



Are you envious
because I am generous?

+ Matthew 20:15

Day Laborers,
James Janknegt

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 8, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Prelude in A major, BWV. 536

Jacob Hill, Organ

J. S. Bach

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Hanes

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 rulers 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 341: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

Stanzas 1-4: Congregation

Stanza 5: Choir

Stanza 6: Congregation

TENDING OUR STORIES

Wally Cox

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbors.

All: Gracious God, we have sought after things,
but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity,
but we have not shown generosity.
We have been neither gracious nor grateful.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
May this church be a place where grace
is freely given and freely received.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Zack Jackson

Leader: Friends, God is lavish in forgiveness and mercy
whether we have sinned much or little.
Let us not despise the generosity of God,
but rejoice that God's grace knows no bounds.

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.)

CALL TO PRAYER: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

J. Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Jones

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: Stewardship"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 376: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

AR HYD Y NOS

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

John Baxley

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

P. Langston

Sanctuary Choir

God of grace and God of glory on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour! Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days! Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee! Amen.

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: Suite for Organ, III. *Trumpet Tune*

C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: John Baxley and John Hanes
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 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.



TENDING: THIS YEAR AT FIRST ON FIFTH

The Christian life of tending can have us stretching toward practices and places of our care, or holding fast to that which captures our focus and tendencies. This season of energy around “tending” will center us in the God who tends nothing less than our very souls.

October 15 | Matthew 21:28-32
Attending Church: Responsibility

October 22 | Matthew 21:33-46
Attending Church: Fruitfulness

October 29 | Luke 12:13-21
Attending Church: Abundance |
Rayce Lamb, proclaimer

November 5 | All Saints Sunday | Matthew 22:1-4
Attending Church: Presence

November 12 | Matthew 25:1-13
Intending to Be Ready

November 19 | Matthew 25:14-30
Intending to Make It Count

November 26 | Matthew 25:31-36
Intending to Do Good



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ON FIFTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Older Adult Lunch and Learn | October 10

Our next monthly gathering will be Tuesday, October 10! This will be in Kelly Auditorium at 11:30. We will dig deeper into CBFNC life and hear updates from Executive Coordinator (and church member!), Larry Hovis. Lunch will be provided! Sign up in the newsletter or by emailing Amy at amy@firstonfifth.org.

First Films | October 13

Our Fall Film Series continues on Friday, October 13, with a showing of *At Eternity's Gate*. Director Julian Schnabel offers this impressionistic take on the latter life of painter Vincent Van Gogh featuring a powerful performance by Willem DaFoe. Showtime is 6:30pm in Kelly Auditorium and admission is free. Popcorn and drinks included!

Children & Families Fall Gathering | October 15

Join us at 4:30pm in the back parking lot for pumpkin decorating, dinner provided by the Children's Ministry Team, and fun games on the playground. Prayer Partners are invited to join us. This gathering happens directly after the children's musical rehearsal which ends at 4:30. A nice ending to their first rehearsal! Kids of all ages are welcome!

Quarterly Church Conference | October 17, 6:00pm

As is our custom, we gather for a Quarterly Church Conference on October 17 at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium. In addition to regular reports, this gathering will feature recommendations from the Finance Committee regarding the proposed 2024 Ministry Funding Plan. A detailed copy of the plan will be available in the church office and church newsletter during the week of October 8. There will be a Zoom option available for those who cannot attend in person, and a light supper provided for those in attendance. See the newsletter for more information!

Older Adult Apple Trip | October 24

Join us for a fall trip to see the changing leaves, enjoy a fellowship meal on the road, and pick up some fresh apples from the orchard. We will be traveling in a 15-passenger van and a minivan. Sign up to secure your spot in the newsletter, or let Amy know you're coming!

First on Fifth 101 | October 29, 4:00-7:00pm

First on Fifth 101 will take place on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Kelly Auditorium. This event is intended to communicate essential information about the life of our church, with specific attention given to helping newer members of our community know how to become more deeply involved in committees, ministry teams, small groups and Sunday School classes, and the church's various ministries. Additional information about finance, budget, and giving will be shared as a means of further orientation to our community. All are welcome to attend, and dinner will be served. Please RSVP in the newsletter by October 24. Contact Zack at zack@firstonfifth.org with any questions or for more information!

Interested in being a Sunday Greeter?

We are so grateful for our new Greeter Teams to welcome folks to the church house on Sundays! These greeters receive guests at commonly-used doors around the church house, aid folks in knowing what is available on Sunday mornings prior to worship, and know how to navigate our building. If you would like to join the greeter team, be in touch with Zack at zack@firstonfifth.org!

Christmas Music | October 11

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing Christmas music for the annual Lessons and Carols Service this Wednesday at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us for this Christmas choir! For more info, please contact David Williamson (david@firstonfifth.org).

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for October is beef stew. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars!

November 5 – All Saints Sunday
November 10 – First Films
November 28 – Giving Tuesday
December 3 – Advent 1 / Hanging of the Green
December 10 – Advent 2 / Children's Musical
December 17 – Advent 3 / Lessons & Carols
December 24 – Advent 4 and Christmas Eve; no Sunday School
December 25-27 – Church office closed

December 31 – No Sunday School; Church Brunch
THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 8

- 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*)
- 12:15 pm Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, October 9

- 5:30 pm House and Grounds Committee
- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, October 10

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics
- 10:00 am Older Adult Brunch
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 11

- 10:30 am Staff meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 12

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

FRIDAY, October 13

- 6:30 pm First Films: At Eternity's Gate (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, October 14

SUNDAY, October 15

- 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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Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm



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