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“There are only two dangerous dreams. Dangerous because God’s dreams disrupt the way things are. Dangerous because God’s dreams threaten the status quo, the normal order of life. Dangerous because dreaming God’s dreams might get you into trouble. If your dream just confirms what already is, rubber stamping the norm, pouring out a blessing on the sociopolitical empire of the day, it’s not God’s dream because God inverts our human way of doing things, flipping life on its head. The last shall be first. The least are the greatest. The weak are the strong. The foolish are the wise. To go up, you go down. To have life, you have to die.”

+ Dr. Luke Powery, Duke Chapel

Joseph Receives his Coat of Many Colors, Shoshannah Brombacher

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 20, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace*

Jacob Hill, Organ

arr. G. Shearing

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105: 1-2, 16-22

Zack Jackson

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: When the Lord summoned famine against the land,
and broke every staff of bread,
he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

**All: His feet were hurt with fetters,
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord kept testing him.**

Leader: The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**All: He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure,
and to teach his elders wisdom.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Let us sing praise to the Lord;
Let us tell of all God's wonderful works!**

*HYMN 332: *O for a Thousand Tongues*

AZMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Holly and Jeff Kessler

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all,
who is generous to all who call upon him.

**People: Welcoming and forgiving God,
we can't help but recognize our own sin in these scriptures:
We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.
We envy the blessing of others, secretly despising their dreams.
We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive.
Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin
and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: God's love knows no boundaries!
Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, and restores all.
No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Such good news is the foundation of the peace we experience in Christ;
and it is our joy to share that peace with both friend and stranger:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *O the Boundless Love of God*

D. Mengel

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Susan Welch, Piano

O the boundless love of God, ever flowing free, all around me above and below,
flowing wide as the sea. O the boundless love of God, endless as the sky, glowing
brighter than all the stars, clothed in glory divine. O the love that embraces me. Sing,
my soul, set the praises free, alleluia! Sing for eternity; how vast is the love of God.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Welch

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: Power"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 648: *Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

MADILL

*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**

Mary Foscett

*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

Amy McClure

***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: *God of Grace*

P. Manz

Susan Welch, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Jordynn Elizalde and Audrey Mann
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Mary Foskett and Holly Kessler
<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 Concludes

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

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, emily@firstonfifth.org

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 22 by filling out the form in the newsletter.

Blessing of the Backpacks | August 27

Please join us next 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.

Prayer Partner Care Package Event | September 10

All prayer partners will gather in Kelly Auditorium immediately following worship for our annual care package packing event where our prayer partners (all kids K-5 and their older adult prayer partner) join together to pack care packages for our college students and educators. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy at amy@firstonfifth.org

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.

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 20

- 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, August 21

TUESDAY, August 22

- 4:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 23

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

THURSDAY, August 24

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

FRIDAY, August 25

SATURDAY, August 26

- 9:00am CPR/First Aid Training for Children and Youth Volunteers (*Kelly*)

SUNDAY, August 27

- 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 Youth and Youth Parents' Lunch (*offsite*)
- 12:00 pm Missions Committee meeting (*Baraca*)

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