



Life Together

Nothing that is worth doing
can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore, we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes
complete sense in any immediate context of history;
therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous,
can be accomplished alone;
therefore we are saved by love.

+ Reinhold Niebuhr

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *The Church's One Foundation*

J. Linker/J. McFadden

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, soloist

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples, nations, Alleluia! Praise the Lord,
all you nations, praise God, all you peoples. Alleluia! Strong is God's love
and mercy, always faithful forever. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: The table is prepared.

All: The feast awaits us.

Leader: Let us gather at the table that has no edges.

All: Let us gather at the table that stretches around the globe.

Leader: Let us eat the bread broken for the brokenness of the world.

All: Let us drink from the cup that holds the salvation of the nations.

Leader: Christ invites us to this Holy Feast;

All: All are welcome!

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Terry and Karen Lefler

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.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God, Ruler of a boundless kingdom,
 we grieve that the church—which shares one Spirit,
 one faith, one hope, and one calling—
 has become a broken communion in a broken world.
 The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,
 but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,
 and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.
 Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work,
 that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.
 Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves
 to seek and live the unity of the body of Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: John 3:16-17

Kyle Caudle

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.
 Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
 but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let this good news be proclaimed throughout the world:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Let us share the sign of a forgiven people:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM: *He Shall Reign*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

He shall reign and reign forever, Christ our Savior, brother, friend; everlasting is his kingdom, his dominion hath no end. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim. He shall reign and reign forever, all the world his praise shall sing, and the regions now in darkness shall to him their homage bring. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim. Soon will dawn a glorious morrow; soon will come the promised day, when from every tribe and kindred shall be heard the joyful lay. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 5:7-20

Claudia Amaya

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30

Elmer Amaya

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holly Kessler

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 Legacy"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

HYMN OF RESPONSE 565: *God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

HYFRYDOL

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**

Linda Jones

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

Emily Hull McGee

*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: *Postlude on 'O Filii et Filiae'*

H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING TODAY FOR CBF DISASTER RELIEF

On Communion Sundays, it is our custom to take up a second offering for benevolence or missions causes. Today, we collect this offering to support Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Disaster Relief ministries, serving directly the places around the Southeast hit by Hurricane Helene, particularly our neighbors in Western NC. Deacons will be available at all three exit doors to receive your contribution. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Missions Fund with CBF Disaster Relief in the memo line. Any cash offering received today that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Missions Fund, from which we'll offer these gifts to CBF Disaster Relief.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Linda Jones and Holly Kessler
<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

FLOWERS

The rose at the pulpit is placed in celebration of the birth of Sylvie James Kaylor Martin, daughter of Mary Kaylor and Joey Martin, born September 30, 2024.

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!

October 13

Church is for Life Together
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

October 20

We Have this Treasure
2 Corinthians 4:5-7

October 6 | Fall Fellowship, 5:00pm

As the air gets crisper and the days get shorter, it's time to gather and celebrate fall! This Sunday morning, October 6, we celebrate World Communion Sunday, where Christians all around the world observe communion in many forms. In the evening, we'll gather again at the church house for another feast! This time, we'll be outside in the back lawn and breezeway, with a potluck dinner, yard games, fellowship around the table, and even a time of blessing for our pets. Please bring a side or dessert to share; the church will provide meat and a main dish option for vegetarians. See you there!

October 9 | Older Adult Lunch, 11:30 am

Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and to hear about Pastor Amy's sabbatical! RSVP in your newsletter.

October 11 | First Films: Fall Series

Join us at 6:30 pm on October 11 for the second film in our Fall Series: "Force Majeure" (2014) *1hr 59mins*. Enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and excitement as these stories unfold in Kelly Auditorium.

October 12 | Bonfire & Stew, 6:00 pm

The Young Adult Group invites our church family to gather for a fun fall night enjoying a bowl of homemade stew and bonfire! The event will be hosted by Nathan Mitchell. Feel free to bring a dessert, box of

crackers or drink to share. Don't forget your lawn chair! Find the Address and RSVP in your newsletter by October 9.

October 13 | Life Together Campaign Pledges Due

We are so grateful for the widespread support of our *Life Together* building project and capital campaign! Thank you for your generosity and excitement as we match our commitments to hospitality, sustainability, accessibility, and legacy in our church house. All are invited to complete their pledges for the project by worship on Sunday, October 13. See our newsletter and website for online pledge forms and more info.

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 contact Kyle for more information kyle@firstonfifth.org.

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.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 6

- 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*)
- 5:00 pm Fall Fellowship and Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, October 7

TUESDAY, October 8

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 9

- 11:30 am Older Adult Lunch (*Kelly*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir room*)

THURSDAY, October 10

- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group

FRIDAY, October 11

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

SATURDAY, October 12

- 6:30 pm Churchwide Bonfire hosted by Young Adults (*offsite*)

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*)

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