggin



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday, May 28, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Adoration*

Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Price

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Audrey Mann

Leader: The Lord said: You shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

*HYMN 225: *On Pentecost They Gathered*

ST. THEODULPH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: Que la paz de Cristo esté con vosotros. (*Spanish*)
願基督的平安與你同在。(Chinese Mandarin)
Möge der Friede Christi mit dir sein. (*German*)
Que a paz de Cristo esteja com você. (*Portuguese*)
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Men's Ensemble
Susan Welch, piano

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God. It is He that Hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates, into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name. Praise and glory be to the Father, Praise and glory be to His name, glory be to the Father Almighty. Let His name be praised forever. Glory to God and praise His name. Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Joanne Henley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 226: *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit;
breathe on us, Breath of God.
We open our hearts to the refining work of your Spirit:
Convict us of any hidden sins,
and lead us to walk in the way of Jesus.

(Silent confession)

With one voice let us pray:

**All: Generous God,
you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.
You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.
You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:
shake our hearts and set our souls on fire with your love,
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit,
a seal of our redemption in Christ.
It is God who has put this seal of forgiveness upon us
and gives us his Spirit in our hearts as the guarantee.
In thanksgiving let us offer ourselves in loving devotion to him.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

W. Doane

Men's Ensemble

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ to thee, more love to thee. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Lewis

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 Us*

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 246: *The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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**

Carlos Mir

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**

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

POSTLUDE: *Messe pour les couvents, Offertoire sur les grand jeux*

F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Then and Now: Summer Preaching at First on Fifth | June 11 - August 27, 2023

Sometimes to understand the “now,” we have to explore the “then.” This summer in worship, we’ll return to the very beginning of our shared story in Genesis. For in our world’s current season where the fabric of our life together has frayed, perhaps these stories of the mothers and fathers of our faith will illumine the human and relational complexities we experience, all within the light of a good God who is our beginning and end!

June 11 | Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Then and Now: Goodness
(The Story of God)

June 18 | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Then and Now: Boundaries
(The Story of Adam and Eve)

June 25 | Genesis 6:9-22; 8:14-19; 9:8-17
Then and Now: Alienation and Reconciliation
(The Story of Noah)

July 2 | Genesis 12:1-9
Then and Now: Promise
(The Story of Abram)

July 9 | Genesis 16:1-16
Then and Now: Oppression
(The Story of Hagar)

July 16 | Matthew 4:17
Children & Youth-Led Passport Worship

July 23 | Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
Then and Now: Laughter
(The Story of Sarah) | Amy McClure, proclaimer

July 30 | Genesis 22:1-14
Then and Now: Testing and Providing
(The Story of Isaac) | Zack Jackson, proclaimer

August 6 | Genesis 25:19-34
Then and Now: Conflict
(The Story of Rebekah, Jacob, & Esau)

August 13 | Genesis 32:22-31
Then and Now: Struggle
(The Story of Jacob)

August 20 | Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Then and Now: Power
(The Story of Jacob’s sons)

August 27 | Genesis 45:1-15
Then and Now: Purpose
(The Story of Joseph)

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Carlos Mir and Joanne Henley
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 through pre-K 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!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 31 | Special Wednesday Night Service 6PM

Forever Beloved: A time of worship for all the complicated feelings Mother's and Father's Day evoke. For so many, Mother's Day and Father's Day are moments in the year that make the day-to-day realities of life all the more pronounced. From loss to infertility, grief or trauma, isolation or unmet expectations, these situations and so many more are the ones that we'll center in our "Forever Beloved" service. Over tables in Kelly Auditorium, we'll share stories and communion, prayers and silence, blessing and healing, all wrapped in the hope we know from God whose love for us never, ever ends and in whom we are forever beloved. If you are needing space to wrap your complicated situations with mother, father, or children, join us for Forever Beloved.

June 4 | Special Sunday School Invite 9-10:30AM

The Moral Discernment class will host Ruth Cole Burcaw, Executive Director of our mission partner, City with Dwellings for a special open event to talk about the mission of City with Dwellings and how we as a church and as individuals can help. City with Dwellings serves people in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, with an intentional focus on those who are living on the streets with underlying vulnerabilities such as limited financial resources, severe mental health and substance use disorders, and weak social connections. Look for more information in the newsletter and join us at 9:00AM in the Baraca Room.

June 4 | Pride Festival Interest Session

A number of First on Fifth members have expressed interest in our church having an intentional presence of welcome in the spirit of our church's vision of "bold love and boundless compassion" at this year's Winston-Salem Pride Festival on Saturday, June 24. The Communications & Outreach Ministry Team, along with pastoral staff, invite all who'd like to talk more about what this might look like to a brief interest meeting after worship (12:15pm) on Sunday, June 4 in the Commons. All are welcome!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for May is applesauce (no glass jars please). Drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you!

June 11 | Churchwide Celebration Picnic 5PM

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic on Sunday, June 11! Following a meaningful winter and spring of Congregational Conversations about the shape of our ministry and mission at First on Fifth, it's time to simply enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll gather at Leinbach Park on Sunday, June 11, from 5:00-7:00pm. The church will provide meat, a vegetarian protein option, and drinks; please bring a side or dessert to share! Kids can enjoy the great playground, and we'll all celebrate the summer and the gift of our church family. All are welcome!

Churchwide Summer Sunday School Begins June 11

June 11 - August 27, 2023

Keep your thinking caps on even as school lets out for the summer, because a wonderful stretch of summer learning opportunities are just on the horizon ahead! We're so delighted to offer two churchwide Sunday School options this year, and encourage all – newcomers and long-termers alike! – to find your place. Read more about these and other weekday class options in the newsletter!

Summer Conversations

Kelly Auditorium, 9:30-10:30am

Curriculum: Worship scriptures from Genesis

Leaders: Ka'thy Gore Chappell, Chris Gambill, David Hughes; hosted by the Conversations Class

Contact: Joy Gambill, gambiljm@wfu.edu

Topics in Faith

Baraca Room, 9:30-10:30am

Curriculum: Topics that overlap with and inform our life of faith

Leaders: Variety of teachers, TBA

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, emily@firstonfifth.org

Seeking Information | Celebrating Our Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate you! Please email Abigail (abigail@firstonfifth.org) by Tuesday, May 30 for inclusion in the June 4 worship guide: name, school of graduation, degree completed, and relationship to you (i.e. child, grandchild, etc.). Thank you for helping us to celebrate our graduates!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 28

- 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, May 29

Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY, May 30

- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 31

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, June 1

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team (*online*)

FRIDAY, June 2

SATURDAY, June 3

- 8:00 am Children and Families to NC Zoo

SUNDAY, June 4

- 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 Pride Festival Interest Session (*Commons*)
- 12:00 pm Youth Graduate Luncheon

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

