

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name,
Look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou?
Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy Name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Pure, universal love Thou art;
To me, to all, Thy bowels move;
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

+ Charles Wesley, from the 14-stanza hymn titled,
"Come, O thou Traveler Unknown"



Woodcut of Jacob wrestling with God, Walter Habdank

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 13, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Choral Prelude*

Jacob Hill, Organ

H. Willan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INVOCATION

David Williamson

Leader: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

All: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Leader: Eternal Power, be our support.

All: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Leader: Eternal Love, have mercy upon us,
that with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek your face and be brought
by your infinite mercy to your holy presence
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

*HYMN 295: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Praise the Lord*

G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His
name forevermore. Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

Matthew Loftis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynn Rhoades

Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One
who blesses us and meets our needs.

**People: Holy God, you understand our struggles
and are more than generous with your blessing.
Forgive us when we have wrestled all night with worry
instead of resting in you.
Forgive us when we have been overcome with fear of tomorrow
instead of abiding in your presence.
We confess with Jacob that "The Lord is in this place and we did not know it."
Open our eyes that we too may see your face in the midst of our struggles.
In gratitude we will bless you with our souls;
we will indeed bless you with our very lives. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Bless the Lord*

J. Berthier



Soloist: It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.

As a Father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steve Loftis

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: Struggle"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

(This hymn is inserted in your worship guide.)

*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

David Williamson

*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

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: *Festive Postlude*

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of the 49th wedding anniversary of Wally and Alice Cox. Congratulations, Wally and Alice!

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Annabelle and Silas McGee
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	John Hanes and Lynn Rhoades
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

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!

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

Find your place this summer in our churchwide Sunday School classes! Read more 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

August 20 – Aging Faithfully – Honoring Commitments: Caring for Aging Loved Ones with Dr. David Hull

August 27 – Advocacy and Christian Nationalism with Devin Withrow and Georgia McKee

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, emily@firstonfifth.org

First Impressions | Today

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 today from 12:00-1:30PM in Kelly Auditorium,

CPR Training | August 26

ALL children and youth workers are asked to attend the CPR/First Aid training on Saturday, August 26, from 9:00am -12:00pm in Kelly Auditorium. Other church members are welcome to sign up to be trained as well! Spots are limited to the first 50 people to sign up, so make your reservation today. Light refreshments will be available throughout the training. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, August 17 by filling out the form in the newsletter.

Blessing of the Backpacks | August 27

Please join us on Sunday, August 27 during worship as we bless and commission all of our students and educators for the new school year. Also, all of our rising 2nd graders and any new 3rd-5th graders at First on Fifth will receive a Bible during worship.

School-Age Parent Meeting | August 27, 9:30am

All parents of our school-age kids are invited to a meeting with our children's choir coordinator, Jake Hill, to hear about exciting opportunities for the fall.

Welcome Olena Withrow, Ministry Assistant!

The Personnel Committee is delighted to welcome Olena Withrow as our new Ministry Assistant! Olena is no stranger to First Baptist; she and her husband, Devin, joined our church in January, and we all have been moved by her beautiful music as a member of our Sanctuary Choir. Olena is entering her second year of study toward her Master of Divinity degree at Wake Forest. Her work as Ministry Assistant will focus on serving as administrative support for the ministries of the church, including volunteer and staff support, oversight of our Realm database system, and general office assistance. This semester, you'll find her completing her 20 hours in the front office on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings. Olena's first day will be tomorrow, August 14. Stop by and tell her hello!

Interested in being part of our Coffee Team?

The Hospitality Ministry Team is creating a group to help facilitate our church's coffee time on Sunday mornings. We are looking for folks who would be willing to make coffee at 9:15am before heading to their own Sunday school class, be in the Commons at 10:15am to keep the coffee brewing and prepare for the 10:30 - 10:50am Coffee and Conversation time, and clean up the coffee materials and space after church to prepare it for the following week. This is a great ministry opportunity that helps bring our people together for fellowship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know by filling out the form in the newsletter or speak to one of the team leaders: Cindi Goins and Linda Stewart.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for August are peanut butter and jelly. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars!

September 10	Churchwide Fall Kickoff; Prayer Partner Care Package Event
September 23	Bookmarks Festival
October 1	World Communion & Fall Fellowship

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 13

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults and Children
(*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:00 pm First Impressions Class (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, August 14

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

TUESDAY, August 15

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

WEDNESDAY, August 16

- 10:30 am Staff meeting (*Commons*)
- 12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team (*online*)
- 7:30 pm Adult Ministry Team (*online*)

THURSDAY, August 17

- 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, August 18

SATURDAY, August 19

SUNDAY, August 20

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults and Children
(*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

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