



All That She Has, Howard Lyon

For Empathy, by Meta Herrick Carlson

The world is not lacking
opinions simplified by hindsight,
advice for the weary,
subscriptions to the standardized.

But we are starving
for love that resists these defenses,
that can stand in the midst of suffering
without getting too awkward
or filling the silence with trite proverbs,
wanting to earn its place by fishing
what doesn't need fixing at all.

If only the instinct was to abide
before we explain and decide!

Listen for the Spirit
who guides us into showing up,
who shows us how to feel on behalf of another,
who urges our quiet bodies alongside
the ones who are not broken but lonely,
the ones God loves already and always.

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 10, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Rubrics, iv. "The Peace may be exchanged."*

Jacob Hill, Organ

D. Locklair

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: We are gathered to give thanks for all
that we have received from God's good hands;
to praise God's holy name,
to acknowledge and confess our sins,
to hear God's holy word,
and to ask those things needful for life.

**All: Let us draw near to God in all humility
and celebrate God's infinite goodness and mercy.**

*HYMN 341: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, let us find our place in the scripture lesson,
allowing God's Spirit to do a new work in us,
inspire a new vision in us, and lead us to walk in a new way.

(Silent Confession)

Leader: Let us offer our confessions together:

**All: Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves
and seek after privilege and honor.**

**Forgive us, Lord, when we think so little of ourselves
that we cannot imagine that we have anything to give.**

Have mercy on our lack of faith.

**Heal our inability to see ourselves and others as you see us —
children of the One, True Living God. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Hebrews 9:24-28

David Williamson

Leader: ²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Friends, as recipients of Christ's selfless sacrifice and God's generous mercy, let us offer our lives in thanksgiving as instruments of God's peace in this world:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

ANTHEM: *I Will Be a Child of Peace*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

O Holy Father,

I will be a child of peace and purity,
for well I know Thy hand will bless
the seeker after righteousness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emily Hull McGee

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: "When Life Together Is Hard: Appearances"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 490: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

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

Lynn Rhoades

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: *Processional*

D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Lynn Rhoades and Janet Falls
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.

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.



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Series: *When Life Together is Hard*

Living life together may sound delightfully appealing – and it is! (Most of the time!) Because what happens when life together gets hard, and deeply so? What happens when the strands fray, and the conflict settles in, and the daily task of loving each other well curdles with anger or alienation, indifference or irreconcilable differences? This November in worship, we'll consider together a faithful response for the seasons when life together is hard.

November 17 | Mark 13:1-8

When Life Together is Hard: Institutions

November 24 | Joel 2:21-27

When Life Together is Hard: Thanksgivings

November 13 | Active Retirees day trip!

All are welcome to join us for a road trip to Southern Supreme, a stop in Seagrove, and other fun things planned by our trip master, Paul McCraw! We will leave at 9:00am from the back parking lot at the church. Sign up online or in your newsletter.

November 14 | A Conversation with 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 7th Senior Minister and first woman at the helm of the historic Riverside Church in New York City. She leads Invested Faith, a nonprofit 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.

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. Please RSVP in your newsletter. Contact Lena (olena@firstonfifth.org) with any questions.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for November are baking items (cooking oil, baking mixes, etc.) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

November 17 | First Impressions, 9:15am

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. 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. This First Impressions gathering will be held on November 17 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Mary at mary@firstonfifth.org

November 17 | Called Church Conference

Upon the conclusion of worship on November 17, the church will vote on the 2025 slate of Deacons as shared in the newsletter, as well as the 2025 Ministry Funding Plan as recommended by the Ministry Funding subcommittee, discussed in church conference on October 22, and shared in the newsletter. You may pick up a copy of the details in the office.

November 24 | 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.

November 11- 15 | Missions Trip to WNC

Please be in prayer for our team traveling to Hendersonville, NC this week to help with debris removal and chainsaw work.

Holiday Goods Available for Pre-Orders

As we near the holiday season, we have a number of holiday goods available for purchase. Be sure to check your newsletter for links to order 2024 Ornaments, Church T-Shirts and more!

Mark Your Calendars!

Dec 1- Women's Ornament Exchange, 2pm

Dec 7 - Children's Musical Performance, 2pm

Dec 8 - Messiah Performance, 3pm

Dec 10 - Theology on Tap, 7:30pm

Dec 11 - Older Adult Christmas Lunch, 11:30am

Dec 14 - Churchwide Christmas Open House, 4pm;

Young Adult Chili Dinner, 6:30pm

Dec 15 - Service of Lessons and Carols, 11am;

Churchwide Tanglewood Lights, 5pm

Dec 21 - Longest Night Worship, 6pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5pm

Dec 29 - Christmastide Brunch, 9am

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 10

- 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 Deacon's Meeting (*Baraca*)
- 2:00 pm Arts & Crafts (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, November 11

TUESDAY, November 12

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

WEDNESDAY, November 13

- 9:00 am Active Retiree's Day Trip
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir room*)

THURSDAY, November 14

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 7:00 pm A Conversation with Amy Butler (*Sanctuary*)

FRIDAY, November 15

SATURDAY, November 16

- 6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship (*offsite*)

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