



Girl with Balloon, Banksy

"The task of prophetic imagination and ministry is to bring to public expression those very hopes and yearnings that have been denied so long and suppressed so deeply that we no longer know they are there. Hope, on the one hand, is an absurdity too embarrassing to speak about, for it flies in the face of all those claims we have been told are facts.... On the other hand, hope is subversive, for it limits the grandiose pretension of the present, daring to announce that the present which we have all made commitments is now called into question."

+ Walter Brueggemann

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 29, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Pastoral*

Jacob Hill, Organ

H. Sumsion

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: In this hour of worship, let us quicken our conscience by God's holiness.

**All: Let us nourish our minds by God's truth.**

Leader: Let us expand our imaginations by God's abundance.

**All: Let us open our hearts to God's love.**

Leader: Let us surrender our wills to God's purpose.

**All: And let us gather ourselves selflessly before God in adoration.**

\*HYMN 306: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

TENDING OUR STORIES

Carlos Mir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 12:13-21

Joani Hughes

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Already assured that forgiveness  
is ours in Jesus Christ,  
let us lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
that we might receive mercy  
and amend our lives.

**People: Extravagant God, you offer riches  
that no earthly pleasures can match.  
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.  
You show us true justice and offer us peace.  
Yet we persist in seeking after  
that which robs us of abundant life.  
We hold fast to our anxieties  
and give in to our greed;  
we desire the very things that harm us.  
Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us  
by the strength of your Holy Spirit,  
we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us?  
In Jesus Christ you have been set free.  
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## ANTHEM: *Sing Praise to God with One Accord*

J. Haydn

Sanctuary Choir  
Susan Welch, Piano

Sing praise to God with one accord, all nations join to praise the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord who reigns above, the God of power, the Lord of love.

## CALL TO PRAYER: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

R. Lowry

Sanctuary Choir

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can  
peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee; O bless me  
now, my Savior, I come to thee. I need thee every hour in joy or pain; come  
quickly and abide or life is vain. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need  
thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Zack Jackson

### 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: "Attending Church: Abundant Imagination"

Rayce Lamb

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 669: *Long Ago You Taught Your People*

NETTLETON

*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

Holly Kessler

*The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part of active, vibrant worship of which all are invited to participate. In a moment, Deacons will pass the offering plates for you to share your 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).*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### 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

Rayce Lamb

### POSTLUDE: *March*

H. Coleman

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Holly Kessler and Pat Thompson  
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson  
Streaming and Sound Team: 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, 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.



<u>Ministry Funding – Sept 2023</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts and offsets	157,566	640,447
Ministry Costs	67,027	624,996
Over/(Under) Met Needs	90,539	15,451
Contributions Current Year	151,606	610,894
Contributions Last Year	63,585	544,849



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Welcome Rayce Lamb, guest proclaimer!**

We're delighted to welcome our friend, Rayce Lamb, as our guest proclaimer today! Rayce is the Founder of Faithonomics, a social venture committed to empowering faith-inspired leaders in bringing their bold ideas to life, and the creator of The Wild Imagination Fund at the Winston-Salem Foundation. Ordained in the Alliance of Baptist tradition, Rayce previously served as the Pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and as the Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management at Wake Forest University School of Divinity where he graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2016. Outside of his vocational endeavors, Rayce can be found hiking in one of North Carolina's state parks, exploring a local vineyard, or giving abundant love to a rescue pup through AARF's foster program.

### **First on Fifth 101 | Tonight, 4:00-7:00pm**

First on Fifth 101 will take place tonight from 4:00-7:00pm in Kelly Auditorium. While dinner is already sold out, all are welcome to attend!

### **First on Fifth Seeks Communications Specialist**

The Personnel Committee seeks a new Communications Specialist to cultivate and manage the church's ministry of communications. A job description and application details can be found on our website. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Emily by November 10.

### **Attending Church Season of Commitment**

"Attending Church" is our commitment campaign this fall, where every member and friend is asked to consider how they can commit to bringing God's dream for our church to life in 2024. Commitment cards are available, or find the online form in the newsletter if you'd rather share your commitment digitally. We ask for all commitment cards to be returned next Sunday, where in worship, we'll celebrate the commitments we've made. Thank you for prayerfully considering your financial commitment!

### **Young Adult Gathering | November 3, 7:00 PM**

All young adults (college-aged and those in their 20s-30s) are invited to our next fall gathering on Friday night, November 3, at 7:00pm at Radar Brewing. Contact Zack with questions! See you then!

### **All Saints Sunday | November 5**

Worship on November 5 will help us remember the saints of our church, particularly those who have died this year. We'll celebrate communion and return our commitment cards for our church's ministry in 2024.

### **From Judgment to Compassion: The Church and Mental Health | November 8, 15, 29, 12:00pm**

Although many Christians have experienced the church as a place for spiritual healing, many others have heard negative or mixed messages from the church about their mental and emotional wellbeing. Perhaps even more commonly, many of us have experienced both - sometimes even at the same time, and from within the same church family! Church member Anna Harris will lead three group discussions focused on the relationship between Christianity and mental health, taking place in November on Wednesdays at noon (11/8, 11/15, and 11/29) in Kelly Auditorium. We'll explore topics including the stigma surrounding mental health problems, varying Christian views and messages on mental health, the church's potential as a place for mental and emotional healing, and spiritual practices as self-care. All are welcome!

### **First Films | November 10, 6:30 PM**

Our Fall Film Series continues on Friday, November 10, 6:30pm, with a showing of *Miss Potter*. All are welcome to come and enjoy the story of bestselling children's author and illustrator, Beatrix Potter, and her struggle for independence and love in early Edwardian England. Admission is free; popcorn & drinks included!

### **First Impressions | November 12, 9:15 AM**

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 November 12 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Zack at [zack@firstonfifth.org](mailto:zack@firstonfifth.org)!

### **Zack Jackson's Ordination Service | November 12**

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons, Ordination Council, and congregation, all are invited to gather for Zack Jackson's ordination to the gospel ministry on Sunday, November 12, at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 29

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Advent Musical rehearsal
- 4:00 pm First on Fifth 101 (*Kelly Auditorium*)

MONDAY, October 30

- 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)

TUESDAY, October 31

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics
- 11:45 am CBFNC Regional Lunch (*Kelly Auditorium*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 1

- 8:30 am Deacon Officer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Staff meeting (*Commons*)
- 12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 2

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

FRIDAY, November 3

- 7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, November 4

SUNDAY, November 5

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Advent Musical rehearsal

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Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm  
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