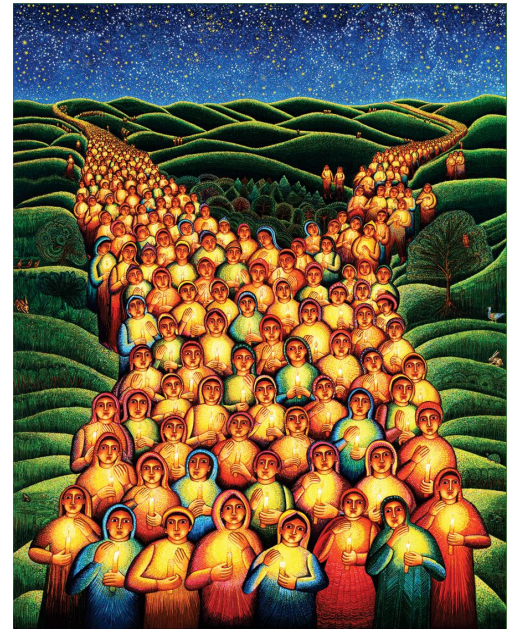


Today we are drawn into remembrance.  
 The complexity of love and loss both warms our hearts and chills our bones. Invisible connections are revealed just as the light of the sun illuminates the lines of a web, we see that our lives are connected to those who are no longer here.  
 Blessed are we who acknowledge the impressions made by those who've passed a child's nose, a joke carried on, a chair left in our name, a story that we now tell.  
 Blessed are you who have learned to make sense of a world that doesn't make sense without them.  
 And blessed are you with grief present still who carry the weight of surviving a loved one, of keeping the memories and sharing the stories.  
 O God, you alone know the whole of it.  
 You know their sufferings, their joys, their hopes, their winding paths and every movement of their souls.  
 Restore our souls, even as you receive theirs. Welcome them in with the kind of embrace we wish we could give them.  
 Blessed is the time they were given and the time you now have. Whether in life or in death, love is there.

+ Kate Bowler, *A Blessing for the Day We Mourn our Dead*



John August Swanson, *Festival of Lights*

## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Sonata, K. 466*

*D. Scarlatti*

Monika Wilmot, Violin  
 Jacob Hill, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Zack Jackson

Leader: God of grace and glory, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, we bless you, we magnify you, we adore you as Lord of heaven and earth.

**All: We bless and thank you for all those made saints through Jesus Christ, who have testified to your love, and shared the gifts with which you graced them.**

Leader: May your Spirit be powerfully at work through the communion of your saints to build all up in faith and love, and loving service to each other and to the world you so love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN 567: *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## TENDING OUR STORIES

Nancy Baxley

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: I looked and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.**

Leader: We offer prayers for this assembly, gathered to celebrate worship in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world, that nourished by the word of truth and the bread of life, we may bear witness in our own generation to God's timeless dream for the world.

**All: We give you thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have shown us your love, and whose witness brought us and kept us in your Beloved Community.**

Leader: And for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light of life with You. We remember:

*(As each name is read please respond with the words, "Thanks be to God".)*

Bill Mitchell	James Harbuck
Mary Mason	Frank Caskey
Frances Dunn	Sylvia Gilley
McLean Mitchell	Ernestine Cleaver
Jane Wilcox	Skip Boyles
Beth Wright	Emil Nathan
Norma Reich	Gene Lucas
Elaine Gilbert	Linda Combs
Vilia Marshall	Lindsay Wall

Leader: God of every generation, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

**All: We praise you for all who have sought your new creation, and who, by their steadfast faith, have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: We praise you for those we have known and loved, and pray that we, with them, may follow in the way of Jesus,

**All: and, at the last, dwell in your holy city, sharing the inheritance of the saints in light, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: No Night There**

**D. Forrest**

Sanctuary Choir

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid. There shall be no night there, no crying there, God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; Lo, I am with you always, even to the end, I am with you to the end. There shall be no night there, no crying there, God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Mary Kaylor**

**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.

**\*HYMN 545: In the Bulb**

**PROMISE**

*During the singing of this hymn, worshipers are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and light one of the candles on the chancel railing in memory of a loved one.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14**

**Chris Gambill**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: "Attending Church: Presence"**

**Emily Hull McGee**

**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*As you come forward for communion, all are invited to bring your 2024 Commitment Card, pledging your financial support of the ministries and missions of First Baptist on Fifth in the new year.*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 630: Look You Saints, the Cloud of Witness**

**EVANGELINE**

*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**

**Jim 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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### 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: *Laure*

J.S. Bach

Monika Wilmot, Violin  
Jacob Hill, Piano

\*Those who are able will please stand.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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### 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.

### SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Jim Nelson and Jill Knight
<u>Children &amp; 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 it 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. Thanks!

### 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.



# REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023

## Church Members

Bill Mitchell	November 23, 2022	James Harbuck	June 2, 2023
Mary Mason	December 8, 2022	Frank Caskey	June 19, 2023
Frances Dunn	February 1, 2023	Sylvia Gilley	June 20, 2023
McLean Mitchell	February 17, 2023	Ernestine Cleaver	June 21, 2023
Jane Wilcox	February 22, 2023	Skip Boyles	July 15, 2023
Beth Wright	March 25, 2023	Emil Nathan	September 20, 2023
Norma Reich	April 2, 2023	Gene Lucas	October 14, 2023
Elaine Gilbert	April 18, 2023	Linda Combs	October 19, 2023
Vilia Marshall	May 14, 2023	Lindsay Wall	October 27, 2023

## Friends and Family

Lyell Garland, father of Twyla Nelson  
Lovey Russ, friend of the church  
Bryan Millsap, father of Bethany Myers  
Yates Wilkinson, father of Kim and Carol Wilkinson  
Catherine Ann Thompson, sister-in-law of Mark Thompson

Dan Nichols, father of Jill Knight  
Ron Rice, Jr., brother of Darlene Guerry  
Joey Dickens, son-in-law of Jeff and Holly Kessler  
George Pettigrew, brother of Nancy Robinson  
Susan Smialowicz, sister of Joani Hughes

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023

### BUILDING FUND

In Memory of:

**Daniel Hudgins** by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Messick, Gordon Middleton

**Jim Pepper** by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Messick

**Lydia Brendle** by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Messick

**Fran Burchette** by Janet Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi, Carlos Mir

**Jim Cook** by Beth Stainback

**Dot Chrysson** by Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi

**Lucian Neal** by Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Wall

**Betty Joiner** by Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Wall

**Dr. & Mrs. Randall Lolley** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Mary Mason** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Howell Smith** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Carlos Mir

**Frances Dunn** by Mary King, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McConnell, Archie Allen, Carlos Mir, Cannon & Company CPA, Ross Allen

**Jane Wilcox** by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Atkinson, Maribeth Weinman, Jan Whittle & family, David Wilcox

**Beth Wright** by Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**McLean Mitchell** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Elaine Gilbert** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Janet Williams, Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bostic, Heffner family, Betty Henderson

**Vilia Marshall** by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan

**Frank Caskey** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Skip Boyles** by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stiffler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley, Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eisenbise, Gay Pitts, Jacqueline Todd, Carol Ludlow, Barbara Bedwell, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi, Janet Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Harston, Harold Black, Sheila Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wicker

**Jim Kleu** by Janet Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi, Janet Falls

**Sylvia Gilley** by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Jarmon Jenkins, Sam Ogburn, Ella Fawley, Vera Angell, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Shough, Marjorie Hoots, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hardin, Jeffrey Herman, Henry Roemer Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan, Kathryn Garner, Elaine Caudle, Jean Messick, Karan and Martha Martinat, Vicki Fragakis, Mr. and Mrs. Roma Combs, Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weisner, Jane Dudan, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stiffler, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi, Marguerite Taylor, WFU Tennis Teammates, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley,

Jean Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Perkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marion

**Ron Rice, Jr.** by Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi

**Emil Nathan** by Carlos Mir, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes

**Gene Lucas** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Linda Combs** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

In Honor of:

**Leslie & Brant West** by Beth Stainback

### GENERAL FUND

In Memory of:

**Berta Sigarreta** by Carlos Mir

**Jane Wilcox** by Rebecca, Stacy and Tara Gentile

**Dan Nichols** by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woody

**Elaine Gilbert** by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes

**Sylvia Gilley** by Linda Merchant

**Ernestine Cleaver** by Linda Merchant

**Skip Boyles** by Linda Merchant

In Honor of:

**Rob Norwood** by Beth and Gene Stainback

**John & Alice Norwood** by Beth and Gene Stainback

**Alex Norwood & Matt Dyson** by Beth and Gene Stainback

**Barbara Bedwell** by Linda Merchant

### FBC MINISTRIES FUND

In Memory of:

**Bob Owen** by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly King, Robert Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Messick, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayashi, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dyer, Ladies III class of FBC Waynesville, Elizabeth Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Yates, Bill Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes

**Jennings Renegar** by Mary Nell Harris, Laura Judy, Mary Margaret Douglas

**Lyell Garland** by Mary Nell Harris

**June Smith** by Elizabeth Wall

**Daniel Hudgins** by Elizabeth Wall

**John & Helen Blount** by Elizabeth Wall

**Jim Ellis** by Elizabeth Wall

**Jim Pepper** by Elizabeth Wall

**Fran Burchette** by Elizabeth Wall

**Carl Phipps** by Elizabeth Wall

**Bill Mitchell** by Elizabeth Wall

**Mary Mason** by Elizabeth Wall

**Howell Smith** by Peggy Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nathan

**Frances Dunn** by Mary Nell Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley

**Yates Wilkinson** by Mary Nell Harris

**Dan Nichols** by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes, Mary Nell Harris

**Sylvia Gilley** by Mary Nell Harris

**Skip Boyles** by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowes, Mary Nell Harris

**Jim Kleu** by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Beard

**Emil Nathan** by Mary Nell Harris

**George Pettigrew** by Mary Nell Harris

**Susan Smialowicz** by Mary Nell Harris

**Linda Combs** by Mary Nell Harris

**Gene Lucas** by Mary Nell Harris

In Honor of:

**David Williamson** by Charlotte Smith

### FBC MISSIONS FUND

In Memory of:

**Frances Dunn** by Dr. and Mrs. John Baxley

**Skip Boyles** by Dr. and Mrs. John Baxley

**Emil Nathan** by Dr. and Mrs. John Baxley

### SERVING OUR SAVIOR

In Memory of:

**Emil Nathan** by Patricia Owen



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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 today. Thank you for prayerfully considering your financial commitment!

### **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 | 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.

### **Called Church Conference | November 19**

Upon the conclusion of worship on November 19, the church will vote on the 2024 Ministry Funding Plan as recommended by the Ministry Funding subcommittee and Deacons and as presented and discussed at the conference on October 17 and shared in the newsletter. You may pick up a copy of the details in the office.

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for November are sugar, flour, and baking items. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

November 28 - Giving Tuesday; Decorating the Church House, 9:00am  
December 2 - Women's Holiday Fellowship, 2-4pm  
December 3 - Advent 1 / Hanging of the Green  
December 6 & 13 - Adult Advent Study, 12:00pm  
December 10 - Advent 2 / Children's Musical, 4:00  
December 17 - Advent 3 / Lessons & Carols, Tanglewood Lights, 5:00pm  
December 20 - Brookridge Caroling, 4:00pm  
December 21 - Longest Night Service  
December 24 - Advent 4 / no Sunday School Christmas Eve service, 5:00pm  
December 25-27 - Church office closed  
December 31 - No Sunday School; Church Brunch

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 5

- 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 Deacons Meeting (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Advent Musical Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 6

TUESDAY, November 7

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

WEDNESDAY, November 8

- 10:30 am Staff meeting (*Commons*)
- 12:00 pm The Church & Mental Health (*Baraca*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 9

- 10:00 am Older Adult Book Study/Fellowship

FRIDAY, November 10

- 6:30 pm First Films: Miss Potter

SATURDAY, November 11

- 3:00 pm Linda Combs Celebration of Life

SUNDAY, November 12

- 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 Missions Committee (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Advent Musical Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm Zack Jackson Ordination Service

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Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm



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