



Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.
And yet no leaf or grain is filled
By work of ours; the field is tilled
And left to grace. That we may reap,
Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

+ Wendell Berry, *Sabbath Poem 10*

*The Siesta - Rest from Work (after Millet),
Vincent Van Gogh*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 1, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Messe pour les Couvents, Kyrie*

Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Couperin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION

(Please read in unison.)

Kyle Caudle

**God of light and truth,
you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.
Before the brightness of your presence
the angels veil their faces.
With lowly reverence and adoring love
we acclaim your glory and sing your praise,
for you have shown us your truth and love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT: *God Himself Is with Us*

Sanctuary Choir

J. Neander

God himself is with us; let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple, all within keep silence, and before him bow with reverence. Him alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise his name forever. God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding! See the crowds the throne surrounding! "Holy, hoi, holy," hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending! Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16:27-30

Jim Nelson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:28-30

Bethany Leggett

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

N. Sleeth

Cyrus Bush

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace. Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them; He alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved. (*Psalm 127:1-2*)
Let us confess those times when we have failed
to trust God's goodness and abundant provision.

**All: Gracious God,
you have given us the law of Moses
and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.
You offer us your Holy Spirit so that
we may be born to new life as your children.
Yet, O God, we confess our attraction
to the way of our culture,
a way that values success and accomplishment,
often at the cost of our health and our families.
We too quickly accept a life of anxious toil.
Forgive us, God of peace.
Restore us to a healthy rhythm of work and rest,
so that our lives may honor you,
our sustainer and provider. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: Isaiah wrote, "In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and trust shall be your strength."
Cease striving, my friends, and receive the mercy of God.
In Jesus Christ alone we are 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: *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

arr. M. Hayes

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill and Jill Knight, Piano

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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: "Work and Rest"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 461: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

BREAK BREAD

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

Steve Smith

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

David Williamson

*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: *Messe pour les Couvents, Offertoire sur les Grand Jeux*

F. Couperin

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: Steve Smith and Jim Nelson
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

The Church is For...: Worship this Fall

Amidst our country's partisan divides, our differences in identity and ideology, our competing priorities and clashing values, and all that jostles for our attention and our loyalty, it's worth asking the question: *what is church for?* This fall in worship, we'll ask it together and find some answers, both in the key priorities of our upcoming building project and the commitments we share to this treasure of our life together that is gift and grace from God. Join us!

September 8

What is Church For?

James 1:17-27

Startup Sunday

September 15

Church is for Hospitality

James 2:1-10, 14-17

September 22

Church is for Sustainability

James 3:1-12

September 29

Church is for Accessibility

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

October 6

Church is for Legacy

James 5:7-20

World Communion Sunday / Joining Sunday

October 13

Church is for Life Together

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

October 20

We Have this Treasure

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

September 4 | Called Church Conference

Following the Quarterly Church Conference presentation of the Building Project Task Force on August 7, we gather for a Called Church Conference on 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. You

can RSVP for a meal in your newsletter. 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.

September 8 | Startup Sunday

We're delighted to begin our new church year alongside the new school year on Startup Sunday, September 8. 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. Join us for all the festivities!

September 11 | New Choir Year Begins

The Sanctuary Choir will begin a new choir year with our first Wednesday rehearsal on September 11, 6:30-7:45pm in the choir room. Led by David Williamson and Jake Hill, this choir provides music leadership in our weekly Sunday morning worship service and all are welcome to sing with us. Now is a great time to join us! For more information please contact David at david@firstonfifth.org.

September 13 | First Films: Fall Series

Join us at 6:30 pm for our first film of the fall "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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, September 2

Labor Day- Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, September 3

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

WEDNESDAY, September 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Called Church Conference

THURSDAY, September 5

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

FRIDAY, September 6

SATURDAY, September 7

2:00 pm Kaylor/Martin Baby Shower (*Kelly*)

SUNDAY, September 8

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*)
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for September are Instant Grits and Oatmeal. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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