

Thanks to impermanence, everything is possible. Life itself is possible. If a grain of corn is not impermanent, it can never be transformed into a stalk of corn. If the stalk were not impermanent, it could never provide us with the ear of corn we eat... When we see the miracle of impermanence our sadness and suffering will pass.

+ Thích Nhất Hạnh

Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem,
Francesco Hayez



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 17, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Entrée de Polymnie from Les Boréades*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J.P. Rameau

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 46: 1-7

Kyle Caudle

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**All: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*HYMN 425: *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

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.

ANTHEM: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

D. Hakes

Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, Praise adoration, now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:1-8

Joe Smelcer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ,
let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith,
for God has promised to be merciful.

(Silent Confession)

Leader: Let us offer our confessions together.

**All: Merciful God, Our Sure Foundation,
all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.
We follow after false leaders and grasp
for whatever security we can find.
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.
Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the sign
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leah Clark

Leader: People of faith, though institutions may crumble around us,
do not be discouraged: for the stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone of our sure foundation.
In Jesus Christ all is forgiven; in Jesus Christ all is made sure.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

ANTHEM: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

D. Wood

Sanctuary Choir

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.

SERMON: "When Life Together Is Hard: Institutions"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 249: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

AZMON

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

Jim Nelson

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

OFFERTORY: *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*

arr. A. Duncan

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Amy McClure

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

*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: *Now Thank We All Our God*

S. Karg-Elert

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Karly Parker, Thayer Smelcer
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Jim Nelson and Minerva Fox
<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.

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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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 24 | Thanksgiving Pot-Luck, 5:30 pm

Please join us for a good ol' fashioned Thanksgiving potluck in Kelly Auditorium. The church will provide the meat and we invite you to bring a dessert or side. There will be a short program with lots of great fellowship. RSVP in your newsletter!

November 25 | Decorating the Church House

Help prepare our space for the Advent and Christmas season as we deck the halls together! Contact David (david@firstonfifth.org) with questions!

December 1 | Women's Ornament Exchange

Kick off the Holiday Season with the women at First on Fifth at our annual Ornament Exchange. We will gather in the Commons on Sunday, December 1, from 3:00-5:00pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and a sweet or salty snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Contact Holly Kessler at hollysolomontoo@gmail.com

December 7 | Children's Christmas Musical: Gifts from the Heart, 2 pm

Come join our children as they enact their delightful advent musical on Saturday Dec. 7 at 2 pm! A dessert and coffee reception will follow.

December 11 | Older Adult Christmas Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 am as we enjoy a nice meal and fellowship, graciously hosted by Trinity Moravian Church. We will meet at Trinity Moravian Church, so plan some extra time to get there and park. RSVP in your newsletter!

December 14 | Christmas Open House, 4-6pm

All are welcome to share in the merriment and fellowship of the season at our Churchwide Christmas Open House! Hosted by the Hulls and McGees at David and Jane Hull's home (1565 Audubon Village Dr.), we have a spot for everyone to enjoy our beloved community's company and the joy of Christmas.

December 15 | Churchwide Tanglewood Lights

We invite people of all ages to join us on a wagon ride with your First on Fifth family Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5pm as we travel through the Tanglewood Festival of Lights. Cost is \$5/person. Sign up in your newsletter!

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!

Advent At First on Fifth

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December 1 | Hanging of the Green

On this first Sunday in Advent, we'll hang the greens in the Sanctuary during worship and begin our celebration of the Advent Season.

December 15 | Service of Lessons and Carols

The Sanctuary will fill with song and joy in morning worship, as our Sanctuary choir and guest orchestra proclaim the story of Jesus through our beloved Service of Lessons & Carols.

December 21 | Longest Night, 6:00pm

All are invited to mark the Longest Night with a quiet and reflective time of worship, particularly intended for those grappling with grief and loss this season.

December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00pm

Our annual Christmas Eve service for all ages combines communion, candlelight, and carols to orient us toward the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

December 3, 10, and 17 | Midweek Advent Series

Join Pastor Kyle for an Advent series entitled "Light a Candle" focusing on the prayers and poetry of theologian and mystic Howard Thurman. This class will meet in the Baraca Room at noon on the first 3 Tuesdays in December and will utilize a conversational teaching style.

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Penny Drive Campaign

The Youth are supporting Samaritan Ministries through their Penny Campaign. Help us support our neighbors in need by bringing cash to drop in the donation jars scattered around the Church House or scan this QR code and select **First on Fifth** to contribute to our youth group team's goal!



December 15 | Christmas Pop-Up Market, 12:00pm

We will once again have our Pop-Up Market this year! In addition to picking up your pre-ordered shirts and ornaments, which you can order in your newsletter, we will have a variety of winter items and goods from our mission partners such as Honor Cards from Crisis Control (Available now! see Lee Anne Stiffler).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 17

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:15 am First Impressions (*Commons*)
- 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*)
Called Church Conference
- 12:00 pm Missions Committee Lunch (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, November 18

- 12:00 pm World Relief Advisory Committee (*Baraca*)

TUESDAY, November 19

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 4:30 pm Finance Committee
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 20

- 11:00 am Building Projects Task Force (*Baraca*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals
(*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir room*)

THURSDAY, November 21

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

FRIDAY, November 22

SATURDAY, November 23

SUNDAY, November 24

- 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*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Potluck (*Kelly*)

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