



They may be overridden with fear and trembling, but their story does not end here. There is a way forward. In this liminal space, once again, God proclaims that their fear—this new, uncertain way—is still held within the promise of resurrection. For this, I believe, is the promise of this life: that the story of creation happens again and again.

+ From the artist's statement of Lisle Gwynn Garrity

The Promise, Lisle Gwynn Garrity

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 7, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Offertoire, O filii et filiae*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J-F. Dandrieu

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 133

David Williamson

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like costly anointing oil flowing down the head and beard,
flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.
It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**All: Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith
so that we, in unity, may welcome the Risen One among us.**

*HYMN 210: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

DUKE STREET

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

Tommy Henley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zack Jackson

Leader: If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**All: You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood;
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.
Have mercy on us and help our unbelief.
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear,
so that we may come to trust in you and have life.
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 1 John 2:1-2

Olena Withrow

Leader: My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin,
we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous,
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Just as Jesus pronounced God's shalom in his appearance
to the first disciples, so we offer the blessing of peace
to one another with these words:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope, one Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, one voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emily Hull McGee

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: "A Church For All People "

Dr. Corey D.B. Walker

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *Morning Has Broken*

arr. S. Tucker

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

HYMN OF RESPONSE 271: *Christian People, Sing Together

JUBILEE

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**

Joanne Henley

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

Zack Jackson

***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**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Toccata*

D. Gawthrop

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Joanne Henley and Jill Knight
<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

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.

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

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!

April 11 | Tending to the End : Legal session with Jason Cogdill

Please join us next Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 am for the follow-up session from our Tending to the End series with legal expert, Jason Cogdill. No sign-up is required, but we invite you to join us via zoom.

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 | 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.

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 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!

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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, April 8

- 5:30 pm House and Grounds Meeting

TUESDAY, April 9

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, April 10

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

THURSDAY, April 11

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 6:00 pm Passport Kids Parents Meeting (*Zoom*)

FRIDAY, April 12

- Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering
- 6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, April 13

- Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering

SUNDAY, April 14

- 9:00 am *Midwives of A Movement* Screening
- 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*)

OFFICE HOURS

- Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
- Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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