

"To eat and drink with the Lord at his table illuminates all your meals. Your morning breakfast is no longer the eggs and bacon and soggy cornflakes of the humdrum and the routine; it is transformed into a banquet to be eaten with glad and generous hearts. The morning coffee break, the noonday snack on the assembly line, the sandwich between mowing the hayfields, the evening meal around the family dinner table – all can be done to the glory of God, in response to this glory which is revealed to us in our eating and drinking. All eating can be eucharistic – in joy and thanks." + Will Willimon

Bread of Life, Kennedy Paizs

# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, August 11, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Come Away to the Skies

G. Shearing

Jacob Hill, Organ

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** 

**Emily Hull McGee** 

CALL TO WORSHIP Iris Mann

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

All: Christ is the true bread of heaven,

the manna of freedom.

Let us worship and give thanks!

\*HYMN 33: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**CWM RHONDDA** 

PASSING OF THE PEACE Mary Kaylor

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 51:1-13

Mallory Challis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

# Sanctuary Choir

Set me as a seal upon Your heart, O God, for love is as strong as death. The waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon Your heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a strong spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Restore unto me the joy of salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit. Then I'll teach Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You. Set me as a seal upon Your heart, O God, for love is as strong as death. The waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon Your heart.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Richard Groves** 

# 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.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:24-35

Steve Smith

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Wonder Bread"

Emily Hull McGee

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 274: As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

**MERLE'S TUNE** 

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

Nikki Byers

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** 

**BIBLE PRESENTATIONS** 

Amy McClure

# BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

# Amy McClure, Josh McGee, Kyle Caudle

Leader:

God, we thank you for each student and educator who is here today. You love them no matter what and ask them to follow you. We have watched these students grow and mature and we've watched our educators stay faithful in their call. We pray for and bless them as they begin a new school year. May they follow your ways as they learn, teach, have fun, meet new friends and colleagues, and experience this new year. As they begin this year, what do you ask of them?

Pastoral Staff:

To do justice: may they stand up for others. May they look for needs around them and offer compassion and care. As they see friends and meet new people may they show your great love and help everyone feel welcome and included.

Parents, siblings, spouses: To love kindness: may they be eager to help their friends, families, and everyone they meet, not because they have to help, but because they want to show kindness. May they share encouragement and compassion.

Congregation: To walk humbly with God: may they journey with you each day. May they be thankful, respectful of others, and willing to listen. May they be gracious when things are good and when things are tough. May they not take themselves too seriously but take your ways seriously. Amen.

**Leader**: We bless you today, students and educators, as you seek to **do justice, love** 

**kindness**, and **walk humbly** with God.

**Congregation**: We promise to pray for you as you start a new school year.

**Leader**: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

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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: Fanfares, Suite No. 1

C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able will please stand.

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#### **SERVING TODAY**

Deacon of the Week: Nikki Byers and Steve Smith

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**

#### **Soul Food: Worship in August**

John 6 gives us a steady diet of Jesus talking about bread. From the food fed unexpectedly to thousands to the "bread of life" Jesus claims to be, this August we have a feast to consider in worship. Paired with the meaningful conversations about sustainability we'll have in churchwide Sunday School, "Soul Food" will guide our worship over these weeks. We gather together around the table as we dine with the One in whom all might never hunger again.

# August 18

Giving Up a Shelf-Stable Faith John 6:35, 41-51

#### August 25

Bread and Circuses John 6:51-69

# **August Churchwide Sunday School Series**

The Adult Ministry Team is hosting this year's churchwide study each Sunday 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. Churchwide group will meet in Kelly Auditorium at 9:30am.

#### August 18

Luke Johnston, "Religion and Ecology: Community Responses." Johnston serves as Associate Professor of Religion and Environment at Wake Forest University in the Department for the Study of Religions.

#### August 25

Norman Wirzba, "Loving the World that God Loves." Wirzba is a Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology and Senior Fellow at the Kenan Institute of Ethics at Duke University. He is author of multiple books, including Making Peace with the Land (co-authored with Fred Bahnson) and the recent, Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land.

#### August 20 | Young Adult Tacos & Trivia, 6:30pm

All young adults are invited to gather for an evening of fun trivia at Radar Brewing and enjoy tacos from El Taco Vaquero food truck. Let Mary Kaylor (mary@firstonfifth.org) know if you plan to attend!

# August 18 | Children's Pool Party, 2:00-4:30pm

All children and their parents are invited to an impromptu pool party at Roper Halverson's house on Sunday afternoon, August 18 from 2:00-4:30pm. More details will be in your email! Contact Amy Mac with any questions.

# August 12 | Sounds of the Summer Pipe Organ Concert Series, 7:00pm

We gather in the Sanctuary to host "Ending at the Beginning", the closing concert of Winston's Sounds of the Summer Pipe Organ Series. John Cummins, Susan Foster and our own Jake Hill will perform an exciting program on our Sanctuary Organ!

# August 19 | Building Project Q&A, 6:30pm

Following last week's Building Project Task Force presentation, all are welcome to attend a time of Q&A with members of the Building Project Task Force and pastoral staff. There will be no presentation; rather, this is time simply to ask any further questions you may have about the proposed building project in advance of the called church conference on September 4. This gathering will be hybrid (in-person in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom).

# August 24 | Serve Together

Join us for Serve Together, a churchwide missions event in Kelly Auditorium on Saturday, August 24 from 9am to 1pm. That morning we will transform Kelly Auditorium into a missions hub with projects for all ages--from kids to youth to older adults. We'll complete hands-on missions projects like packing food boxes for Crisis Control, cleaning and organizing at the Dwelling, preparing educational materials for staff at Ashley Academy, assembling toiletry kits for those in need, and writing notes of encouragement to public school teachers. This event will conclude with a lunch where we'll hear stories from local missions partners. Please RSVP by August 18 on Realm (including if you need child care) or contact Kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

# **Seeking Donations** | **Crisis Control**

The gift for August is Toilet Paper. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

#### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 11

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)

Blessing of the Backpacks

12:15 pm Deacons Meeting (Kelly)

MONDAY, August 12

7:00 pm Sounds of the Summer Organ Concert

7:00 pm Missions Committee

TUESDAY, August 13 Staff Retreat (Offsite)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, August 14 Staff Retreat (Offsite)

THURSDAY, August 15

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (online)

FRIDAY, August 16

SATURDAY, August 17

SUNDAY, August 18

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)

2:00 - 4:30pm - Children's pool party at Roper's

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