

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour, and that one, is what we are doing."

+ Annie Dilliard

Christ Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law, Rembrandt van Rijn

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, February 4, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Offeroire N. DeGrigny

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Give Me Jesus arr. H. Johnson

Teresa Moore-Mitchell

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

*HYMN 332: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE Zack Jackson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:29-39 Carol Wilkinson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER: Steal Away

F. Hall

Sanctuary Choir Teresa Moore-Mitchell, Soloist

Steal away to Jesus, steal away home. 'Aint got long to stay here. My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within my soul. 'Aint got long to stay here. Steal away to Jesus, steal away home. 'Aint got long to stay here. My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the lightning, the trumpet sounds within my soul. 'Aint got long to stay. Steal away to Jesus, steal away home. 'Aint got long to stay here.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: The Gospel Lesson has reminded us:

In the morning, while it was still dark

Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,

and there he prayed.

Let us steal away to be with Jesus;

for the Lord waits with compassion and mercy

to hear our confession.

All: Holy and compassionate God,

forgive our restless, wandering hearts.

We confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of possessions and people,

and used your name for causes inconsistent with you and your good purposes.

We have permitted our schedules and our agendas to come first, and have not taken the time to draw near to you in full devotion.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Anchor our lives in the promise of your love

for you alone are our hope, our healer, our salvation.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

G. Jones

Sanctuary Choir Teresa Moore-Mitchell, Soloist

In the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. My soul's been anchored in Jesus. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll while the tempest still is high. Hide me, oh my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide; oh receive my soul at last.

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: Keeping Time" Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 607: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

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

John Baxley

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

Amy McClure

*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!

*BENEDICTION Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: Diologue sur Les Grand Jeus N. DeGrigny

Jacob Hill, Organ

^{*}Those who are able will please stand.



GUEST MUSICIAN FOR TODAY

Teresa Moore-Mitchell began her operatic studies as an undergraduate of Pfeiffer, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. She received her Master of Music degree with a concentration in Vocal Performance from the University of NC at Greensboro. Teresa has taught at Pfeiffer University, Winston Salem State University, and Davidson County Community College. She is currently the Assistant Professor of Voice at Livingstone College and an adjunct vocal instructor at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. Starting her solo concert career while still in high school, she has performed solo concerts and performances for over 30 years throughout the United States, Cuba, Greece, the Greek Islands, Germany, France, Austria and Italy.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u> John Baxley and Carol Wilkinson

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.







ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 9 | First Films: Past Lives

Come join us on Friday, February 9, at 6:30pm for the first film of 2024. *Past Lives* tells the story of two Korean teenagers, separated by time and distance, who are reunited one weekend to consider tradition, fate, and love. (1 hour, 45 minutes) Admission is free, and all are welcome! Popcorn and drinks provided!

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

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.'

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)

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.

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 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)

MONDAY, February 5

5:30 pm Personnel Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY, February 6

7:30 am Devotional Classics

10:00 am Care Notes

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, February 7 10:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, February 8

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (online)

FRIDAY, February 9

6:30 pm First Films (Kelly)

SATURDAY, February 10

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