

“Anger is the deepest form of care, for another, for the world, for the self, for a life, for the body, for a family and for all our ideals, all vulnerable and all, possibly, about to be hurt. ... the internal living flame of anger always illuminates what we belong to, what we wish to protect and those things for which we are willing to hazard and even imperil ourselves.”

+ David Whyte

You call us – ordinary people with ordinary lives – to be a church dedicated to your purposes, which are at odds with the values of the world. Strengthen us to leave behind all the distortions of life we indulge and to embrace the gift of wholeness and joy you have offered us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

+ Walter Brueggemann



Overturn, Lisle Gwyn Garrity

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 3, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Psalm XIX*

Susan Welch, Organ

B. Marcello

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.

**All: One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Leader: There is no speech; there are no words;
their voices cannot be heard by us.

**All: Yet their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth!**

Leader: Let us not remain silent in the midst of such enthusiastic praise!

All: Let us proclaim the greatness of our God!

***HYMN: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

HANOVER

1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
 3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4. Then let us a - dore and give God his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex -
 nigh, his pres - ence we have; the great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall
 loud and hon - or the Son: the prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro -
 power all wis - dom and might: all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a -

tol; his king - dom is glo - rious, he rules o - ver all.
 sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 claim, fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 2:13-22

Lynn Rhoades

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, on me;
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, on me.

Leader: Holy and compassionate God,
 have mercy on us according to your steadfast love,
 for we have grown complacent in our discipleship.
 Our zeal for your presence has grown cold,
 even while our desire for material things is never satisfied.
 Forgive our apathy and rekindle the fire of your Spirit within us.

RESPONSE

Leader: Passionate Christ, overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing.
 Scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box.
 Correct our misconceptions of piety and order with your fierce passion.
 Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution.
 Raze to ruins all that is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community,
 so that we may truly be the body of Christ in and for the world.

RESPONSE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 1 Corinthians 1:18

Zack Jackson

Leader: For the message about the cross
is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

ANTHEM: Let Us Come to the Table of the Lord

K. Marrolli

Sanctuary Choir

Let us come to the table of God, for the banquet is spread: Cup of Life, Living Bread. Let us feast on the love of our God: Cup of Hope, Bread of Heaven, peace restored, healing given. Let us feast on the love of our God. Let us go to the people of God, granting love, granting grace, in every time and place. Let us go to the people of God. Let us feast on the love of our God. Let us come to the table 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: "Again and Again: Tearing Down and Raising Up"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

HYMN OF RESPONSE 688: *Show Us How to Stand for Justice

PLEADING SAVIOR

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**

Janet Falls

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

*DOXOLOGY

WONDRIOUS 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: *Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy"*

M. Burkhardt

Susan Welch, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Janet Falls and Lynn Rhoades

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!

March 8 | Young Adult Supper Club

Young adults are invited to gather for the first of 3 spring supper clubs on March 8 at 6:30 pm. This will be at the home of Rayce Lamb and Ethan Willis. Reach out to Zack with any dietary restrictions or questions, and RSVP by March 5. Meat and drinks will be provided, but we will do side dishes and desserts potluck-style.

March 8 | First Films: Driveways

Join us Friday at 6:30pm for the second film in our spring series. *Driveways* (2019, 1hr 23 mins) explores the unlikely friendship between a lonesome boy and a retiree while he accompanies

his mother to clean out his late aunt’s house. Admission is free. Popcorn and drinks provided!

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.

Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics

Baraca Room, Tuesdays, 7:30am

Curriculum: The Tuesday morning group will begin a study of *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman on March 5.

Leader: David Williamson, david@firstonfifth.org

March 20 | Older Adult Lunch

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

Benevolence Offering

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund.

Celebrating John Young

First Baptist’s wonderful longtime Facilities Manager, John Young, will be retiring from his work at First Baptist on April 1. John’s impact on our church house and grounds has been immeasurable over the past 14 years. We will celebrate John’s ministry among us in worship during the month of March, and share our gratitude for his exceptional work.

CBF Offering for Global Missions

We join with Cooperative Baptists to collect the CBF Offering for Global Missions on March 10 and 17. We give thanks for the gift to extend the love of Christ around the world!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 3

- 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 First Missions-Kids (*Kelly Auditorium*)

MONDAY, March 4

TUESDAY, March 5

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
10:00 am Carenotes (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Personnel Meeting
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 6

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

THURSDAY, March 7

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

FRIDAY, March 8

- 6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)
6:30 pm Young Adult Supper Club

SATURDAY, March 9

SUNDAY, March 10

- 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*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
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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!



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