



“Luckily for Jacob, God doesn’t love people because of who they are, but because of who [God] is. *It’s on the house* is one way of saying it and *it’s by grace* is another, just as it was by grace that it was Jacob of all people who became not only the father of the twelve tribes of Israel but the many times great grandfather of Jesus of Nazareth, and just as it was by grace that Jesus of Nazareth was born into this world at all.”

+ Frederick Buechner

Isaac Blesses Jacob with Esau's Blessing,
Yoram Ranaan

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 6, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prelude, Op.16, No.3*

Susan Welch, Piano

A. Scriabin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zack Jackson

Leader: We come to worship God in our need,

All: bringing with us the needs of the world.

Leader: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

All: and who knows by experience what human life is like.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

Leader: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

All: and God has promised never to turn us away.

*HYMN 310: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34

Carol Wilkinson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: The scriptures are filled with stories of people just like us:
men who grieved, women who questioned,
siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites.
God's word of grace is meant for people just like us.
There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

**People: Patient and persistent God,
we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room,
as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.
But your Spirit will have none of that.
May your Spirit convict us of fractured relationships,
our underlying favoritism and prejudices,
and our tendency to manipulate others for our personal gain.
May we leave this place healed of all that separates us from you and one another.
In the name of the One who came to restore us and make us whole. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 8: 1-4

Holly Kessler

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law
of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal
with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law
might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Since God has removed the guilt of our sin, we have peace with God;
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: Wondrous Cross

arr. B. Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I
count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice
them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the
whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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: Conflict

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 467: *We Are One in Christ*

THAXTED

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

Joani Hughes

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: *Con moto moderato*

G. F. Handel

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

Then and Now: Summer Preaching at First on Fifth

June 11 - August 27, 2023

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, we look to the mothers and fathers of our faith to illumine human complexities, all within the light of a good God who is our beginning and end!

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)

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund.

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Kara and Karly Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Joani Hughes and Carol Wilkinson

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Meyers

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

For three August Sundays (August 6, 13, 20), Dr. David Hull will lead a series on "Aging Faithfully." In a world where life expectancy has increased rapidly, what does this mean for our lives of faith? What does the Bible teach us about aging? How can we age faithfully? All are welcome to join!

August 13 – "Redefining Retirement: Serving God and Others" (Mark 10:35-45)

August 20 – "Honoring Commitments: Caring for Aging Loved Ones" (Psalm 72, Isaiah 46:1-4)

Contact: Emily Hull McGee, emily@firstonfifth.org

Communities of Hope Conversation | August 8

First on Fifth will host Communities of Hope's "Coffee and Conversation" about the role of faith communities in addressing local mental health needs on Tuesday morning, August 8, from 8:00-9:30am in Kelly Auditorium. Participants from First on Fifth and many of our sister churches here in town will enjoy fellowship and conversation to resource all of us in our ministries of mental health care. All are welcome!

Devotional Classics | August 8

This Tuesday at 7:30am in the Baraca Room, Pastor David will be leading a discussion of "But If Not," a sermon by the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King delivered at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on November 5, 1967. For a link to a recording of this sermon or a printed transcript, please contact David Williamson.

Quarterly Church Conference | August 8

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church

Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, August 8, 2023, at 6:30PM via Zoom. See the newsletter for more info!

First Films: *Jesus Christ Superstar* | August 11

Come join us on Friday, August 11, at 6:30pm for the third film in our Summer of Songs series as we celebrate film musicals. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's groundbreaking rock opera in a memorable film version celebrates the Gospel story as seen through the eyes of Judas. This production was filmed on location in war torn Israel. It is a film that captures the flavor of the late 1960s, while telling the story we know in a new way, and firmly establishing the rock opera in the history of musical theater. (1 hour, 46 minutes) Admission is free, and all are welcome!

First Impressions | August 13

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 on Sunday, August 13, from 12:00-1:30PM in Kelly Auditorium. Please RSVP to Zack at zack@firstonfifth.org by Thursday, August 10.

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.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

Save the Date

The women's mission trip to the Dominican Republic will take place February 3-10, 2024. Stay tuned for more details! Contact Lee Anne Stiffler with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 6

- 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, August 7

TUESDAY, August 8

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 8:00 am Communities of Hope Conversation (*Kelly*)
- 11:30 am Older Adult Lunch (*Offsite*)
- 6:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 9

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

THURSDAY, August 10

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

FRIDAY, August 11

- 6:30 pm First Films: Jesus Christ Superstar (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, August 12

- 10:00am Children and Families to Children's Museum

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*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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