



The Best Feast, by Jan Richardson

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

+ "Crowded Table," by The Highwomen

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1, 2023 • 11:00 AM

Today we join Christians from around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Observed internationally since 1938, this day reminds us of the unity of all Christians in Jesus Christ and the oneness of Christ's followers at the Lord's table.

PRELUDE: Taiwanese Suite, II. *Moonlight Blue*

C. Chen

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP : Psalm 67

Richard Downs and David Williamson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 339: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

TENDING OUR STORIES

Nikki Byers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: Dear friends, let us love one another,
because love comes from God.
Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

**All: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

Leader: The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make,
for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

**All: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

Leader: With his own body he broke down the walls of separation.
By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.

**All: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Ukuthula*

Traditional South African

Sanctuary Choir
Olana Withrow, Soloist

*Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono, igazi lika Jesu linyenyez' Ukuthula.
Peace in this world of sin the blood of Jesus brings.*

*Usindiso Kulomhlabawezono, igazi lika Jesu linyenyez' Usindiso.
Redemption in this world of sin the blood of Jesus brings.*

*Ukumqoba Kulomhlabawezono, igazi lika Jesu linyenyez' Ukunqoba.
Victory in this world of sin the blood of Jesus brings.*

*Induduzo Kulomhlabawezono, igazi lika Jesu linyenyez' Induduzo.
Comfort in this world of sin the blood of Jesus brings.*

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:44-50 (Pew Bible, NT p.12)

Beth Sabbagh

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Tending What's Priceless"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 457: *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed*

REGENT SQUARE

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

Twyla Nelson

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: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

J. Neander

Sanctuary Choir

Open now Thy gates of beauty, come, Thou, also down to thine. Here our souls find joyful duty, here on earth is heaven's kind. To our hearts, O enter Thou, let them be Thy temple now. Speak, O Lord, and we will hear Thee, let Thy will be done indeed. May we undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, here Thy seed is gladly sown. Let our souls where they are planted bring forth precious fruit alone. Grant that all our lives may be purest service, Lord, for Thee.

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Zack Jackson

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Festive Intrada*

P. Fey

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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

Deacon of the Week: Twyla Nelson and Joani Hughes
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. Yet in a season of our common life when our attention is a most significant currency, when all that pulls at us causes us to distend from God or from hope, when our earth bears the scars of all we cannot sustain, and when our church's commitments will thrive with our continued nurture, a season of energy around "tending" will center us in the God who tends nothing less than our very souls.

October 8 | Matthew 20:1-6
Attending Church: Stewardship

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Fellowship | Tonight, 5:00pm

Join us tonight for a feast! We'll gather with our church family outside in the back lawn and breezeway, with a cookout dinner, yard games, a photo booth, fellowship around the table, and even a time of blessing for our pets! Dinner will be \$5/person (grilled beef and veggie burgers, chips, cookies, and drinks). All are welcome!

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!

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 1

- 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*)
- 5:00 pm Churchwide Fall Fellowship

MONDAY, October 2

TUESDAY, October 3

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 4

- 12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team Meeting (*online*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 5

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

FRIDAY, October 6

SATURDAY, October 7

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

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Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm



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