



“Why join a church? What is the benefit of church membership? It is about being a member of a body that has things in common, and that has futures in common toward which we are willing to work. Each member is invited to take sustained responsibility for the life and well-being of the whole. That responsibility must be widely held. ... The time is well over in our society when it could be assumed that the church is simply ‘there’ and can be counted on at our convenience. Now we know how fragile the church as a community is, and that it therefore takes attentiveness on the part of all its members. ...I think membership obligates us to each other.”

+ Walter Brueggemann

Life Together

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 13, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Praeludium, op. 51*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J. Dressler

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair,
growth out of difficulty.

**All: We thank you that you do not leave us alone
but labor to make us whole by your endless mercy.**

Leader: Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit
that we may know the joy you give your people.

All: O God beyond all praising, we worship you today!

*HYMN 366: *O God Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Colin Loftis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.’
Friends, let us confess our lack of love, and our need of grace.

(Silent confession)

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: When we lose patience, when we are unkind,
when we are envious of the gifts of another,
when we are rude or proud, when we are selfish or irritable,
and when we are slow to forgive:
Have mercy on us, O God.
Help us not to delight in evil, but to rejoice in the truth;
help us always to protect, to trust, to hope and to persevere:
then shall we see you face to face,
and learn to love as you love us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: Let us celebrate the peace that God speaks
to all who turn to the Lord in repentance.
For in Jesus Christ all is forgiven and made right.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As recipients of God’s generous mercy it is our joy to say to one another:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share these words of peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *You Do Not Walk Alone*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

May you see God’s light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you
always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times
are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone; may you always remember
when the shadows fall, you do not walk alone.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Lewis

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 Life Together"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 267: *Blest Be the Tie*

DENNIS

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

Carol Wilkinson

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: *Fuga, op. 51*

J. Dressler

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Carol Wilkinson and John Baxley
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. 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.



Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for October are International Foods (Masa, Dried Chilies, Sauces, Refried Beans, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Helene Relief Donations

Deep thanks to all of you who have donated items to our friends of First Baptist Church, Asheville! They were so appreciative, and have buoyed our sister church as they serve their community. We will be taking another load to Asheville in a week. If you'd like to donate to the effort, please bring items to Kelly Auditorium by next Sunday, October 20. They are collecting food pantry items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies, personal care items, and cases or gallons of bottled water. If you'd like to donate to our supply collection, you can do so online and designate your gift for the FBC Missions Fund. Thank you!

Building Projects Task Force Announcement

The Building Projects Task Force is pleased to let you know that we have approved a bid from Elevate Sound to completely replace the sanctuary sound system. The bid upgrades and replaces all the major components of the system, including a new listening assistance system. The installation is currently planned for mid-January.

October 20 | Youth Crop Walk

All are invited to walk with First on Fifth Youth as part of the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk as we seek to end hunger one step at a time. First on Fifth Youth are seeking to raise \$1500 in support of ending hunger globally and locally. We will have a baked potato and salad bar meal in the Baraca Room following worship and then we will walk with other churches. The check-in begins at 1:30pm and the walk begins at 2:30pm. The walk is approximately 2K (1.34 miles). If you would like to walk, join us for lunch, or donate please scan this QR code or contact Kyle for more information kyle@firstonfifth.org.



October 22 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00pm

As is our custom, we gather for a Quarterly Church Conference on October 22 at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium. In addition to regular reports, this gathering will feature recommendations from the Finance Committee on the proposed 2025 Ministry Funding Plan, and a conversation regarding the Butner Fund. There will be a Zoom option available for those who cannot attend in person, and a light supper provided for those in attendance. Please RSVP for dinner in your newsletter!

2025 Ministry Funding Plan Summary	
Missions & Outreach	\$121,317
Personnel	\$626,850
Facilities	\$193,445
Ministries & Operations	\$105,175
TOTAL	\$1,046,787
Less designated & endowed fund offsets	-\$71,600
MINISTRIES TO BE FUNDED	\$975,187

October 29 | How to End Christian Nationalism: a Conversation with Amanda Tyler

How to End Christian Nationalism by Amanda Tyler is the essential guidebook for Christians alarmed by the rising tide of Christian nationalism yet unsure how to counter it. Join Amanda at Knollwood Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm for a timely discussion about the threat of this dangerous ideology and learn about how she drew on her experiences, conversations with pastors and laypeople, research, Scripture, and her Baptist convictions to write this new book. This author event is presented in partnership with Ardmore Baptist Church, First Baptist on Fifth, and Knollwood Baptist Church in collaboration with Bookmarks. Please RSVP for this free event in your newsletter. Contact kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

Affinity Groups at First!

We have a number of Affinity Groups taking place this fall! You are invited to attend any and all gatherings that sound like fun. Find more information in your newsletter or by reaching out to each group's convener. Stay tuned throughout the fall as more group meetings are scheduled.

Theology on Tap - convened by Matt Steen

Tuesday, October 15, 7:30pm, Joymongers Barrel Hall

Arts & Crafts Group - led by Meredith Parker & Sheri-Lyn Robertson

Sunday, October 20, 2-4pm, Baraca Room

Centering Prayer - led by Joani Hughes

Wednesday, October 23, 9am, Young Adult Classroom

Downtown Walking Group - convened by Terry Flefler

Every Thursday at 10am

Board Games Group - Convened by Dana Patrick

First Friday of each month, 7pm, Baraca Room

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 13

- 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, October 14

TUESDAY, October 15

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 7:30 pm Theology on Tap
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 16

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir room*)

THURSDAY, October 17

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee

FRIDAY, October 18

SATURDAY, October 19

SUNDAY, October 20

- 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 Youth CROP Walk & Lunch
- 2:00 pm Arts and Crafts Affinity Group (*Baraca*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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