



Leader: Called to place our gifts in God's hands:  
the holy hands from which they came.

**All: Come, great God of All the Ages.  
Make your earthly mission known!**

\*HYMN 5: *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Terri Yates

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 1:17-27

Carlos Mir

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

Kyla Caudle

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: With sincere hearts and minds,  
let us confess our sins before God and the world,  
trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

**All: God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.  
We honor you with our lips,  
but we have not served you in our hearts.  
We have confused meekness with weakness,  
holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit  
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, do not despair:  
by our confession God renews us through the word of truth,  
that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM: *Here I Am, Lord*

D. Schutte/ arr. C Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord; is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Hughes

### 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: "What Is Church For?"

Emily Hull McGee

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 285: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*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

Kelly King

*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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

### \*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*

J. Stanley

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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## SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Kelly King and Carlos Mir

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.

## 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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FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Life Together at First Baptist on Fifth**

*What life have we if we have not life together?* This school year at First on Fifth, “life together” will inform our gatherings, shape our worship, inspire our service, engage our very lives. Join us!

### **September 10 | Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics**

The Tuesday morning group will begin a study of *Community*, a collection of articles and addresses by the late Henri Nouwen on September 10 at 7:30am in the Baraca Room. Books may be ordered on Amazon or from your local bookstore. For more information or to enroll in the class please contact David Williamson, david@firstonfifth.org

### **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**

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. Please RSVP in your email. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy at amy@firstonfifth.org

### **September 15 | Youth Lunch & Games**

All youth are invited for lunch and games in the Baraca Room following worship on September 15. For more information please contact Kyle Caudle at kyle@firstonfifth.org.

### **September 15 | Capital Campaign Gathering**

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 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 missions 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.

### **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, 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 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

MONDAY, September 9

TUESDAY, September 10

- 7:30 pm Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
- 5:00 pm Ministry Funding Plan Meeting
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, September 11

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 12

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 5:00 pm Ministry Funding Plan Meeting

FRIDAY, September 13

- 6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, September 14

- 6:00 pm Young Adult Dinner (*Offsite*)

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*)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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### 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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