



“Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it, no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.”

+ Frederick Buechner

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, February 26, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV. 622*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J.S. Bach

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Kingdom of God*

Sanctuary Choir

Taizé Community

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

*HYMN 2: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki Byers

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe,
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Leader: As we enter this hour of worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts,
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by the praise and prayers we offer you.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Amelia Britt

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:7-23

Joani Hughes

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
who no longer suffer in silence,
but name their sin and seek God's grace.
Let us confess our sin.

**People: Gracious and forgiving God,
you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.
In this Lenten season of self-examination,
we are confronted with our lukewarm discipleship.
Forgive us for our insincere prayers and our insincere fasts;
forgive us for storing up earthly treasures
and accumulating self-centered wealth;
forgive us for the darkness we carry in our hearts
while shunning our responsibility to light this dark world.
May these forty days lead us to a new practice, a new discipline,
that our discipleship may be true and pure and holy. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 32:1-2, 11

David Williamson

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Leader: Let all the people say, "Amen!"

People: Amen!

ANTHEM: *Let All the People Say "Amen"*

P. Choplin

Sanctuary Choir
Cyrus Bush, Soloist

Let all the people say, "Amen. Let your will be done again. Shout unto God with a voice of triumph in the victory of the Lord strong and mighty, the everlasting God and the King of Kings. Shout to God with a voice of triumph and clap your hands for the Lord God is awesome, and He is king over all the earth.

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: *Lessons Along the Way: What's at the Heart*

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 384: *Speak to My Heart

HOLCOMB

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**

Kelly King

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

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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

WONDROUS LOVE



To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will
sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Suite Gothique, op. 25, I. Introduction - Choral*

L. Boëllman

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Kara Parker
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Kelly King and Joani Hughes
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette

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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 – kindergarten 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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FIRST BAPTIST
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LESSONS ALONG THE WAY

Worship in February & March

Jesus' most well-known and beloved moral teachings can be found in the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' essential lessons that the gospel writer, Matthew, places right at the heart of his good news. The Sermon on the Mount covers all manner of topics: blessings for the overlooked, words about our anxiety and worry, guidance on how to interact with money and why relationships matter, instructions on prayer and work, law and order, all couched within Jesus' vision of God's dream for the world that is coming into being. Our collective worship will focus us together on the lessons we need along the way.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for February is instant potatoes. Please drop off donations in the lower level bins. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry to our community!

Mark your calendar!

Ongoing | Lenten Pilgrimages and Study

With Pastor Emily leading us in a yearlong focus on the theme, "On the Way," the Adult Ministry Team is sponsoring a Lenten study and a series of local pilgrimages that will enable us to continue on the congregational journey we began before the pandemic of being on the way towards racial justice. Our church is engaging *Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery* as churchwide devotional study. We hope you will join us.

March 5 | Celebration of David Williamson's 25th

In worship this morning, we celebrate 25 years of David Williamson's ministry among us! Join us for worship and a time of reception to follow.

March 10 | First Films

Our Arts Ministry led by Carlos Mir, Twyla Nelson, and David Williamson are pleased to announce our Spring Film Series dates, second Fridays of the month, on March 10, April 14, and May 12 at 7:00 PM in Kelly Auditorium. Come ready to watch the film and have short discussion after. We will provide drinks, popcorn, and candy. Hope to see you there!

March 11 | All Creatures Birding Pilgrimage

Roper Halverson will lead a pilgrimage capturing the gift of birds in nature and opening our eyes more fully to all we see. We will meet at Miller Park (near the tennis courts) at 8:30 AM, and come prepared with good walking shoes, binoculars (if you have them), and a camera. Open to all ages! Rain date is March 25.

March 12 | Celebration of Nikki Byers' Ministry

In worship this morning, we celebrate the gift of Nikki Byers' ministry among us as she retires from her role as Minister for Missions. Join us for worship and a reception to follow in the Ammons-Lolley Commons!

March 12 | First Impressions, 12:00-1:30pm

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 from 12:00-1:30PM in the Kelly Auditorium. Please RSVP to emily@firstonfifth.org by Friday, March 10.

April 1 | International Civil Rights Center Pilgrimage

We will travel to Greensboro to tour the International Civil Rights Museum.

May 6 | Reynolda House Museum of American Art

We will travel to see the exhibition, "Stephen Towns: Declaration & Resistance," which "examines the American dream through the lives of Black Americans

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CBFNC Annual Gathering

This year, the CBFNC Annual Gathering is at Ardmore Baptist March 23-24! Learn more at cbfnc.org.

Easter Lilies

Our Sanctuary will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up a form on the table across from the Commons and return it to the church office with a \$15 payment per lily by Sunday, March 12.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 26

- 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*)

MONDAY, February 27

TUESDAY, February 28

- 6:45 am Devotional Classics (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Abigail & Jake Cook Ordination Council (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 1

- 11:00 am A Survey of the Bible (*Kelly*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbells (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, March 2

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 12:00 pm Communications Outreach Meeting

FRIDAY, March 3

SATURDAY, March 4

SUNDAY, March 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 12:00 pm David Williamson's 25th Anniversary Celebration (*Commons*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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