



### To Come Home to Yourself

May all that is unforgiven in you  
Be released.

May your fears yield  
Their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is un-lived in you  
Blossom into a future  
Graced with love.

+ John O'Donahue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

*New In Christ*, Lauren Wright Pittman

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Choral*

Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Peters

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3

Chris Ashman

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**All: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**All: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;

**All: And let us exalt God's name together!**

\*HYMN 339: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have strayed from your ways.  
Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.  
You gave us the earth for our home,  
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.  
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.  
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,  
but we break your law and forsake your love.  
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.  
Draw our wandering hearts back to you  
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Holly Kessler

Leader: Celebrate this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *Break Forth, O Joyful Heart*

D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart, and make His goodness known, Who  
all thy life, though undeserved, such love to thee has shown. Break forth,  
break forth, O joyful heart, break forth, no longer silent be; break forth, break  
forth in grateful praise to Him Who came to ransom thee. 'Twas Jesus sought  
my wandering soul, and with a shepherd's care He brought me kindly to His  
fold, and still protects me there. My soul shall magnify the Lord. My voice His  
love proclaim, and every power within me join to bless and praise His name.

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: "Coming To Ourselves"**

**Tim Hughes Williams**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 295: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**NETTLETON**

*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**

**Sheree 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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Emily Hull McGee**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Tim Hughes Williams**

**POSTLUDE: *Tuba Tune***

**C.S. Lang**

**Jacob Hill, Organ**

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Sheree Jones and Holly Kessler  
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**All Nature Sings- Worship This Spring**

This spring at First on Fifth, we will spend focused attention in April and May on God's wide, holy creation and how we repair and reconcile our place within it. Our worship will be accompanied by an adult book study and related conversations about the urgent call of our faith to cultivate the world God so loves, particularly as our planet is under such significant threats. Using the Psalms as our guide, we will experience again the joy that "all nature sings" praise to God from whom all blessings flow!

April 28

*All Nature Sings: Sky*  
Psalm 19

May 5

*All Nature Sings: Land*  
Psalm 104

May 12

*All Nature Sings: Water*  
Psalm 65

May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

*All Nature Sings: Humans*  
Psalm 139

May 26

*All Nature Sings: Planet Earth*  
Psalm 148

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**April 21 | Good Neighbor Team Info Session**

The needs of World Relief are great since more refugees are making Winston Salem their home! A 2nd Good Neighbor team is being formed. If you are interested in learning more about being on a Good Neighbor Team, join Linda Jones in the Commons for a 20 min information session today, immediately following worship.

**April 24 | Spring Book Series Begins**

Why should Christians be concerned about the environment? 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. Interested participants are

encouraged to read the first two chapters, as time allows, before our April 24th session. This study will meet April 24, May 1, 8, & 22 in the Baraca Room, from 12:00- 1:00pm.

**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 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](mailto:zack@firstonfifth.org)

**April 30 | Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics**

The Tuesday morning group will begin a study of *The Seeker and the Monk* by Saphronia Scott on April 30 at 7:30am in the Baraca Room. For more information or to enroll in the class please contact David Williamson, [david@firstonfifth.org](mailto:david@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. 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!

**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 21

- 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 Arts and Crafts Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

MONDAY, April 22

- 5:00 pm Policy Committee
- 5:30 pm Slow Flow Yoga (*Kelly*)

TUESDAY, April 23

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

WEDNESDAY, April 24

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Making Peace with the Land Study (*Baraca*)
- 1:00 pm Building Projects Task Force (*Baraca*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, April 25

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 12:00 pm Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 6:00 pm Running Affinity Group (*offsite*)
- 7:00 pm Vinyasa Yoga (*Kelly*)

FRIDAY, April 26

- 6:30 pm Young Adult Supper Club (*offsite*)
- 7:00 pm Board Games Affinity Group (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, April 27

- 10:00 am Dog Park Affinity Group (*Jamison Park*)

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- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 4:00 pm New Member Meet and Greet (*offsite*)

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