



We're born human, and within us lies the potential for both creation and destruction, both blessing and curse. To be human is to be capable of both incredible good and terrifying evil. If we deny either side of that potential, we're living unaware.

+ Rachel Held Evans

Adam et Eve, Amedee Ozenfant

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 18, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Adoration

F. Price

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zack Jackson

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: For you the powerful of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**All: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Leader: Great is your name.

All: Great is your love.

*HYMN 345: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Joy Gambill

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

(Please pray in unison.)

**O God, you gave us a garden of Eden
and we chose to wander in deserts of our own making.
You gave us the Light of the world
and yet we preferred the darkness.
Forgive us for breaching the protective boundaries of your love.
We admit our sin and rebelliousness.
Help us to accept the consequences without bitterness,
fully confident of your redeeming love and forgiveness.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Our God pardons our sins
and forgives our disobedience.
Our God does not stay angry forever.
Instead, our God delights to show mercy.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As those who know firsthand the generous mercy of God,
Let us extend peace generously and without reservation:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. T. Fettke

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Director
Susan Welch, Piano

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God, and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee; Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown! Fair are the meadows; Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer. He makes our sorrowing spirits sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forever, forevermore be Thine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Gambill

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: Boundaries"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 26: *God of Creation, All-Powerful*

SLANE

(Stanzas 1-3, 5)

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

Steve Smith

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

Zack Jackson

*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: Suite Gothique, II. *Minuet*

L. Boëllman

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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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!

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 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)

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Deacon of the Week:

Children & Families Greeter:

Streaming and Sound Team:

Liam McGee and Silas McGee

Steve Smith and Chris Gambill

Kim Wilkinson

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Ash Henley

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

Churchwide Summer Sunday School Continues

June 11 - August 27, 2023

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, centered around spiritual care

Leaders: Variety of teachers from within and outside our church

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, emily@firstonfifth.org

Pride Festival | June 24, 10:00AM

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. **All parade walkers should meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am on Saturday!** The parade begins at 11:00am just a couple of blocks away at 4th and Poplar, and we will walk down together to gather with the other participants and get started. 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.

CBF General Assembly Next Week

Friends from across our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship community will gather in Atlanta this week for the annual General Assembly. With the theme, “Holy Ambition,” attendees will be equipped, encouraged, and challenged in spaces for learning, worship, and fellowship. Please pray for the 19 staff and laity from our church who will be there!

Summer Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir will simplify their rehearsal schedule for the summer season and you are invited to join them. The Summer Sanctuary Choir rehearses the first Wednesday of each month (July 5 and August 2) to prepare music for all the Sundays of the month. Rehearsal time is 6:30pm. For more information please contact David Williamson, david@firstonfifth.org.

Newsletter Reminder

Don't forget: we are shifting to a new summer rhythm with our email newsletter! Our full newsletter that you've come to expect each Thursday will now be sent monthly on the 1st of the month. A brief weekly update called “This Week at First” will give you the most pertinent information for that week. As always, you can find stories, pictures, and videos from the life of our First on Fifth community on our social media sites – Facebook and Instagram, both @firstonfifth. Thanks for your continued care in our ministry of communications!

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, June 19

TUESDAY, June 20

- 4:00 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 21

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

THURSDAY, June 22

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

FRIDAY, June 23

SATURDAY, June 24

- 11:00 am Pride Festival Parade (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, June 25

- 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*)
- 4:00 pm New Member Meet and Greet (*offsite*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm



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