

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

+ Malcolm Guite, "Palm Sunday"

Through the Palms, Lauren Wright Pittman



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Hosanna!*

C. Gregor/arr. S. Frack

Ardmore Brass

Steve Sutton, trumpet
Luke Boudreault, trumpet
Ben Weber, horn
Seth Frack, trombone
Brent Harvey, tuba

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118: 19-28 (adapted)

David Williamson

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness,
that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
We thank you, O God, that you have answered us in our need;
today you have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is astounding for us to witness.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: God is the One who saves us;
God is the One who blesses us with good!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
May blessing pour forth from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: Let there be a joyful, festive procession with branches
as sign and symbol of our adoration and praise.

**All: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you;
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PALM PROCESSIONAL

*HYMN 175: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

Marion Thomas

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: O Lord, who on this day entered
the rebellious city that later rejected you,
we confess that we, too, are rebellious,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing and renewal.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet, not only our palm branches,
but all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, we see in this Holy Week
the fullest expression of God's love for us.
For through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
we can know peace with God in all its fullness.
In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us extend the sign of peace with these words:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. D. Lantz

Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and angels rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Georgia McKee

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Again and Again: Emptying and Filling"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 171: *What Wondrous Love

WONDROUS LOVE

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**

Roper Halverson

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**

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pre - sent
 far too small; love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all! A - men.

***BENEDICTION**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. J. Anderson

Ardmore Brass

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Roper Halverson and Carlos Mir
<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.



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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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Welcoming Bookmarks in April!

This April, our church will be the glad host of two significant lectures sponsored by Bookmarks here in our community! We will welcome Stacey Abrams to speak about her new suspense novel, *Rogue Justice*, on Sunday afternoon, April 7. The following week, we will welcome Anne Lamott to speak about her new book, *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, on April 19. Both of these events are sold-out to the public, and it is a joy to welcome our neighbors into the church house!

April 12 | First Films: A Taxi Driver

Join us on April 12th for the third film in our spring film series: *A Taxi Driver* (2017, 2hr 17mins) Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks provided!

April 6 | Young Adult Supper Club

Young adults are invited to gather for supper club on April 6 at 6:30 pm. We will gather at the home of Bethany Leggett. Reach out to Zack with any dietary restrictions or questions, and RSVP by April 2.

April 14 | Film Screening of BWIM’s *Midwives of a Movement*

On Sunday, April 14, at 9:00am in Kelly Auditorium, all are invited to a documentary film screening of *Midwives of a Movement*, created by Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM). The feature documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists. In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and BWIM are partnering together to present screenings of the film in churches across the state, and we are a delighted host! That morning, we also will have the opportunity to hear Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone, executive director of BWIM, as our guest proclaimer in worship. See the newsletter and website for more information. All are welcome!

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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, March 25

- 10:00 am Older Adult Team meeting (*offsite*)
5:30 pm Building Projects Task Force (*Conference Room*)

TUESDAY, March 26

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
4:30 pm Nominating Committee (*Zoom*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 27

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

THURSDAY, March 28

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Communion
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (*Kelly Auditorium*)

FRIDAY, March 29

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service (*Sanctuary*)

SATURDAY, March 30

SUNDAY, March 31

- 9:30 am Flowering of the Cross, Easter Brunch (*Front Lawn*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

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