



Empty Tomb, by Mike Moyers

But when you can, as you can, hear it again: *“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.”*

Can you hear it? All that has been taken so cruelly will be restored. Christ is risen, the grave is empty, love is eternal, and death’s defeat is sure. Nothing will be lost. Whether or not you can bear this great truth right now doesn’t matter. Christ has given it to you. It is yours.

+ Debie Thomas

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PRELUDE: *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Mov. 1*

J.S. Bach

String Ensemble

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

**All: Sin and death shall reign no more.
Let this place resound with great joy!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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*HYMN 194: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

Christa Chappelle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Jesus' rising from the dead assures us
that we, too, have been given new life.
Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,
certain of God's mercy.

**All: All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are slow to believe in the victory over death
that is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life,
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to the first disciples
and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
so that in every way our work and prayer will serve
to continue and expand the power of the resurrection,
making whole what is broken and bringing peace to our troubled world.
Through the power of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: By the grace of God and witness of the saints,
the good news of Jesus' resurrection has come near.
The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and song.
Let unending praise resound,
for in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, all is forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us share the sign of peace – a peace made possible
through the power of the resurrection:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Sing Unto God*

G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Sing unto God. Let joyful voices raise
a song of gladness with unending praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Zack Jackson

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: "Here & There & Everywhere"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 217: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYMN TO JOY

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

Anna Harris

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

OFFERTORY: *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Mov. 3*

J.S. Bach

String Ensemble

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

*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, Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6*

L. Vierne

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

STRING ENSEMBLE

Violin: Chang Zhang, Brian Ford, Sara Arevalo
Viola: Louise Campbell, Maureen Michels, Laurence Brooke
Cello: Emily Grissing, Natalie Parker, Ryane Dunnagan
Jacob Hill, Harpsichord

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SERVING TODAY

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| <u>Deacon of the Week:</u> | Anna Harris and David Matthews |
| <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!

EASTER LILIES

Given In Memory Of:

Don Stewart by Linda Stewart
Al Amos by Doyce Amos
Danny Brown by Amy McClure & Karen Brown
Daniel Hudgins by Amy McClure & Karen Brown
Emil Nathan III by Nancy Nathan
Alice & Worth Chandler by Nancy Nathan
Lindsay Wall Jr. by Elizabeth Wall & family
George & Betty Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback
Ruby Stainback by Beth & Gene Stainback
Joey Dickens Jr. by Holly & Jeff Kessler
Arnett Harris by Mary Nell Harris
Daniel Hudgins by Liam, Annabelle & Silas McGee
Earline & John Lewis by Barry, Linda & Emily Lewis
Faye & Richard Moore by Barry, Linda & Emily Lewis
Charles & Ellen Tabor by Billy Choe
Barbara Matthews by David Matthews
Betty Carter by Jeff Parker
Joe Thompson by Kara, Leah, Lilah, Flynn, John & Lorelei
Fran Stewart by Kara, Leah, Lilah, Flynn, John & Lorelei
J. Eugene Ryder by Greg Ryder
Bob Owen by Patricia Owen
Fran Stewart by the Gang
Brenda Bennett by Jerry Bennett
Edith Marlow by Jerry Bennett
Daniel Tran Foskett Hudgins by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
J. Kenneth Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
Patricia R. Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins
Anne S. Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins

Margaret & Kelley Griffith by Ross Griffith
Debbie S. Allsbrook by Sibyl & David Smelcer
Janice Shearin by Sibyl & David Smelcer
Mary N. & Dewitt E. Rhoades by Lynn Rhoades
Virginia & Louis V. Garcia II by Louis R. Garcia III
Marion & Robert T. Davis by Gary S. Davis & Carol D. Brothers
Prudence (Bobbi) & Allie L. Davis by Gary S. Davis & Carol D. Brothers
Golda & Shelton O. Tally Sr. by Gary S. Davis & Carol D. Brothers
Sallie Powell by David & Skeeter Joyce
Helen & Beaufort Joyce Sr. by David & Skeeter Joyce
Henry & Reba Falls by Janet Falls

Given In Honor Of:

Doug & Patty McClure by Amy McClure & Karen Brown
Kathy Brown by Amy McClure & Karen Brown
Sarah & Russell Talley by Marc Miller & Chris Horsman
Ann D. Ryder by Greg Ryder
Emily Hull McGee & family by Patricia Owen
David Williamson by Patricia Owen
David & Joani Hughes by Patricia Owen
Pastoral Staff by Paul & Sara Sinal
Buck Powell by David & Skeeter Joyce
Florence & Walter Wiley by Janet Falls
Marshall Price by Janet Falls

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

Affinity Groups in April and May

We are delighted to offer affinity groups of all sorts this spring in an effort to draw together our members into meaningful spaces of connection! An affinity group is a small group of people led by church members that share a common interest or an "affinity" in a wide range of hobbies, activities, or life stages, and gather regularly to enjoy them. These groups aren't intended to replace your Sunday School or small group, nor to draw you away from worship, discipleship, fellowship, or service. Rather, these affinity groups help us live into the joy of play, while getting to know each other in fresh and fun ways! A complete schedule of affinity groups is available on our website; groups for walking, running, hiking, yoga, dog parks, board games, birding, and arts and crafts will be available this spring!

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 6 | Young Adult Supper Club

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

April 7 | Welcoming Dr. Corey D. B. Walker, Guest Proclaimer

On Sunday, April 7, we are deeply grateful to welcome our guest preacher for the morning, Dr. Corey D. B. Walker. A scholar committed to a broad and inclusive vision of human flourishing, Corey D. B. Walker is Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities, and Inaugural Director of the Program in African American Studies. He is the 2023-2024 Phi Beta Kappa Frank M. Updike Memorial Scholar.

An academic and ordained American Baptist minister, Dean Walker is a widely-respected leader whose research, teaching, and public scholarship spans the areas of African American philosophy, critical theory, ethics, and religion and American public life.

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 14 | Film Screening of BWIM's *Midwives of a Movement*

On Sunday, April 14, at 9:00 am 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!

April 14 | Mochas with Mac

Mochas with Mac is back! All children in grades 1st - 5th are invited to a gathering with Pastor Amy Mac at Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Kids will get hot chocolate unless otherwise directed by parents. There is no cost to families. Please RSVP in your newsletter and contact Pastor Amy with questions.

April 16 | Community-Wide Lecture with Dr. Bettina Love, 7:00pm

First on Fifth has been one of a broad coalition of community partners with Equity Forsyth – churches, faith communities, WSFCS school system, colleges and universities, and education-based nonprofits – who are gathering to host Dr. Bettina Love for a lecture on Tuesday night, April 16, at 7:00 pm at Union Baptist Church. Dr. Love's new book, *Punished for Dreaming: The Case for Abolitionist Teaching and Educational Reparations*, and her work supporting parents and teachers impacted by the injustice of educational reforms toward Black children will form the basis for the lecture. Stay tuned for news about a community-wide book study of *Punished for Dreaming* in May! Tickets for the event are going fast; reserve yours at <https://givebutter.com/bettinalovews>.

April 17 | Older Adult Brunch

The next older adult fellowship gathering is Wednesday, April 17 at Carriage House. Please join us at 9:30 am and invite a friend to join us! If you've never been, this is the perfect opportunity to join us. RSVP in your newsletter.

April 21 | First Impressions, 9:15am

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect, get involved in ministry, and join the church. This First Impressions gathering will be hosted by the New Member Ministry Team and held on April 21 from 9:15-10:30 am in the Commons. Please RSVP to Zack at zack@firstonfifth.org!

April 21 | Snacks with Mac

All children in Pre-K and K are invited to a special Sunday school time with Pastor Amy Mac and Ms. Mary Kaylor as we enjoy some special treats and a field trip around the church house to learn more about all the things we see in worship. No RSVP required. We look forward to seeing our little ones!

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!

April 24 | Spring Book Series Begins

April 24, May 1, 8, & 22, Baraca Room, 12-1 pm
Why should Christians be concerned about the environment? Come join us for a 4-week exploration of Creation Care using scripture and the book *Making Peace With the Land: God's Call to Reconcile With Creation* by Norman Wirzba and Fred Bahnson. Copies will be available for purchase for \$12 during the Coffee and Conversation time in the Commons before worship on April 7, 14, and 21 and can be acquired through Amazon. Interested participants are encouraged to read the first two chapters, as time allows, before our April 24th session.

April 26 | Young Adult Supper Club

Young adults are invited to gather for supper club on April 26 at 6:30 pm at the home of Kelly Rowe-Jones and Ryan Jones. Reach out to Zack with any dietary restrictions or questions, and RSVP by April 22nd.

April 28 | New Member Meet and Greet

New Member Meet & Greet serves as a semi-annual gathering for new members who have joined the church to meet and become further acquainted with one another. We will gather next for this purpose on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 pm at the home of David and Jane Hull. Light refreshments will be served. Please let Zack know by Wednesday, April 24, if you would like to take part by emailing him at zack@firstonfifth.org!

April 30 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, April 30, 2024, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. See the newsletter for reports and more info!

May 19 | Church Picnic at Leinbach Park

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic on Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday! As we celebrate the birthday of the church, we invite you to a big ol' birthday party! We'll gather at Leinbach Park on Sunday, May 19, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The church will provide meat and drinks; please bring a side or dessert to share! Kids can enjoy the great playground, and we'll all celebrate the gift of our church family. All are welcome! RSVP in your newsletter.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 31

9:30 am Flowering of the Cross, Easter Brunch
(Front Lawn)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary & online)

MONDAY, April 1

Easter Monday- Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, April 2

7:30 am Devotional Classics (Baraca Room)

10:00 am Care Notes (Commons)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, April 3

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, April 4

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (online)

FRIDAY, April 5

SATURDAY, April 6

6:30 pm Young Adult Supper Club

SUNDAY, April 7

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)

3:00 pm Bookmarks Event (Sanctuary)

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