



“This is where the trolley stops . . . Without Jesus we are stuck with two options: utopian illusion or deadly despair. I scorn illusion. I dread despair. So I put all my money on Jesus.”

+ Lewis Smedes

“And it does me good to do what’s *difficult*. That doesn’t stop me having a tremendous need for, shall I say the word — for religion — so I go outside at night to paint the stars...”

+ Vincent Van Gogh

Cafe Terrace at Night, Vincent Van Gogh

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 25, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Adagio*

Jacob Hill, Organ

H. Willan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84: 1-4

David Williamson

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

*HYMN 355: *We Praise Thee, O God*

REVIVE US AGAIN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God, you have shown us the way of life
by your gift of the Bread of Life.
But how quickly we turn to other forms of nourishment
that leave us weak and empty.
How easily we are offended by words of truth
that challenge what we believe and how we live.
Forgive our confusion, our lack of faith in you,
our slowness to trust the One who is the Source of life.
Give us courage and strength to follow Jesus and his example,
to hear and respond to his call to a life of justice, kindness, and humility
For through him you have given us the words of eternal life,
and in him we will find rest. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Come Find His Rest*

E. Dewar/arr. D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir
Olana Withrow, Soloist

Come, weary one, leave thy labors; come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend. His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied. Come find his rest. Take his yoke upon thee, for he is gentle and lowly in heart. So learn from Christ the Lord, thy Portion and Reward. Come find his rest. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

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: "Bread and Circuses"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 619: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

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

Minerva Fox

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: *Three Preludes: III. Hyfrydol*

R. Vaughan-Williams

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Minerva Fox and Jill Knight

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. Welcome!

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

September 4 | Called Church Conference: Building Project Vote

Following the Quarterly Church Conference presentation of the Building Project Task Force on August 7, we gather for a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00pm, voting to approve the building project as presented. Should this proposal pass, the church will also vote to authorize partial spending on the project so that work can begin soon. Information about the proposed project has been presented in QCC, shared with the congregation in the newsletter, discussed in a Q&A session, and is now available online at firstonfifth.org. This meeting will be in-person in Kelly Auditorium and online via Zoom. Dinner will be provided for in-person attendees. There is no charge for the meal, though donations to help cover costs will be appreciated. Contact Emily Hull McGee (emily@firstonfifth.org) with any questions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

September 8 | Startup Sunday

We're delighted to begin our new church year alongside the new school year on Startup Sunday, September 8. That morning, we'll enjoy breakfast goodies in Kelly Auditorium at 9:00am, try a new Sunday School class, share in a churchwide art project, see a new video about the proposed building project, and step together into the new year as we live our *Life Together*. Pending the September 4 vote on the building project, we will launch the project's capital campaign this Sunday too! New classes, small groups, music rehearsals, and gatherings for the church year will begin this week. It will be a festive day for our church family; plan now to be a part!

September 13 | First Films: Fall Series

This fall we will feature three stories of family vacations in crisis. These films feature more mature themes, language, and images than our usual fare, so parental guidance is strongly suggested. Our first film will be "The Impossible" (2012), Run Time: *1hr 54mins*. Enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and excitement as these stories unfold in Kelly Auditorium.

September 14 | Young Adult Dinner

Wally & Alice Cox are excited to host our Young Adults for a spaghetti dinner at their home on Saturday, September 14 at 6pm! Please let Mary Kaylor (mary@firstonfifth.org) know by Sept. 12 if you plan to attend.

September 15 | Prayer Partner Care Package Event

All prayer partners will gather in Kelly Auditorium immediately following worship for our annual care package packing event where our prayer partners (all kids K-5 and their older adult prayer partner) join together to pack care packages for our college students and educators. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy at amy@firstonfifth.org

September 29 | First on Fifth 101

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29 for First on Fifth 101! We will meet from 4:00-7:00pm in Kelly Auditorium for a deeper dive into life at First on Fifth. This event will provide essential information about the life of our church, with specific attention given to helping members of our community know how to become more deeply involved in committees, ministry teams, small groups and Sunday School classes, and the church's various ministries. Additional information about finance, budget, and giving will be shared as a means of further orientation to our community and missions partners will be represented as well. Dinner will be provided. All are welcome to attend! RSVP information to come. Contact Mary Kaylor (mary@firstonfifth.org) with any questions.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

Mark Your Calendars!

September 4 – Called Church Conference to vote on building project
September 8 – Startup Sunday
September 13 – First Films
September 15 – Children's Prayer Partner Care Package Event
September 28 – Bookmarks Festival
September 29 – First on Fifth 101
October 6 – World Communion Sunday; Fall Fellowship Pot-Luck
October 11 - First Films
October 12- Young Adult Bonfire
October 25-27 - Youth Fall Beach Retreat

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 25

- 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 Missions Committee (*Conference*)
- 2:00 pm Myers Baby Shower (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, August 26

TUESDAY, August 27

- 4:30 pm Nominating Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 28

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Building Projects Task Force
- 3:00 pm Ann Ryder Funeral

THURSDAY, August 29

- 8:30 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)

FRIDAY, August 30

SATURDAY, August 31

SUNDAY, September 1

- 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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