

Consider the question the spirit asked: “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” There’s only one answer, right? “Everything. I have *everything* to do with you.” Wherever pain is, darkness is, torment is, God is. He has everything to do with us, even and maybe especially when we’re at our worst.

+ Debie Thomas

The Gadarene, Jorge Cocco Santangelo

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 28, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Jubilate*

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

D. Bortniansky/arr. J. Stitt

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: We gather on this Lord’s Day to celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ:

All: who touches us with healing and makes us whole;

Leader: who teaches us God’s love and brings us to life;

All: who reconciles us to God and unites us with others;

Leader: who shapes us as servants and equips us for ministry.

All: Blessing, glory, and honor be to God forever.

Leader: Let us worship God who is holy goodness.

Let us bring our praises to the God of deepest reality.

All: We come offering ourselves to God in awesome wonder:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; all the earth is full of your glory.

*HYMN 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

G. Young

Sanctuary Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever; sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever; sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever. So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 21-28

Rob Norwood

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

All: Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we struggle to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. Through the authority of your word, put to death our spirit of resistance, and give us an openness to the new truth that you desire for us. Forgive us, heal us, and make us new. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

arr. K. Boesiger/M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

SERMON: "Tender Care: A Spiritual Detox"

Emily Hull McGee

LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

Emily Hull McGee, Sheree Jones
Chris Gambill, Carlos Mir

Leader: Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls men and women within Christ's church to serve as deacons.

Congregation: All ministry emerges from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God is always calling us to join in this great work of Love in the world!

Leader: Deacons, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you to be a deacon. Each of you has accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and commit yourselves to following in his way of Love?

Deacons: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: During your tenure as a deacon, will you seek the peace and unity of this church? Will you covenant to be present and faithful to our life together?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Will you fully commit your life and gifts to sharing in the pastoral care and generous stewardship of our Beloved Community? Will you covenant to lead with courage and compassion?

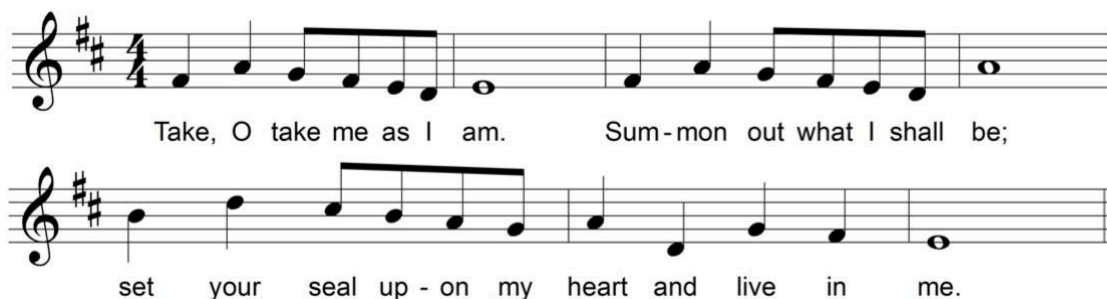
Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, receive these sisters and brothers as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's work of Love, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

Congregation: We do, God being our helper.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

J. Bell



Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ORDINATION PRAYER

Emily Hull McGee, Sheree Jones
Chris Gambill, Carlos Mir

CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

Cyrus Bush Nikki Byers Anna Harris Linda Jones Susan Welch

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for these servants who you have newly called to be deacons in our beloved community. As we set them apart for this special ministry, we ask you to fill them with all the grace and courage needed to fulfill their responsibilities.

**All: Grant them boundless compassion for human needs,
boldness in their servant leadership,
and devotion to the well-being of your church,
that together we may follow Jesus more fully in the way of Love.**

Leader: We thank you for Cyrus Bush,
and ask that you fill him with all the good graces of your Spirit
that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Nikki Byers,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Anna Harris,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Linda Jones,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: We thank you for Susan Welch,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: Friends, we receive these deacons, commissioned and ordained,
as servant leaders in our life together,
and we celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities
for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church.

**All: We give thanks for these brothers and sisters in Christ,
and covenant to hold all our deacons in prayer as they serve you this year.
We pray these things in the name of your son Jesus,
our leader and guide, Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 488: *Come, All Christians, Be Committed

BEACH SPRING

*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**

Carlos Mir

*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

Emily Hull McGee

COMMISSIONING FOR WOMEN'S TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Linda Lewis

*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: *Fanfare*

J. Cook

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Carlos Mir and Minerva Fox
<u>Children & 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 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.





FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)
- 12:00 pm Youth Gathering (*Baraca*)
- 3:30 pm Leadership Orientation (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, January 29

- 6:30 pm QCC (*Zoom*)

TUESDAY, January 30

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

WEDNESDAY, January 31

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:45 am Older Adult Event
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 1

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

FRIDAY, February 2

SATURDAY, February 3

SUNDAY, February 4

- 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*)

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