



“Thankfulness finds its full measure in generosity of presence, both through participation and witness. We sit at the table as part of every other person’s world while making our own world without will or effort; this is what is extraordinary and gifted, this is the essence of gratefulness, seeing to the heart of privilege. Thanksgiving happens when our sense of presence meets all other presences. Being unappreciative might mean we are simply not paying attention

+ David Whyte, “Gratitude”

First Fruits, Lauren Wright Pittman

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prelude and Fugue on “Nun Danket Alle Gott”*

Jacob Hill, Organ

P.E. Fletcher

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-7

David Williamson

Leader: Come, let us sing to the LORD;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God,

All: And a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

All: The heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,

All: And the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

All: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

**All: And we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under God’s care.**

*HYMN 371: *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:21-27

Chris Gambill

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

V. Thompson

Sanctuary Choir

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joy Gambill

Leader: The God who constantly welcomes us home is generous in mercy.

Let us bring our confession before the One who provides for our every need.

**All: Jehovah, our Provider,
you have given us many good gifts.
Today we thank you for them all,
but we also confess that sometimes
we love those gifts more than we love you.
We confess wanting more and more things:
food, clothing, toys, and money.
Forgive us for not being content and thankful.
Create in us generous hearts that mirror your generosity.
We pray in the name of the One who gave himself for us,
even Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, let songs of celebration
sound through every land, in every tongue;
for God's mercies are eternal.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: As recipients of such generosity,
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: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

G. Young

Sanctuary Choir

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy word: Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more. From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

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: Thanksgivings"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 376: *For the Fruit of All Creation

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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**

Twyla 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

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

David Williamson

***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: *Crown Imperial*

W. Walton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Mitchell by his family on this third anniversary of his passing.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Eva Robertson and Anna Scott Masten
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Twyla Nelson and Chris Gambill
<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.



Penny 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!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Words from the Beginning

Advent Worship at First on Fifth

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year begins. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving; and yet, the world as we know it spins madly on. This year during Advent at First on Fifth, we'll return to the very beginning to hear words of blessing that came with the blessing of a baby born for the sake of us all. Our worship will ground us in the gifts of this waiting season, and our prayer will be that for all of us, Love becomes our beginning once again.

December 1 | Advent 1 | HOPE
Your Redemption is Drawing Near (Luke 21:25-36)
Hanging of the Green and Communion Sunday

December 8 | Advent 2 | PEACE
All Flesh Shall See (Luke 3:1-6)

December 15 | Advent 3 | JOY
Service of Lessons & Carols

December 22 | Advent 4 | LOVE
Blessed are You (Luke 1:39-55)

December 24 | Christmas Eve | 5:00pm
Do Not Be Afraid (Luke 2:1-20)
Christmas Eve service for all ages with communion, candlelight, and carols

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 12:00pm on the first 3 Tuesdays in December and will utilize a conversational teaching style.

December 21 | Longest Night Service, 6pm
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.

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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 6 | Board Games Affinity Group, 7:00pm
Come connect, compete, and enjoy a night of fellowship and friendly competition with our Board Games Affinity group! Bring a friend and let the games begin! Contact Dana Patrick with any questions (dpatrick@wakehealth.edu).

December 7 | Children's Christmas Musical: Gifts from the Heart, 2 pm
Come join our children as they enact their delightful Christmas musical on Saturday Dec. 7 at 2 pm! A dessert and coffee reception will follow.

December 10 | Theology on Tap, 7:30pm
Join us at The Remedy (492 West End Blvd) for a relaxed and open gathering where faith and curiosity meet! Come enjoy good company, meaningful conversation, and refreshing beverages. No pressure, just great dialogue in a laid-back setting. All are welcome! Contact Matt Steen with any questions (mattsteen@gmail.com).

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!

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, 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). If you would like an ornament or church shirt, orders close **Monday 11/25!** Order now!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, November 25

- 9:00 am Decorating the Church House

TUESDAY, November 26

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

WEDNESDAY, November 27

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, November 28

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 29

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 30

SUNDAY, December 1

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- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 3:00 pm Women's Ornament Exchange (*Commons*)

OFFICE HOURS

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



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