



“The ones who love the kind of life this world gives will lose the life they seek, but the ones who let go of their life in this world and follow my ways will find the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. *Tell these Wisdom Seekers to walk the road with me.* Anyone who wants to serve me will walk in my footsteps, and I will take them to the same place I am going. If they give up their lives to serve me in this way, my Father will honor them.”

+ John 12:25-26, *First Nations Version*

Draw us, Lord, toward you, toward your way of self-giving love. Draw us away from all that is not love – from the forces of greed, fear, anxiety, and brutality. In this Lenten experience of so being drawn toward you and away from the power of the world, may we come to find that new life that is the meaning of Easter. Amen.

+ Walter Brueggemann

Drawn to Love, Hannah Garrity

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Deux Versets de Procession sur L'Adoro Te, No. 1*
Jacob Hill, Organ

L. Boëllmann

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Amy McClure

Leader: Jesus said, “When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself.”

**All: Blessed be the God of our salvation
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Leader: Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,
you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation
and open the way to eternal salvation.

**All: As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as our Savior draws all people to himself
revealing your love for the world. Amen.**

*HYMN 415: *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

Leader: I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

**All: I bind this day to me forever by power of faith
Christ's incarnation, his baptism in the Jordan River,
his death on the cross for my salvation;
his bursting forth from the tomb, his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom I bind myself today.**

Leader: I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to harken to my need,

**All: the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the Word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.**

Leader: Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,

All: Christ beside me, Christ to win me; Christ to comfort and restore me;

Leader: Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

All: Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Leader: I bind unto myself today the name, the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,

**All: of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word;
praise to the God of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord!
Amen.**

Prayer of St. Patrick, c. 430

RESPONSE: *Christ Above Me*

J. Chisum/G. Searcy

Christ a-bove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me ev - er guid - ing;
Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore, Christ my love my life, my Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 12:20-33

Jim Nelson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: All who seek the Christ will find forgiveness.
For the One who was lifted up from the earth
is faithful to draw all people to himself. Let us pray:

**All: Revealing and redeeming God, we want to see Jesus,
to learn from him gentleness and humility,
to follow him in the way of compassion and suffering love.
Give us the courage to die to self so that selflessness may be born.
Let hatred die so that love may be born.
Let vengeance and retribution die so that forgiveness may be born.
For it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *O Love Divine*

arr. J. Hudson

Sanctuary Choir

O love divine amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above. The Son of God for us to die that we might dwell on high. He died for you, He died for me and shed His blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns He bore, for us a robe of scorn He wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save. O wanderer, come, on Him believe, His grace by faith receive. Awake, arise, and hear His call, the feast is spread for all. He died for you, He died for me and shed His blood to make us free, upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me.

SERMON: "Again and Again: Losing and Finding"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 491: *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

FALLS CREEK

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

Chris Gambill

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**

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will
sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

***BENEDICTION**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Deux Versets de Procession sur L'Adoro Te, No. 2*

L. Boëllmann

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Chris Gambill and Jim Nelson

Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson

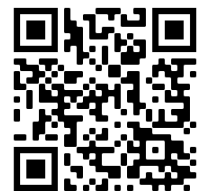
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

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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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week at First on Fifth

March 24 | Palm Sunday

Palms and hosannas fill the air as we enter Holy Week. The Ardmore Brass offers special music.

March 28 | Stations of the Cross, 12-1pm

Stop by the church house for a mid-day guided pause for reflection by walking the outdoor Stations of the Cross and receiving communion. Music will be provided by Terry Lefler, dulcimer.

March 28 | Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm

We gather in Kelly Auditorium to practice the “new commandment” from Jesus through the earthy, tangible symbols of communion & handwashing. Acoustic music will feature Terry Lefler and Kyle Caudle.

March 29 | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7pm

The shadows of the cross beckon us to the scriptures and stories from Jesus’ final hours with music by the Sanctuary Choir and Dr. Alicia Chapman, oboe.

March 31 | Easter Sunday

Easter joy reminds us: death is never the end of the story! Bring flowers from your garden and join for breakfast goodies by the flower cross at 9:30. Worship led by a string ensemble and our Sanctuary Choir will be filled with Easter joy at 11am. After worship, all are invited to take a plant from the front steps as a reminder of new life in abundance!

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Affinity Groups Survey

Interested in joining an Affinity Group this spring? Fill out the survey in your newsletter to let our First on Fifth staff know your interests and availability! Please complete the survey by **today, March 17**. We hope to announce the first round of affinity groups in our April newsletter! Should you have any questions, please contact Olena at olena@firstonfifth.org.

March 17 | Alliance of Baptists Info Session

Today, in the Baraca Room following worship, all are invited to an informational session about the Alliance of Baptists led by three of our members: Kris Norris, Richard Groves, and Lynn Rhoades. This informational session is intended to share about the work of the Alliance from some of its current and past leadership, particularly for anyone curious to learn more or interested in attending the Annual Gathering at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, April 12-14.

March 20 | Older Adult Lunch

Please join us for a fellowship lunch on Wednesday, March 20 at 11:30 am at Southern Family Restaurant. Let us know if you plan to come by signing up in your newsletter.

CBF Offering for Global Missions

We join with Cooperative Baptists to collect the CBF Offering for Global Missions today, March 17. We give thanks for the gift to extend the love of Christ around the world!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for March are canned meats (Canned Tuna, Canned Salmon, Canned Ham, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars!

April 1 – Church office closed for Easter Monday
April 6 – Young Adult Supper Club
April 7 – Bookmarks Event: Stacey Abrams
April 12 – First Films
April 14 – Film Screening of Baptist Women in Ministry’s *Midwives of a Movement* (9:00am)
April 16 – Community-wide lecture with Dr. Bettina Love at Union Baptist Church (7:00pm)
April 17 – Older Adult Brunch at Carriage House (9:30am)
April 19 – Bookmarks Event: Anne Lamott
April 21 – First Impressions (9:00am)
April 26 – Young Adult Supper Club

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 17

- 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 Alliance of Baptists Info Session (*Baraca Room*)

MONDAY, March 18

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee (*online*)

TUESDAY, March 19

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Older Adult Lunch (*offsite*)
- 12:00 pm Shared Lenten Reflections (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, March 21

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

FRIDAY, March 22

- 3:30 pm Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, March 23

SUNDAY, March 24

- 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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