



When was it that we saw you?

I begin to glue the pieces that I have chosen from the scraps.... And I pray for eyes to see the ways that Christ already inhabits every place. How there is no place it hasn't already occurred to him to visit, no space in which he isn't already working to make a home, no person through whom he might not startle me with the blazing of his presence.

By his words in Matthew 25, Jesus assures us that our greatest sin lies not in having the wrong theology or refusing to believe as others would have us believe or failing to take him to a place he has never gone. Our sin lies in neglecting to recognize and respond to him where he already is.

... As we prepare to cross the threshold into Advent, I wonder what Christ, this sovereign who came in such a ragged, radical guise, has in store for the season to come. How he'll show up. Where he'll invite me to see him.

+ Jan Richardson

Christ Among the Scraps, Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 26, 2023 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Messe pour les couvents: *Introit*

F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples, nations! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all you nations, praise God all you peoples, Alleluia. Strong is God's love and mercy, always faithful forever. Alleluia! Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples, nations! Alleluia! Let everything living give praise to the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples, nations!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe and have sent your Son to be King of kings.

All: We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations with justice and righteousness.

Leader: We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection,
and ascension to honor and might at your side.

**All: By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty;
establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart.
Accept our homage as we offer our lives
in the service of Christ's kingdom.
He is Lord forever and ever!**

*HYMN 215: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

FAMILY COVENANT

Emily Hull McGee & Amy McClure

Tommy Cook
Preston and Laura Cook

Felix Jones
Ryan Jones and Kelly Rowe-Jones

Jacob Steen
Matt Steen and Anna Harris

Caroline Hanes
John and Katie Hanes

Sariah Robertson
Austin and Sheri-Lyn Robertson

Leader: Children, for you, Christ was born into this world.
For you, he taught and healed, lived and loved the people around him.
For you, he died on Calvary, and for you, he was raised to new life.
And little ones, you just wiggle and play and wonder and know nothing of this.
Which thus confirms the words of scripture, that "before we loved God,

All: God loved us!"

Leader: Amen!

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE: *All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__ live,
a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
all are wel - come in this place.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46

Jeff Kessler

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER: *The Meditations of My Heart*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Ensemble

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holly Kessler

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: "Intending to Do Good"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 246: *The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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**

Minerva Fox

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

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

David Williamson

***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: Crown Imperial

W. Walton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Minerva Fox
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.



CELEBRATING GIVING TUESDAY | November 28

First on Fifth is delighted to participate again this year in Giving Tuesday, a global generosity movement on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. We're calling this year's campaign, "Number of our New," where all are invited to give a gift that has the number of our new members this year in it! That mystery number will be announced on the morning of Giving Tuesday (expect it to be 60-something!), and a link provided for how to give online. All the dollars given will further the church's capacity for the next 60-something new members, and then some! Thank you for helping our church open even wider its hearts and doors for new folks to find their place among us!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Dwell Among Us: Advent at First on Fifth

God's promise to dwell among us in Jesus is a gift in every season, and Advent in particular! Join us!

Sanctuary Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please pick up a form on the table across from the Ammons-Lolley Commons and return it to the church office with payment by December 3. The cost is \$15 per poinsettia.

November 28 | Decorating the Church House, 9:00am. Help prepare our space for the Advent and Christmas season as we deck the halls together! Contact David (david@firstonfifth.org) with questions!

December 2 | Women's Holiday Fellowship, 2-4pm
Join us in the Commons for a holiday ornament exchange! We'll share some snacks, fellowship, and gifts. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and a sweet or savory snack to share. Register in the newsletter, and contact Holly Kessler with questions!

December 3 | Hanging of the Green
This morning in worship, we'll hang the greens in the Sanctuary and conclude our morning together by creating Advent kits for use at home.

December 6 & 13 | More than a Season: Advent and the Christian Life, 12:00pm

As we enter the liturgical season of Advent, some will feel the joyous anticipation of Christmas, others may feel unsettled by all the pain this hurting world is facing, and many will feel both at exactly the same time. The Gospel understands this paradox of pain and promise, the very reality to which Advent bears witness. Mary Foskett will lead two Wednesday noontime sessions focused on this dimension of Advent. Bring lunch if you'd like, and join us!

December 10 | St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story Children's Advent Musical, 4:00pm

The first nativity scene was enacted by St. Francis of Assisi to remind the people of the Savior's humble birth in a time when Christmas celebrations centered on the materialistic. Come join our children as they enact this delightful musical featuring St. Francis, his friends and the animals in this telling of the Christmas story! A dessert and coffee reception will follow.

December 12 | Older Adult Fellowship, 11:30am
Please join us for our Christmas lunch in Kelly Auditorium as we enjoy a nice meal, sing Christmas Carols with David Williamson leading us on piano, and even getting a surprise from your older adult ministry team. Sign up in the newsletter!

December 16 | Christmas Open House, 4-6pm
All are welcome to share in the merriment and fellowship of the season at our Churchwide Christmas Open House! Hosted by the Hulls and McGees at David and Jane Hull's home (1565 Audubon Village Dr.), we have a spot for everyone to enjoy our beloved community's company and the joy of Christmas.

December 17 | Service of Lessons & Carols
The Sanctuary will fill with song and joy in morning worship, as our Sanctuary choir and guest orchestra proclaim the story of Jesus through our beloved Service of Lessons & Carols.

December 17 | Christmas Pop-Up Market, 12:00pm
Complete your Christmas shopping with crafts from Amani Sasa and brand new "church merch" of all kinds! We'll have 2023 First on Fifth keepsake Christmas ornaments, coffee mugs, t-shirts of all sizes, and cozy items for winter. Come and enjoy!

December 17 | Tanglewood Lights, 5:00pm
We invite people of all ages to join us on a wagon ride with your First on Fifth family as we travel through Tanglewood for the Festival of Lights. Cost is \$5/person. Spaces are limited to the first 75 people to sign up, so sign up in the newsletter today!

December 20 | Caroling at Brookridge, 4:00pm
Please join us as we sing and celebrate with our friends at Brookridge Retirement Home. Come ready to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols!

December 21 | Longest Night Worship, 6:00pm
All are invited to mark the Longest Night with a quiet and reflective time of worship, particularly intended for those grappling with grief and loss this season.

December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship | 5:00pm
Our annual Christmas Eve service for all ages combines communion, candlelight, and carols to orient us toward the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 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*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, November 27

- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

TUESDAY, November 28

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics
- 4:00 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 29

- 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 30

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

FRIDAY, December 1

- 3:00 pm Funeral for Gene Ryder (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, December 2

- 9:00 am Youth Missions Project
- 2:00 pm Women's Group Ornament Exchange

SUNDAY, December 3

- 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
- 3:00 pm Messiah Performance
(*R.J. Reynolds Auditorium*)

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