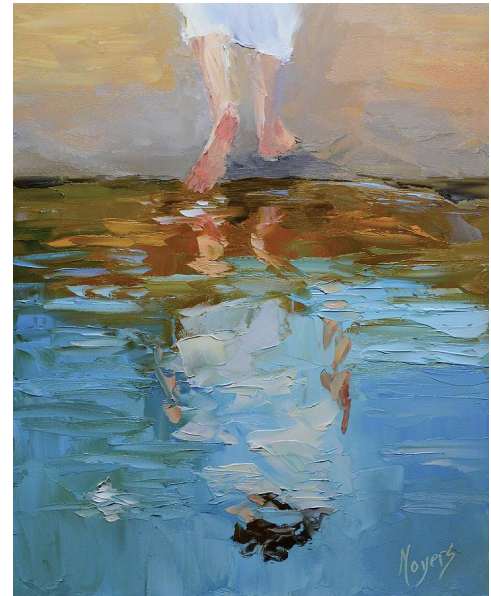


“Baptism, then, is about celebrating the incomparable gift we receive as creatures beloved of God... Baptism is our call to the community of the church... Baptism is a blessing, not a bludgeon. It is a sacrament, not a weapon of mass destruction.”

+ Kathleen Norris



*The Baptism of Jesus, Mike Moyers*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 14, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Jacob Hill, Organ

arr. G. Shearing

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.  
God spoke, and the heavens and the earth were created.

**People: At the beginning of Jesus' ministry this same Spirit  
swept over the face of the baptismal waters, descending like a dove;  
and again God spoke: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

Leader: May God's Spirit so move again in this hour of worship,  
continuing God's good work of creation in us,  
and reminding us that we are members of God's Beloved Community.

**People: Glory to God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit!**

\*HYMN 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

## LITANY FOR DREAMS IN HONOR OF DR. KING

Children and Youth of First on Fifth

Leader: God, we are living inside your dream

**All: The dream of creation**

Leader: The dream of time and space,

**All: The dream of humanity**

Leader: You dreamed us up

**All: And we're all yours.**

Leader: The dream of the Kingdom of God;

**All: In which all is done according to the law of Love,**

Leader: In which exploitation, inequality and poverty are unheard of

**All: In which peace is normal,**

Leader: In which separation from you and each other is an illusion,

**All: In which Christ is King:**

Leader: This is the dream we are living for.

**All: This is the dream we must live out.**

Leader: When it seems just beyond our reach

**All: Love will bridge the gap.**

Leader: When it seems unimaginable

**All: Love will give us imagination.**

Leader: When it seems impossible

**All: Love will make a way.**

Leader: Help us to bravely step out now,

**All: Into the unknown**

Leader: Into the dreamed-of future

**All: Into the beauty of now.**

Leader: For you are Love,

**All: And your dream is alive in our hearts. Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

Sheree Jones

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO REPENTANCE: *Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional

Sanctuary Choir

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sinners let's go down to the river to pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the waters to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

**All: Holy God, in the waters of baptism you have clothed us with Christ and there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female; for all are one in Christ, claimed for eternity as your beloved.**

**Forgive us when we deny the truth and fail to see ourselves as your beloved children.  
Forgive us when we deny the truth and fail to see others as your beloved children.  
Baptize us this day with your Holy Spirit and open our hearts to the kingdom  
that has come near, making everything new! Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us:  
You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Let us share the sign of peace with these words:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

## ANTHEM: O Love

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give Thee back  
the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks  
me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow  
through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

## 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: "Tender Care: Living Under Water"

Emily Hull McGee

## REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 295: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*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

Joanne Henley

*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

David Williamson

### \*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: *Andante molto moderato*

H. Murrill

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Joanne Henley and Sheree Jones

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 after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply within the life of 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 kindergarteners is available in the nursery on the first floor. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring extra distance. We're so glad you're here!

## SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK OF LOVE THROUGH FIRST BAPTIST ON FIFTH

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today, 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.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Tender Care: Winter Worship at First on Fifth**

If the culture around us has its way, the new year comes at us hard and fast. Its messages are clear: *New year, new you! Get organized! Go to the gym! Start a new hobby! Do the thing!* Yet in Epiphany's light of the star, God invites us to remain "in thy tender care," as the Christmas carols remind us. This winter in worship, we'll listen to the Gospel of Mark and Jesus revealed at its beginning, a Jesus full of tender care: receiving, extending, inviting, and honoring. In stories of baptism and calling, of healing and living, we'll honor this gentle summons to be tended by the God who calls us beloved.

#### **January 21**

*Tender Care: Fishing for People*  
Mark 1:14-20  
Amy McClure, proclaimer

#### **January 28**

*Tender Care: A Spiritual Detox*  
Mark 1:21-28  
Deacon Ordination & Installation

#### **February 4**

*Tender Care: Keeping Time*  
Mark 1:29-39

#### **February 11**

*Tender Care: Bringing It Down the Mountain*  
Mark 9:2-9

### **Book Studies Begin Again in the New Year**

#### **Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics**

*Baraca Room, Tuesdays, 7:30am, starting Jan 23*

Curriculum: The Tuesday morning group will begin a study of *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott on January 23.

Leader: David Williamson, david@firstonfifth.org

#### **Older Adult Weekly Fellowship**

*Zoom, Thursdays, 10:00am, starting Jan 25*

Curriculum: The Older Adult Weekly Fellowship is starting their next book using Emily Freeman's *The Next Right Thing*. There is also an accompanying journal if you are interested. Books are \$10, journals are \$15, or bundle for

\$25. Please let Amy know if you would like her to order you a book and if you'd like to bundle it with the journal. The journal is for your personal use, but the book will be what is used each week. The official book study will begin January 25.

Leader: Amy McClure, [amy@firstonfifth.org](mailto:amy@firstonfifth.org)

### **Deacon Ordination & Installation | January 28**

This Sunday in worship, we joyfully install and ordain eight new Deacons to the work of servant leadership in our church. The Deacons extend care and connection with our members and cultivate the spiritual well-being of the church.

### **Leadership Orientation | January 28, 3:30pm**

All newly-elected leaders of the church (2024 committee & ministry team co-leaders, Deacons, & church officers) are invited to a Leadership Orientation from 3:30-5:30pm in Kelly Auditorium.

### **First Impressions | February 4, 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 hosted by the New Member Ministry Team and held on February 4 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Zack at [zack@firstonfifth.org](mailto:zack@firstonfifth.org)!

### **Seeking Donations | Women's Trip to the DR**

Throughout the month of January, the folks going on the Women's Trip to the Dominican Republic are collecting sample sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, wash cloths, reading glasses, small stuffed animals and packaged Neosporin. This collection box is on top of the first floor bins. Thank you for your support!

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

The gifts for January are canned stews (beef stew, Brunswick, chili, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 14

- 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, January 15

Church offices closed for holiday

TUESDAY, January 16

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, January 18

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 11:00 am Older Adult Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY, January 19

SATURDAY, January 20

SUNDAY, January 21

- 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*)

## OFFICE HOURS

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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