



“Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and pain of it, no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.”

+ Frederick Buechner

Christ Healing the Blind, Thobias Minzi

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 27, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *No. 1, Andante*

Jacob Hill, Organ

A. Guilmant

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Karly Parker

Leader: Come, you who thirst for grace,

All: Come, you who hunger for justice.

Leader: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

All: Come, you who are like a child at home.

Leader: To all beloved children, God welcomes us in,

All: So with glad and grateful hearts, let us worship the living God!

*HYMN 345: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 34: 1-8

Russell Talley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Devin Withrow

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask
and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.
Let us open our lives to God's healing presence
and forsake all that separates us from God and neighbor.
Let us be mindful not only of personal evil,
but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.
Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others,
that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

(Silent Confession)

Leader: Let us offer our confessions together.

**All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be.
See us, and guide us to be seen.
Know us, and help us to be known.
Love us, and lead us to be loved.
Raise us into the people you dream us to be for the sake of the world.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sarah Talley

Leader: Beloveds in Christ, God hears our confession and gifts us with grace.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

arr. H. Ziegenhals

Sanctuary Choir
Mary Maloney, Trumpet
Kyle Coleman, Horn

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, As worship moves us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the church in liturgy and song, In faith through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia! And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing for whom He won the fight: Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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: "Speaking, Hearing, Seeing, Following"

Olena Withrow

HYMN OF RESPONSE 395: *Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

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**

Pat Thompson

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

Olena Withrow

POSTLUDE: *Te Deum*

M.A. Charpentier

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Eva Robertson and Anna Scott Masten
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Pat Thompson and Joe Bircher
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

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.

November 7 | A Special Evening with Dr. Jemar Tisby

"When the struggle for racial justice is discouraging, history can give us hope." CBFNC, in collaboration with First Baptist on Fifth, Winston-Salem, is excited to host Jemar Tisby, historian, author and speaker, for an evening lecture upon the release of his new book, "The Spirit of Justice: True Stories of Race, Faith, and Resistance." The evening will include a lecture with Dr. Tisby followed by a Q&A session and book signing. It will be held on Thursday, November 7 from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First Baptist Church on Fifth. This event is FREE but we do ask that you register in advance in your newsletter.

November 14 | A Conversation with Dr. Amy Butler

First on Fifth is delighted to welcome Rev. Dr. Amy Butler on November 14, at 7:00pm, for a wide-ranging conversation about the future of the church and the Beloved Community's role in leading with hope. Pastor Amy is author of *Beautiful and Terrible Things*, significant thought leader, and noted pastor, who currently serves as the Designated Pastor of Community Church of Honolulu and before that, served for five years as the seventh Senior Minister and first woman at the helm of the historic Riverside Church in the City of New York. She leads Invested Faith, a 501(c)3 organization founded to help individuals and religious institutions use their assets to fund the work of faith-rooted social entrepreneurs building businesses that are changing unjust systems. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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

Sunday, November 10, 2-4pm, Baraca Room

Centering Prayer - led by Joani Hughes

Wednesday, November 6, 9am, Young Adult Classroom

Downtown Walking Group - convened by Terry Lefler

Every Thursday at 10am

Board Games Group - Convened by Dana Patrick

First Friday of each month, 7pm, Baraca Room

November 16 | Young Adult Dinner

All young adults are invited to join on November 16 at 6:30pm to get into the holiday spirit with our next young adult dinner, hosted by Lena and Devin Withrow. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Please RSVP in your newsletter. Contact Lena (olena@firstonfifth.org) with any questions.

November 24 | Churchwide Thanksgiving Pot-Luck

Please join us for a good ol' fashioned Thanksgiving potluck on Sunday, November 24 at 5:30pm in Kelly Auditorium. The church will provide the meat and we invite you to bring a side or a dessert. There will be a short program with lots of great fellowship. All you have to do is RSVP to let us know you are planning to come! You can do that in your newsletter or at firstonfifth.org/events

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, October 28

7:00 pm Missions Committee (*zoom*)

TUESDAY, October 29

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)

7:00 pm Amanda Tyler Event (*offsite*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 30

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals
(*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir room*)

THURSDAY, October 31

10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)

10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group

FRIDAY, November 1

7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, November 2

SUNDAY, November 3

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*)

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