

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.

+ Thornton Wilder

"We become fully alive when we realize that the gospel is astonishingly supple. It holds joy and grief together not in contrast but in conversation, and in relationship, and in some sort of honest becoming. Better still, this messy, roomy place is precisely where God loves to show up. God dwells in the roomy place where pain and possibility, delight and despair, muck and miracle crash into each other."

+ Debie Thomas

## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, October 20, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Amazing Grace arr. J. Carter

Jeanette Smith, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP Amy McClure

Leader: We do not proclaim ourselves;

we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord

and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

All: For God has shone in our hearts

to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Leader: Friends, let us praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

\*HYMN 349: To God Be the Glory

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## Sanctuary Choir

Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord, and He will surely give you rest by trusting in His word.

Only trust Him now; He will save you now.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Repentance opens our hearts to God who is waiting to hear us, forgive us, and save us. Let us trust God's generous invitation.

All: God who formed us and knows our hearts, forgive us.

Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we construct our own idols.
Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord, we proclaim and promote ourselves.
Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we trust our own understanding.
Forgive us and draw us ever to yourself; for you are our hope, our rest, and our salvation.
Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Kyle Caudle** 

Leader: Be at peace, my friends, for God's mercy is unlimited and sure. 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: Praise! Praise!

G.F. Handel/arr. P. Liebergen

Sanctuary Choir Jacob Hill, Conductor Susan Welch, Accompanist

Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord. Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all. Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise. The glory and power of God we proclaim, and sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rayce Lamb

## 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

Cyrus Bush

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "We Have This Treasure"

**Emily Hull McGee** 

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 534: Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor

**BEECHER** 

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

Susan Welch

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

**Amy McClure** 

\*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: Festive Postlude P. Fey

Jacob Hill, Organ

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able will please stand.

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Allman by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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## **SERVING TODAY**

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u> Susan Welch and Cyrus Bush

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. 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.





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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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. 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

#### **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.

# 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.

#### **Orders Open for Christmas Poinsettias**

It's hard to believe, but Christmas will be here before we know it! We will be decorating the sanctuary with Poinsettias on December 15 & 22. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please pick up a form and return it with your payment to the church office by Sunday, November 3. The cost is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

## First Baptist on Fifth Podcast

Exciting news! Our new podcast is here with episodes being published every week this fall. Revisit each week's can sermon or listen to an interview with any number of our members reflecting their own story and why they chose First Baptist On Fifth to do "life together." The Podcast is available currently on Spotify, Amazon Music, and Youtube, and will be available elsewhere and in the media section of the church website very soon.

## October 24 | Active Retirees Day Trip! 9:30- 4:00

Please join us for a road trip to see the fall leaves, get fresh apples, and enjoy some mountain views in Mt. Airy and in Cana with our trip expert, Paul McCraw. We will leave at 9:30am from the back parking lot at the church. Sign up in your newsletter or by calling the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, October 21

TUESDAY, October 22

4:30 pm Nominating Committee (online)
5:00 pm Pavilion Area Plan Task Force (Baraca)

6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference

(Kelly & online)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, October 23

9:00 am Centering Prayer (Young Adult Room) 11:00 am Building Projects Task Force (Baraca)

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Commons) 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals

(Sanctuary & Music Suite)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)

THURSDAY, October 24

9:00 am Active Retirees Day Trip

10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group

FRIDAY, October 25

**CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat** 

SATURDAY, October 26

**CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat** 

SUNDAY, October 27

**CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat** 

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)

**OFFICE HOURS** 

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

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