



“Welcome is one of the signs that a community is alive. To invite others to live with us is a sign that we aren’t afraid, that we have a treasure of truth and peace to share.”

+ Jean Vanier

Life Together

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 15, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Gavotte*

Jacob Hill, Organ

S. Wesley

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: Our merciful God, maker of us all,
pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

**All: God of compassion, be present among us.
Open our hearts to demonstrate your grace to others
through Jesus Christ, the Compassionate One.**

*HYMN 2: *Come Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Kelly Rowe-Jones

RESPONSE: *All Are Welcome*

M. Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
all are wel - come in this place.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Joani Hughes

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:1-10

Matt Steen

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

(Please read in unison.)

**God of favor, we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have considered them an inconvenience.
You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we are uncomfortable in the presence of suffering.
Forgive us when we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Forgive us when we have favored the rich over the poor.
Forgive us when we have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Softener our hearts and correct our ways.
Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: God's hospitality and welcome is without condition:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: True hospitality compels us to share
what has been freely given to us:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *The Meditations of My Heart*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

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: "Church is for Hospitality"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 665: *Because I Have Been Given Much*

SEMINARY

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

Anna Harris

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**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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: *Triumph Song*

A. Rowley

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Anna Harris and David Matthews
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. Welcom!

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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ON FIFTH
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 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 15 | Capital Campaign Gatherings

All who are interested in learning more about the *Life Together* campaign are invited to join chair Terri Yates and Pastor Emily for a conversation about our new building project. Gatherings will be at David and Jane Hull's house, one from 3:00-4:00pm, and one from 4:30-5:30pm. Come to either hour! Contact Emily with questions, and RSVP in the newsletter.

September 18 | Older Adult Brunch

The next older adult fellowship gathering is Wednesday, September 18 at Carriage House at 9:30 am. If you plan to attend, please RSVP in your newsletter and invite a friend to come along! If you've never been, this is the perfect opportunity to join us. Reach out to Amy with any questions.

September 22 | First Impressions

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions lunch following worship on 9/22 in Kelly Auditorium. 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. Please RSVP by September 16 in your newsletter or online and reach out to Mary Kaylor with any questions.

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 mission partners will be represented as well. Dinner will be provided. All are welcome to attend! The link to RSVP can be found in your newsletter and on the church website. Contact Mary Kaylor (mary@firstonfifth.org) with any questions.

October 25-27 | Youth Fall Beach Retreat

The annual CBFNC Fall Youth Beach Retreat returns to Fort Caswell in Oak Island the weekend of October 25-27, 2024. First on Fifth youth (grades 6-12) are invited for a weekend filled with worship, Bible study, dance party, and lots of free time to play on the beach! The theme is HOLD ON and will focus on holding on to our identity in Christ. Cost is \$100/student. [RSVP by September 29](#) in your newsletter. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

February 8-15 | Women's Trip to the DR

Planning has begun for the annual women's trip to connect with a long time partner, Mission Emanuel in Cielo, Dominican Republic. If you are interested in joining this trip in 2025, reach out to Lee Anne Stiffler (Istiffle70@gmail.com). More information about this meaningful trip can be found in your newsletter.

Make Your Reservation Now for First on Fifth's Spring Camping Weekend, April 25-27!

The Adult Ministry Team is planning a First on Fifth camping weekend at nearby Morrow Mountain State Park in April. Come for rest, renewal, fellowship and fun! Read more in your newsletter. **In order to make your reservation, please RSVP in your newsletter or on Realm by no later than Sunday, September 29.** [Payment will be collected at a later date.](#)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, September 15

- 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 Prayer Partner Event (*Kelly*)
Youth Lunch and Games (*Baraca*)
- 3:00 pm Capital Campaign Gathering (*Offsite*)
- 4:30 pm Capital Campaign Gathering (*Offsite*)

MONDAY, September 16

- 10:00 am Older Adult Ministry Team Meeting
- 12:00 pm World Relief Advisory Committee

TUESDAY, September 17

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
- 5:00 pm Youth Service Project
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, September 18

- 9:30 am Older Adult Brunch (*Offsite*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 19

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY, September 20

SATURDAY, September 21

- 11:00 am Funeral for David Wilcox (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, September 22

- 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*)
- 12:15 pm First Impressions (*Kelly*)

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