



*Everything in the world begins with a yes.*  
Clarice Lispector

*In the Beginning*

In the beginning there is only Yes, infinitesimal, infinite, invisible seed sprouting in the swirling dark, the slow integration, expanding, extending, the sudden explosion into light—baby, blossom, universe, all beginnings are the same—and Yes to a world begun before words where nothing separates this from that, and Yes to the senses alive before language, bird song, leaf shadow, skin touching skin, and Yes to Tom whose injured brain erases speaking, reading, names, but through hands cupped upon bent heads, his unimpeded heart pours forth with nothing to restrict the flow of Yes in beginning and Yes in the end.

+ Sarah Rossiter

*Genesis 1 - Paradise, Sawai Chinnawong*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 11, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Voluntary in F*

Jacob Hill, Organ

E. Thiman

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Sabbagh

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

**All: The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and all creation proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: For God made everything out of nothing —  
the sun and moon, the birds and fish and all animals.  
Every living thing was made by God.

**All: Let us join with all creation to proclaim the greatness of our God!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Zack Jackson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care; and everywhere that we can be, my God you're present there. Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

David and Susan Welch

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynn Rhoades

Leader: God of all creation:

On the first day you made day and night.

**All: Forgive us for taking for granted the dependable patterns of your world.  
Open our eyes to see the beauty of the cosmos you created as our home.**

Leader: On the second day you made the sky.

**All: Forgive us for polluting the air.  
Help us see how best to restore and renew your creation.**

Leader: On the third day you made the seas and plants.

**All: Forgive us for spoiling the seas.  
Give us resolve to change our harmful habits.**

Leader: On the fourth day you made the sun and moon.

**All: Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor.  
Open our lips so that we will sing your praise.**

Leader: On the fifth day you made swarms of living creatures.

**All: Forgive us for seeing their value only in terms of serving our interests.  
Give us new opportunities to delight in their beauty and diversity.**

Leader: On the sixth day you made humankind in your image.

**All: Forgive us for denying dignity to all your people.  
Work through us until all know their worth as your creatures.**

Leader: On the seventh day you rested.

**All: Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest.  
Help us to enter your rhythm of rest, even in this day or worship.  
Through Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lynn Rhoades

Leader: The apostle Paul wrote these hopeful words for us and all of creation:  
“Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.  
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
and not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.  
For by hope we are saved.” (Romans 8:21-22)

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *I Believe*

M. Miller

Sanctuary Choir  
Lena Withrow, Soloist

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God even when God is silent.

## 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: “Then and Now: Goodness”

Emily Hull McGee

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 341: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

(Stanzas 1-2, 6)

*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

Jill Knight

*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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

## THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

David Williamson

### \*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: *Trumpet Voluntary*

J. Stanley

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 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)*

**FLOWERS**

The sanctuary flowers today celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary on June 8 of Nancy and John Baxley, who are grateful for each other, for their two children and their six grandchildren. Thanks be to God!

**SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte:

Deacon of the Week:

Children & Families Greeter:

Streaming and Sound Team:

Evie Crandall

Jill Knight and Lynn Rhoades

Kim Wilkinson

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,

Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Ash Henley



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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!

### **Church Picnic | June 11, 5-7PM**

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic! We'll gather at Leinbach Park today from 5:00-7:00pm. The church will provide meat, 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 Began Today**

*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

### **Devotional Classics | June 13, 7:30AM | Baraca Room**

Pastor David will be leading a discussion of "Re-Consecrate Everything", a conversation between Brian McLaren and Barbara Brown Taylor recently recorded on Brian's podcast "Learning How to See". For the link to this episode or a transcription of the conversation, please contact David Williamson.

### **Older Adults Lunch and Learn | June 13, 11:30AM**

Our next monthly gathering is Tuesday, June 13 at 11:30am in Kelly Auditorium. We will be hosting our own Cyrus Bush, who will teach us about Emotional Freedom Technique. If you have no idea what this is, then it's the perfect time to sign up and enjoy a good lunch and learn more about it.

### **Pride Festival | June 24, 5-7PM**

Thanks to the leadership of our Communications & Outreach Ministry Team and a number of interested First on Fifth members, our church will have an intentional presence of "bold love and boundless compassion" at this year's Winston-Salem Pride Festival on Saturday, June 24. All are welcome to join! If you'd like to walk in the parade, staff our booth, or simply be present, you can sign up at the link in the newsletter. See Emily with questions!

### **Independence Day Brunch | July 2, 9:30AM**

We will gather on Sunday, July 2 in Kelly Auditorium for a time of fellowship, food, and singing as we celebrate Independence Day. Refreshments will be available beginning at 9:30 AM. Please make your plans to be with us for brunch.

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gift for June is canned meat (salmon, beef, tuna, spam). Please drop off donations in the bins marked at the bottom of the staircase by the elevator. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry to our community.

## How We Sustain Ministry Through First on Fifth

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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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, June 11

- 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)
- 5:00 pm Churchwide Celebration Picnic (*Leinbach Park*)

### MONDAY, June 12

- 5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee (*online*)
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee (*online*)

### TUESDAY, June 13

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 11:30 am Older Adult Lunch and Learn (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, June 14

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

### THURSDAY, June 15

- 10:00 am Older Adult Book Study/Fellowship (*online*)
- 11:00 am Older Adult Team Meeting (*online*)
- 5:45 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)

### FRIDAY, June 16

### SATURDAY, June 17

- 10:00 am Children and Families to Greensboro Science Center

### SUNDAY, June 18

- 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*)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm



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