

I am often struck by the dangerous narcissism fostered by spiritual rhetoric that pays so much attention to individual self-improvement and so little to the practice of love within the context of community.

+ bell hooks

So let us pick up the stones over which we stumble,
friends, and build altars
Let us listen to the sound of breath in our bodies.
Let us listen to the sounds of our own voices,
of our own names, of our own fears.
Let's claw ourselves out from the graves we've dug.
Let's lick the earth from our fingers.
Let us look up and out and around.
The world is big and wide and wild and wonderful
and wicked,
And our lives are murky, magnificent, malleable,
and full of meaning.
Oremus. Let us pray.

+ Pádraig Ó'Tuama



Pentecost, Jen Norton

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. J. Honore

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir
Jacob Hill, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Liam McGee

Dear God, we thank you for creating humans; parents, grandparents and friends.
Thank you God for being with us wherever we go. Forgive us when we make fun
of others - remind us that they are your creation too. Amen.

Written by the 1st-5th Grade Class

HYMN 225: *On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

A STORY OF GOD'S CALLING

Kyle Caudle

ANTHEM: *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

T. Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name: Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 139:1-14, 23-24

Nikki Byers

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**All: You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**All: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**All: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

All: Have mercy on me, a sinner.

In the spirit of Pentecost, you will hear the Jesus prayer in a variety of languages:

Cyrus Bush, Korean; Angel Ananaba, Igbo; Richard Downs, Spanish.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN 226: *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

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: "All Nature Sings: Humans"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 29: *God Has Given Us Creation*

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

Chris Gambill

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

A BLESSING FOR ZACK JACKSON

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Linda Jones

*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: *Phoenix Processional*

D. Locklair

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in celebration and honor of the Ordination of Jill Knight.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Chris Gambill and Nikki Byers
<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

May 19 | Church Picnic at Leinbach Park

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic this evening, 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 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!

Deacon Recommendation Forms Due May 19

Today is the deadline to submit Deacon Recommendation forms! All active members of First Baptist on Fifth are invited to recommend a slate of eight deacons for their consideration and election to serve in the 2025-2027 term. Deacons at First on Fifth are our church's primary servant leaders, offering guidance for our beloved community on matters of spiritual discernment and doing so with a collaborative spirit. Each Deacon is assigned a handful of individuals and families in our church to offer compassion, care, and help when needed. Boxes to submit your forms can be found in the Sanctuary, narthex, and church office. Thank you for your participation in recommending these beloved friends to the service of Deacon!

Summer Supper Club Sign-up Deadline- May 19

This summer, you are invited by the New Member Ministry Team to take part in supper clubs during the months of June, July, and August. These small, intergenerational groups will gather periodically for meals and fellowship. We offer this opportunity as a way for those in our church to meet one another and become better acquainted, whether they have been part of our community for a short time or many years. You can sign up in your newsletter or at the church picnic in person.

Resources for Prayer and Reflection Around Mother's and Father's Day

For so many, Mother's Day and Father's Day are filled with the heartache of grief, loss, infertility, trauma, isolation, and fear. For any who need gentle, quiet space to pray and reflect, an

assortment of resources will be available for your self-guided use in the prayer room from May 12 - June 16. The prayer room remains open on Sundays and throughout the week, and is located on the 2nd floor by the church offices and just a few steps away from the Sanctuary.

Graduate Recognition Info Roundup

If you or a family member of yours is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate with you! Please send the following information to Olena Withrow (olena@firstonfifth.org) by Tuesday, May 28 for inclusion in the June 2 worship guide: name, school of graduation, degree completed, and relationship to you (i.e. child, grandchild, etc.). Thank you for helping us to celebrate our graduates!

June 8 | NC Zoo For All Ages

The children's ministry team invites people of all ages to join us at the NC Zoo in Asheboro on Saturday, June 8 starting at 9:00am where we will meet at the Africa entrance of the zoo. Tickets are \$10/person for ages 2 and older. Babies, 1-year-olds, and season pass holders are free! **If you have previously signed up, please do so again at the updated link in your newsletter by May 31.**

June 26 | Older Adult Hymn sing in the park!

Join us for a Hymn Sing at Leinbach Park at 11:30am! Jake Hill will join us with his keyboard and hymnals and will take song selections from you. Start thinking about what you want to request! An RSVP is required for this event so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone. Donations on the day of the event are appreciated, but not required.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for May are Spices. (Cinnamon, Cumin, Salt, Pepper, Vanilla extract, Basil, Tajin, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 19

- 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*)
- 5:00 pm Church Picnic (*offsite*)

MONDAY, May 20

- 5:30 pm Slow Flow Yoga (*Kelly*)
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee (*online*)

TUESDAY, May 21

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee
- 6:30 pm Reynolda Walking Group (*offsite*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 22

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

THURSDAY, May 23

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 11:30 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 6:00 pm Community Wide Book Study
- 6:00 pm Running Affinity Group (*offsite*)
- 7:00 pm Vinyasa Yoga (*Kelly*)

FRIDAY, May 24

SATURDAY, May 25

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

SUNDAY, May 26

- 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*)

OFFICE HOURS

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