

Suddenly they saw him the way he was,
the way he really was all the time,
although they had never
seen it before,
the glory which blinds
the everyday eye
and so becomes invisible.
This is how he was, radiant, brilliant,
carrying joy
like a flaming sun in his hands.
This is the way he was – is –
from the beginning,
and we cannot bear it.
So he manned himself,
came manifest to us;
and there on the mountain
they saw him, really saw him,
saw his light.
We all know that if we really
see him we die.
But isn't that what is
required of us?
Then, perhaps, we will see
each other, too.

+ Madeleine L'Engle



Transfiguration, Lewis Bowman

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Sunday, February 11, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Adoration*

Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Price

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INVOCATION

Judy Eustice

Leader: God of power and wonder,

All: we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

**We rejoice at what we can see;
and we marvel at what we cannot see.**

**You dazzle us with your brightness;
you overshadow us as with a great cloud.**

**Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,
you strengthen and transform us.**

May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.

Glory to you forever! Amen.

*HYMN 58: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

Susan Welch

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Most amazing God,
the mystery of your radiance surrounds us.
Like the disciples of Jesus,
we confess our unease with transcendent mystery.

**All: Faced with your splendor,
we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did,
but we evade the holy with stammering and busyness—
anything to avoid your power.**

Leader: We also confess those times
when we are at ease with holiness,
absorbed in prayer and thought,
but so in love with your love
that we neglect those in need.
As Jesus descended from the mountain
to work among the poor of the world,
so direct us to our responsibilities and your calling.

**All: Such is the mystery of your love, O God,
which both overwhelms and attracts us.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us.
Free us to love and serve in equal measure. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: God speaks to us with grace and love
saying: You are my beloved child.
This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Come, Peace of God*

E. Butler

Sanctuary Choir

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth, come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth, come with the healing of thy gentle touch, come, peace of God, that this world needs so much. Break every weapon forged in fires of hate, turn back the foe that would assail thy gate; where fields of strife lie desolate and bare take thy sweet flowers of peace and plant them there. Bring selfish lives from shadow-lands

of loss into the radiance of the Savior's cross, where in that gift so precious, yet so lone, life finds its brotherhood and love its throne. Come blessed peace as when in hush of eve God's benediction falls on souls who grieve; As shines a star when weary day departs, Come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts. Come, peace of God.

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: Bringing It Down the Mountain"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 657: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

GERMANY

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

Joe Bircher

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

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: *Sortie*

T. Dubois

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Joe Bircher and Susan Welch
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

Again & Again: Worship this Lent

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats. And yet, in the midst of the chaos of our lives, God tends to us by offering a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. Join us this Lent in worship and in study as again and again, we bring all of who we are to God and trust that God will meet us, time and again, along the way.

February 18

Again & Again: Near & Far
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Again & Again: Gaining & Losing
Mark 8:31-38

March 3

Again & Again: Tearing Down & Raising Up
John 2:13-22

March 10

Again & Again: Perishing & Living
John 3:14-21

March 17

Again & Again: Losing & Finding
John 12:20-33

March 24 | Palm Sunday

Again & Again: Emptying & Filling
Mark 11:1-11

March 31 | Easter Sunday

Again & Again: Here & There & Everywhere
Mark 16:1-8

March 14-15 | CBFNC Annual Gathering

All are invited to the 30th anniversary celebration for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, to be held at First Baptist Church of Greensboro. Find out more and register to attend at cbfnc.org/annualgathering.

February 14 | Ash Wednesday

Ashes for the Community, 12:00-1:00pm

Our pastoral staff will offer the imposition of ashes on the church house's front steps for anyone in the community who would like to receive them.

Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:00pm

All are invited to join in our time of Ash Wednesday worship as we orient ourselves to the Lenten season with the ancient rituals of remembering 'from dust we are, and to dust we shall return.'

Wednesdays in Lent | Adult Ministry Team Lenten Study

Our Adult Ministry Team will lead shared reflections on Walter Brueggemann's *A Way Other than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* on Wednesdays in Lent (February 21-March 27) from 12:00-12:45 p.m. in the commons. Books can be purchased online through the link in your newsletter or through the church office for \$10.

February 28 | Tending to the End: How to Prepare & Keep Your Estate Executor Calm

Our Older Adult Ministry Team continues their 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. 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 2: Wednesday, February 28, 11:45am
Funeral Home (Salem Funeral Home)
Church (Church Staff)

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for February are soul foods (canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 11

- 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*)
- 12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Kelly Auditorium*)

MONDAY, February 12

- 5:30 pm House and Grounds (*Baraca Room*)
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee (*online*)
- 7:30 pm Adult Ministry Team

TUESDAY, February 13

- 10:00 am Older Adult Brunch
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 14

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, February 15

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

FRIDAY, February 16

SATURDAY, February 17

SUNDAY, February 18

- 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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