

"It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky. Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears."

+ Helen Keller



The Dawn of Justice, Lisle Gwynn Garrity

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *This Is My Father's World*

Jill Knight and Jerri Thompson, Piano

arr. L. Shackley

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN 345: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Zack Jackson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE WONDER OF CREATION: *Sky*

Rick Matthews

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 19

Lee Loftis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Baxley

Leader: In contrast to God's clear word, our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves. Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts; for God's mercy is as wide as the sky. Let us pray:

**All: God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed,
and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us, and restore us;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, the living Word. Let us desire nothing but Jesus, for in him we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Give Me Jesus*

arr. T. Manor

Sanctuary Choir

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I am alone, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steve Loftis

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: “All Nature Sings: Sky”

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 59: *My Lord Is Near Me All the Time

FOREST PARK

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**

Carol Wilkinson

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**

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: *Sortie*

T. Dubois

David Williamson, Organ

***Those who are able will please stand.**

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Carol Wilkinson and John Baxley

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

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!

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 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

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!

May 9 | Community-wide Book Study

Would you like a deeper dive into the ideas presented by Dr. Bettina Love? Join with other participants on four Thursday evenings in May to discuss, plan, and imagine equitable educational opportunities in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The conversation will center on Dr. Love's latest book: *Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal*. The Study will meet on May 9, 16, 23, & 30, from 6:00-7:00pm in Kelly. Sign up at the link in your newsletter, spots are limited!

May 15 | Older Adult Lunch - Meet our Communications Team!, 11:30 am

Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and a great program led by our new Communications Team, Ryan Jones and Olena Withrow! A meal will be provided with a recommended donation (Cash or check). A basket for donations will be available, and as always, payment is not required, but appreciated! RSVP in your newsletter

May 15 | Pride Festival Planning

The Communications/Outreach Ministry Team is delighted to begin our planning for this year's Pride Parade and Festival, to be held downtown on Saturday, June 22. We need your help! All who are interested in helping to shape our church's presence at Pride this year are invited to a planning meeting on Wednesday, May 15, from 5:00-6:15pm in the Commons. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Come with your ideas and excitement!

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 5:00-7:00pm. 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, April 28

- 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*)
- 4:00 pm New Member Meet and Greet (*offsite*)

MONDAY, April 29

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

TUESDAY, April 30

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 6:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 1

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

THURSDAY, May 2

- 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, May 3

SATURDAY, May 4

- 4:30 pm Dog Park Affinity Group (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, May 5

- 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*)
- 12:00pm Deacon's Meeting

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