

“Christianity is a social religion; to turn it into a solitary thing is to destroy it.”

+ John Wesley

Loaves and Fishes, John August Swanson



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 4, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Air*

Jacob Hill, Organ

G. F. Handel

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: Come let us celebrate the supper of the Lord.

All: Let us make a huge loaf of bread and let us bring abundant wine.

Leader: Let many guests come:
the lame, the blind, the poor, the discouraged,
all who hunger and thirst for the life-giving ways of God.

All: Let us feast at the table of the Lord!

*HYMN 303: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

ANTHEM: *Hallelujah, Amen*

G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine, with cherubim
and seraphim harmonious join; and in songs divine harmonious join.
Hallelujah, amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 6:1-21

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mallory Challis

Leader: Too often we close our hearts
to the power and possibilities of God.
Let us be bold to confess our sins and realign our lives
with the abundant life God offers to each of us.

**All: God of abundance,
we come to you as people hungry for good news.
Yet we have been so blind to your miracles
that we have missed the lavish feast you set before us.
Forgive our lack of faith.
Forgive our quick acceptance of limitations
when you offer a life of infinite possibilities.
In thanksgiving we place before you
even our most meager possessions, even fish and bread,
that you might multiply them as gifts to this world. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Ephesians 3:18-21

Pat Thompson

Leader: In Jesus Christ God's abundance is revealed,
every hunger is satisfied,
every sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us share the sign of a forgiven people:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *Room at the Table*

D. Lantz

Sanctuary Choir

There is room at the table, a place at the feast. There is room for each burden you long to release. Every heartache you carry, each private despair; bring them all to the table, surrender them there. There is room for the bread that is broken in two. It is offered for all that is broken in you. Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more. You must only accept; be fully restored. There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine. It is offered to you at this table of mine. Come be filled with remembrance of My sacrifice. All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied. There is room at the table, so come take your place. Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace. Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul. O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Taste and see the grace eternal.

All: Taste and see that God is good.

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: "The World's First Pot-Luck"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 457: *Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed*

REGENT SQUARE

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

Cyrus Bush

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

Kyle Caudle

*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: *Trumpet Tune in Bb*

M. McCabe

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Cyrus Bush and Pat Thompson
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

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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.

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

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 11

Wonder Bread

John 6:24-35

Blessing of the Backpacks

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 5 | Young Adult Lunch - New Time

Recent high school grads, college students, & early career folks are invited to lunch with Mary & Emily on Monday, August 5, at 11:15am. Meet at church and we’ll walk somewhere yummy downtown; let Mary know if you plan to join (mary@firstonfifth.org)!

August 7 | Quarterly Church Conference Features Building Project Presentation, 6:00pm

All are invited to gather for our Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday night, August 7, from 6:00-7:30 pm. This meeting will be hybrid (in-person in Kelly Auditorium and on 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. At the heart of this quarter’s agenda will be a presentation from the Building Projects Task Force, who comes after six months of work with their

recommendation for our church’s upcoming building project. Attendees will hear the outline and priorities of the project, design renderings, cost estimates, and next steps. In addition to this presentation, regular reports will be offered and sent out several days prior, along with the agenda and Zoom link. Please RSVP in your newsletter.

August 9 | First Films: Summer Series

We’ll meet for our final film of the summer, August 9 at 6:30 pm in Kelly Auditorium! Join us for *What’s Up Doc* (1972). Admission is free, Popcorn and drinks are provided!

Blessing of the Backpacks | August 11

Please join us Sunday, August 11 during worship as we bless and commission all of our students and educators for the new school year. Also, all of our rising 2nd graders will receive a new Bible during worship.

August 12 | Sounds of the Summer Pipe Organ Series

Monday night, at 7:00 pm, we’ll 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 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 4

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 First Impressions (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, August 5

11:15 am Young Adult Lunch
12:30 pm Funeral for Lib Austell

TUESDAY, August 6

10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
5:00 pm Personnel Committee
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:00 pm Building Projects Task Force (*Kelly*)
6:00 pm QCC (*Kelly/Online*)

THURSDAY, August 8

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

FRIDAY, August 9

6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, August 10

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*)

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