

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

+ John Newton

La guérison l'aveugle né, Corinne Vonaesch



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Arioso*

Jacob Hill, Organ

C. Phillips

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Jesus, Stand Among Us*

Sanctuary Choir

F. Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power; let this time of worship be a hallowed hour. Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zack Jackson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them to the Risen Lord!

Leader: Remind us, O Lord, of the blessings we enjoy as your people:
to come to you in these moments of worship,
to confess our sins,
to receive your forgiveness and offer the same to others;

**All: to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits,
to rest in your eternal promises.**

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes to see you.

All: Open our ears to hear you.

Leader: Open our hearts to follow you.

All: Open our mouths to sing your praise!

*HYMN 215: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 9:1-11

Kelly King

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

(Please read in unison.)

**God of joy, God of life, God of all things new,
we come to you as people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasure
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the resurrection life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it with others.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so deep that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
In the name of the Risen Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As God has granted us peace through the forgiveness of our sins,
so let us offer it freely to one another:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. L Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around. Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new. When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down; There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around. O worship the King, all glorious above; and gratefully sing God's wonderful love. Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord, our God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ka'thy Gore Chappell

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: "Who Sinned?: Transforming Power and Authority"

Meredith Stone

HYMN OF RESPONSE 395: *Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

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**

Linda Jones

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**

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: *Marche Triomphale*

B. Steane

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Linda Jones and Kelly King
<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

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 7:00pm 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 or contact Amy McClure.

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 all the little ones!

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 | Welcoming Rev. Tim Hughes Williams, Guest Proclaimer

Next week, we're delighted to welcome the last of our three guest preachers this spring with Rev. Tim Hughes Williams. Tim is a child of our church (and of David and Joani Hughes!), and has recently completed his pastorate at Light Street Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. We are overjoyed to have Tim join us in worship!

April 26 | Young Adult Supper Club

Young adults are invited to gather for supper club on April 26 at 6:30 pm. We will gather 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 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. In addition to regular quarterly business, the Church will be considering a resolution to authorize the estate executor to sell real estate gifted to FBC (and several other organizations) by Fran Stewart. This action has to be authorized by FBC in order to move forward with settling the estate. See the newsletter for reports and more info!

Affinity Groups

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! Many of these groups will begin meeting this week. A complete schedule of affinity groups is available on our website as well as links to RSVP!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for April are Pancake Mix and Syrup. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, April 14

- 9:00 am *Midwives of A Movement* Screening
- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*children*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:30 pm Deacons Meeting
- 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (*Offsite*)

MONDAY, April 15

- 5:30 pm Slow Flow/Restorative Yoga Affinity Group (*Kelly*)
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, April 16

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee
- 7:00 pm Dr. Bettina Love Community Event (*offsite*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, April 17

- 9:30 am Older Adult Brunch
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, April 18

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 11:00 am Older Adult Team Meeting
- 12:00 pm Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 6:00 pm Running Affinity Group (*Salem Lake*)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY, April 19

- 12:00 pm Communications/Outreach Team
- 7:00 pm Bookmarks Event

SATURDAY, April 20

- 8:30 am Birding Affinity Group
- 11:00 am Hiking Affinity Group (*Hanging Rock*)

SUNDAY, April 21

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:15 am First Impressions (*Commons*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth and Children (*in person*)
- 9:30 am Snacks with Mac
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 3:00 pm Arts and Crafts Affinity Group

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