"God is always sending us people to disturb us – to wake us up, to yank our chains, to set us on fire – because about the worst thing that can happen to us, religiously speaking, is for us to hold perfectly still without changing a thing until we turn into fossils. God is not behind us, holding us back. God is ahead of us, calling us forward. God is all around us, speaking to us through the most unlikely people."

+ Barbara Brown Taylor



In the Wheat Fields, Friedrich Wilhelm Wehle

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, July 7, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Messe pour les Couvents, Tierce en taille Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Couperin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

David Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather on this Lord's Day, about the Lord's table

to celebrate with thanksgiving

the saving acts and presence of Christ:

All: who touches us with healing and makes us whole;

Leader: who teaches us God's love and brings us to life;

All: who washes us in baptism's waters and frees us from sin;

Leader: who reconciles us to God and unites us with others;

All: who feeds us with bread and wine and comes to us;

Leader who shapes us as servants and equips us for ministry.

All: Blessing, glory, and honor be to God forever.

Leader: Let us worship God who is holy goodness.

Let us bring our praises to the God of deepest reality.

All: We come offering ourselves to God in awesome wonder:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; all the earth is full of your glory.

*HYMN 1: Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Sanctuary Choir

Come to the water on this holy day. Our Lord has called us, we come to obey. Follow the One who has shown us the way. Live in God's kingdom forever. Here as we meet at the water's face, we come to celebrate wonderful grace, And as we come, we discover our place, joined with God's family forever.

THE ORDINANCE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Annabelle McGee

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

Sam Lawrence

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God,

whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

All: Awesome and powerful God,

your Son Jesus Christ taught us

that power belongs to you.

Yet you willingly share your power with us, giving us the authority to work for good –

healing the sick and restoring relationships.

Forgive us when we use power

to dominate people and nations, exploiting them,

creating division and accumulating wealth.

Teach us a new way,

so that we may have a part in changing the world, and announcing the good news of your kingdom.

For you alone are the source of all wisdom,

power, and authority.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: The holy meal we are privileged to share today

is the sign and symbol of our forgiveness.

Hear this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Reconciled to God and one another.

let us share the ritual of a forgiven people:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sanctuary Choir

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Jones

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: "Defying Norms: Loosening Our Grip"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 466: Jesus, at Your Holy Table

BEACH SPRING

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

Roper Halverson

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 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: Festival Trumpet Tune D. German

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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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. Deacons will be available at all three exit doors to receive your contribution. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund. Any cash offering received today that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Roper Halverson and Linda Jones

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. Any cash offering received today that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Defying Norms: Worship This Summer

All throughout his life, Jesus was something of a rule-breaker! Unwilling to accept the way things always had been and uncompromising in his commitment to God's dream for the world, Jesus challenged the status quo for the sake of Love. In the norm-departing season of summer, as schedules shift and responsibilities relax, we'll look to the Gospel of Mark's accounts of Jesus in a series called "Defying Norms," and consider how we can do the same.

July 14

Defying Norms: The Risks of Getting Political Mark 6:14-29 Kyle Caudle, proclaimer

July 21

Defying Norms: Disconnect and Heal Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Amy McClure, proclaimer

July 28

Children and Youth Led Worship

July 7-12 | PASSPORT Youth

Please be in prayer for the 6 youth and 2 chaperones as they prepare for PASSPORTchoices summer camp. They will be heading to Converse University in Spartanburg, SC for a week of creative discipleship, group activities, and worship designed to help cultivate their unique identity as followers of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support!

July 12 | First Films: Summer Series

On July 12, we are back for our second film of the summer! Join us at 6:30 pm in Kelly Auditorium, as we discover or rediscover classic American comedies. Our second film will be *One, Two, Three* (1961) Admission is free, Popcorn and drinks are provided!

July 19 | Churchwide Trip to the W-S Dash

Join your church family at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game on Friday, July 19, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and include food, a seat in the shade behind the 3rd base dugout, and fireworks! To reserve your ticket, please RSVP in your newsletter. Should you have any questions, contact Pastor Amy. Thanks!

July 28 | Children and Youth-Led Passport Worship

On Sunday, July 28 in worship, we will all have the delight to experience a glimpse into Passport camp, led fully by the two dozen campers and chaperones for children and youth who will be experiencing camp this year. Passport's theme for this summer, "Come to the Water," orients participants to Jesus who is the water of life. Join us for this special time of worship!

August 4 | Churchwide Sunday School Begins

In keeping with their tradition of offering time over the summer in churchwide Sunday School, the Adult Ministry Team is hosting this year's church wide study in August! Featuring four wonderful voices working on creation care and climate justice, this opportunity to learn is open to everyone, including regularly-gathering small groups, Sunday School classes, and guests. Join us!

August 4

Stan Meiburg

August 11

Jill Knight

August 18

Luke Johnston

August 25

Norman Wirzba

August 4 | First Impressions

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 a lunch hosted by the New Member Ministry Team and held on August 4 following worship in Kelly. Please RSVP in your newsletter and reach out to Mary Kaylor with any questions.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for July are Canned Pastas. (Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, Ravioli, Beefar oni, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, July 7 Passport Youth

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)

MONDAY, July 8 Passport Youth

TUESDAY, July 9 Passport Youth

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, July 10 Passport Youth

1:00 pm Building Projects Task Force (Baraca)

THURSDAY, July 11 Passport Youth

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship10:00 am Walking Affinity Group

FRIDAY, July 12 Passport Youth

6:30 pm First Films (Kelly)

SATURDAY, July 13

SUNDAY, July 14

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)12:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Kelly)3:30 pm Missions Committee

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