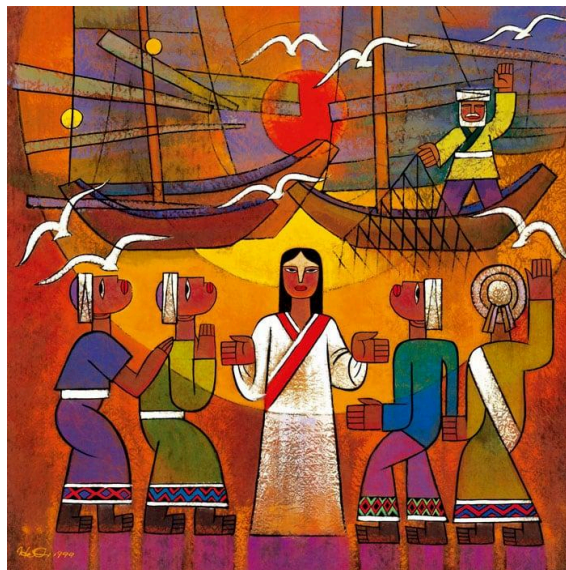


“How do we know whether or not this truth is true? How do we find out for ourselves whether in this child born so long ago there really is the power to give us a new kind of life in which both suffering and joy are immeasurably deepened, a new kind of life in which little by little we begin to be able to love even our friends, at moments maybe even our enemies, maybe at last even ourselves, even God? ... Come all ye faithful, and all ye who would like to be faithful if only you could all ye who walk in darkness and hunger for light. Have faith enough, hope enough, despair enough, foolishness enough at least to draw near to see for yourselves.”

+ Frederick Buechner, “Come and See”



*Jesus Calls His Disciples, He Qi*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 21, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Meditation*

Jacob Hill, Organ

G. Oldroyd

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

CHORAL INTROIT: *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Sanctuary Choir

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same: Will you let my love be shown, will you let My name be known, will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Devin Withrow

Leader: Come apart from the chaos for awhile and dwell in the presence of God who is our source of being.

**All: God calls us out of our isolation to join hands with both friend and stranger in this community of faith.**

Leader: God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose, and we gather with others who are searching.

**All: You call us, O God, to take pleasure in your presence. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until we rest in you .**

\*HYMN 477: *We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 14-20

Kelly King

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: The One who calls us is generous in mercy.

Trusting in the promise of grace,  
let us pour out our hearts before God.

**All: Forgiving God,  
we repent of all the ways we turn from you.  
You call, but we do not listen;  
you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.  
We confess that the pull is strong to remain in our old lives.  
Forgive us, heal us, and call us again to follow more closely.  
Instill in us a deep desire for a new way,  
a new life and a new love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Come Home*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals  
He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come  
home. You who are weary come home. Why should we tarry when Jesus is  
pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His  
mercies, mercies for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are  
weary, come home. O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you  
and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you  
and for me. Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Zack Jackson

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: Fishing for People"**

**Amy McClure**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 497: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus***

**ASSAM**

*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**

**Jill Knight**

*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**

**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**

**Amy McClure**

**POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune***

**D. Johnson**

**Jacob Hill, Organ**

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Jill Knight and Kelly King  
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.



### 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 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



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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.

Leader: Amy McClure, amy@firstonfifth.org

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

Next 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.

### **Quarterly Church Conference | January 29**

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Monday night, January 29, 2024, at 6:30PM via Zoom. See the newsletter that week for reports and more info!

### **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!

### **Tending to the End: How to Prepare & Keep Your Estate Executor Calm | January 31, February 28**

Our Older Adult Ministry Team is planning a 2-month series to help people of all ages prepare for unexpected illnesses, medical mishaps, and even death. It's a topic that is hard to discuss and most of us would rather not think about. However, we would like to ease that process by helping everyone best prepare as a gift to our friends and family. We will give you tangible step-by-step guides on what to do, how to do it, who to contact, etc. We will have outside speakers for the following topics: Medical, Legal, Funeral Home, and Church. It is a great time to ask questions and speak with experts. Lunch is provided starting at 11:45 (donations accepted if able), followed by a coffee break between sessions. Sessions will be held in Kelly Auditorium and will conclude at 2:15pm. Please RSVP in the newsletter!

#### **Session 1: Wednesday, January 31, 11:45am**

Medical (Keith Stirewalt)

Legal (Jason Cogdill)

#### **Session 2: Wednesday, February 28, 11:45am**

Church (Pastoral Team)

Funeral Home (Salem Funeral Home)

### **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!

### **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!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, January 22

TUESDAY, January 23

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 24

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

THURSDAY, January 25

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

FRIDAY, January 26

SATURDAY, January 27

SUNDAY, January 28

- 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*)
- 3:30 pm Leadership Orientation (*Kelly*)

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