

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid, promised walks never taken...
And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.



+ Maya Angelou, from "Ailey, Baldwin, Floyd, Killens, and Mayfield"

Ira Thomas, *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Chorale*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J. Jongen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki Byers

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
sing for joy, all upright in heart.

**All: Let heaven blaze in gladness this day;
let us join with the saints of all times and places to worship the living God.**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by this great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**All: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

*HYMN 567: *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Eternal God, help us this day to remember the unseen cloud of witnesses who surround us: those who in every age and generation witnessed to their faith in life and in death;

All: Those who by their selfless courage and humility set before us what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ;

Leader: Those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with you forever, whose names are written on our hearts. We remember:

(As each name is read please respond with the words, "Thanks be to God".)

Gene Ryder	Don Stewart	Ann Ryder
Fran Stewart	Deborah Watkins	Robie Neal
Barbara Matthews	Lucille Hall	Margaret Clodfelter
Charlie Mason	Doyce Amos	Don Roberson
Linda Newsome	Lib Austell	Jo Allman
	David Wilcox	

Leader: Lord, now let these servants depart in peace according to your word.

All: And let your perpetual light shine upon them both now and forever.

ANTHEM: *Have You Not Heard?*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir
Emily Grissing, Cello

Who tends to His children like a shepherd and who gently gathers them as lambs? Whose breath blew the stars across the heavens from the palm of His almighty hand? Whose wisdom defies our understanding? Whose mind knows our secret thoughts and plans? Who is and will ever be eternal, and who was before all time began? Do you not know? Have you not heard who spoke you into being with a word? That word endures forevermore: the Everlasting God, He is the Lord! Like grass, you will wither and fade. Without Him, you will stumble, fall and faint. But all those who wait upon the Lord, will be renewed, their strength will be restored. We will run and we will not grow weary. We hope in the Sovereign God of all. He who watches will not sleep or slumber. He steadies our feet against the fall. It was told to us from the beginning: One day we will rise to meet the Lord. He will lift us on His wings like eagles. We will walk, we will run, we will soar. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

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.

HYMN 545: *In the Bulb

PROMISE

During the singing of this hymn, worshipers are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and light one of the candles on the chancel railing in memory of a loved one.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 12:28-34

Steve Loftis

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "When Life Together Is Hard: Essentials"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

HYMN OF RESPONSE 630: *Look You Saints, the Cloud of Witness

EVANGELINE

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**

Steve Smith

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. You are also able to give online at firstonfifth.org.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

FAMILY COVENANT

Emily Hull McGee and Amy McClure

Annabel Katherine Phelps Townsend

Ann Phelps and Kenneth Townsend

Leader: Annabel, for you, Jesus Christ was born into this world.
For you, he taught and healed, lived and loved the people around him.
For you, he died on Calvary, and for you, he was raised to new life.
And little one, you just wiggle and play and wonder and know nothing of this.
Which thus confirms the words of scripture, that "before we loved God,

All: ... God loved us!"

Leader: Amen.

***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: *Toccata*

E. Gigout

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

FLOWERS

The rose at the pulpit is placed in celebration of the birth of Oliver Boone Myers, son of Amber and Bethany Myers, born October 28, 2024

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: William Townsend and Silas McGee
Deacon of the Week: Steve Smith and Nikki Byers
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. 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. 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.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024

Church Members

Gene Ryder	November 6, 2023	Doyce Amos	July 5, 2024
Fran Stewart	November 9, 2023	Lib Austell	July 29, 2024
Barbara Matthews	November 26, 2023	David Wilcox	August 3, 2024
Charlie Mason	November 27, 2023	Ann Ryder	August 11, 2024
Linda Newsome	December 27, 2023	Robie Neal	August 31, 2024
Don Stewart	January 13, 2024	Margaret Clodfelter	September 11, 2024
Deborah Watkins	February 20, 2024	Don Roberson	September 22, 2024
Lucille Hall	April 21, 2024	Jo Allman	September 29, 2024

Friends and Family

Anthony Del Favero, uncle of Tommy Eustice	Loretta Weaver, mother of Amy Cook
Berry Gentry, cousin of Judy Eustice	Mary Rhoades, mother of Lynn Rhoades
Roy Robertson, grandfather of Austin Robertson	Louise Rivers Matthews, mother of Rick Matthews
John Dalton Phillips, brother of Anne Phillips	Warren Steen, father of Matt Steen
William Richard Abbott, father of Will Abbott	Shirley Reese, sister of Doyce Amos
Linda Lou Conrad Marshall, sister of Hillus Conrad	

Lois Jones, mother of Sheree Jones
Betty Tillery, sister of Doyce Amos
Ken Roberson, brother of Don Roberson
Sue Nickle, sister of Jeff Kessler
Fred Ford, brother-in-law of Lynn Parker

Alan Welch, brother of David Welch
Jerry Hubert, stepfather of Meredith Britt
Ronald W. Loftis, Sr., father of Steve Loftis
Judy Yarborough, mother of Paige Thomas

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of:

Sylvia Gilley by Ed & Linda Kelly, Kay Johnson
Skip Boyles by Paul McCraw
Lindsay Wall by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Elizabeth Wall
Gene Lucas by Elmer & Betty Hayashi
Fran Stewart by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Janet Falls, Mary Nell Harris, Dave & Julie Connolley, Nancy Nathan, Carlos Mir, Kelly & Eva Ann King, Patricia King, Janet Williams, Eugene & Freda Schlaman
Henry & Verna Harbuck by Mike & Pat Pulliam
James David Harbuck by Mike & Pat Pulliam
Jay Pulliam by Mike & Pat Pulliam
Gene Ryder by Nancy Nathan, Carlos Mir, Mary Nell Harris, Patsy Bagnal, Janet Williams, Elizabeth Wall, Walter & Florence Wiley
Barbara Matthews by Nancy Nathan
Linda Newsome by Hoyt & Mary Beard, James & Sarah Salzwedel, Jeffrey Currier, Jeanie Rothrock, Carlos Mir, Mary Nell Harris, Bill & Millie Clapp, Elmer & Betty Hayashi, Elizabeth Wall, Walter & Florence Wiley
Don Stewart by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Janet Falls, Carlos Mir, Scott & Cheryl Bullard, Tony & Nera Perkins, David & Jennifer Barksdale, John & Nancy Baxley, Elmer & Betty Hayashi, Piedmont Federal Savings Bank, Diane Poindexter, Joyce Bowers, Mary Nell Harris, Cindy Southern, Leon & Janet Robbins, Earl & Julia Holder, James & Wyatt Stewart, Elizabeth Wall
Mary Rhoades by Janet Falls, Mary Nell Harris
Deborah Watkins by Carlos Mir, George Ellis, Patricia Watkins-Smarr & family, Patsy Bagnal
Lois Jones by Mary Nell Harris, Janet Falls

Lucille Hall by Carlos Mir
Ken Roberson by the Roberson family
Doyce Amos by Carlos Mir, Hoyt & Mary Beard, Nancy Nathan, Elizabeth Wall
Lib Austell by Nancy Nathan, Hoyt & Mary Beard, Carlos Mir, Scott & Elizabeth Porter, Elizabeth Wall
Ann Ryder by Patsy Bagnal, Nancy Nathan, Carlos Mir, Hoyt & Mary Beard, Elizabeth Wall, Walter & Florence Wiley
Ron Loftis by Rick & Carolyn Matthews
Chip Neal by Nancy Nathan, Byron Hicks
Robie Neal by Nancy Nathan, Byron Hicks, Elizabeth Wall
Margaret Clodfelter by Carlos Mir
Don Roberson by John & Nancy Baxley, Doyle & Carolyn Jones
Freddy Einstein by Hoyt & Mary Beard
R. A. Kube by Hoyt & Mary Beard
Jo Allman by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Elizabeth Wall, Janet Williams, Nancy Nathan, Janet Falls
David Wilcox by Elizabeth Wall
Cherry Cox by Carlos Mir
Linda Combs by Walter & Florence Wiley

In Honor of:

Rob Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback
Alex Norwood & Matt Dyson by Beth & Gene Stainback
John & Alice Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback
Dave & Lynn Odom by Noel Shepherd
Benny Bowes by the Friendship Sunday School class

BENEVOLENCE FUND

In Memory of:

Gene Lucas by Nancy Broadway
Gene Ryder by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes, Linda Merchant, Nancy Broadway, Ralph Wood, Janet Falls, Jan Whittle, Jackie Todd

Fran Stewart by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes, Linda Merchant, Nancy Broadway, Linda Lewis, Jan Whittle
Linda Combs by Barry & Nancy Robinson, Linda Merchant

Skip Boyles by Barry & Nancy Robinson
Lindsay Wall by Linda Merchant, Nancy Broadway,
Jan Whittle
Barbara Matthews by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Nancy
Broadway, Patricia Owen, Carlos Mir, John & Anne
Yarbrough, Sam & Kristy Crawley, Roma & Linda
Combs, David & Lisa Smith, James & Dorothy
Leist, Robin Bates, Linda Merchant, Elizabeth
Combs, Kelly & Eva Ann King, Mary Nell Harris,
William & Rose Ann Lindsay, Barbara Bedwell,
Janet Falls, Janet Williams, Jane Caviness, Carol
Fields, Jan Whittle, Jackie Todd, Elmer & Betty
Hayashi, Gary & Lee Anne Stiffler, Walter &
Florence Wiley
Charlie Mason by Hoyt & Mary Beard, Linda
Merchant
Emil Nathan by Jan Whittle

Linda Newsome by Christine Whitley, Benny &
Mary Ann Bowes
Don Stewart by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes
Lucille Hall by Janet Williams
Doyce Amos by Janet Williams
David Wilcox by Linda Merchant
Margaret Clodfelter by Linda Merchant
Don Roberson by Linda Merchant
Lib Austell by Pamela Clements, Linda Merchant

In Honor of:
FBC Staff by Linda Merchant, Nancy Broadway
Terry & Judy Lovelace by Linda Merchant
Steve & Eve Andrews by Linda Merchant
Sylvie J. Kaylor Martin & parents by Linda
Merchant
Nora Arredondo by Linda Merchant

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of:
Linda Newsome by Woody Parker, Russ & Susan
Armistead
Don Stewart by Linda Merchant, Thomas Rose
Lucille Hall by Linda Merchant

Lib Austell by April Bahrs, Augustus Hothorn

In Honor of:
Jim Tew by Sara Willingham

FBC MINISTRIES FUND

In Memory of:
Lindsay Wall by Mary Nell Harris
Linda Combs by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes
Barbara Matthews by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes
Murphy & Betty Hampton by David Hampton
Linda Newsome by Charles Alexander, Gwili & Joe
Vick, Doug Parker

Lib Austell by Scott & Debbie Smith
Judy Yarborough by Linda Merchant

In Honor of:
Walter & Florence Wiley by Charlotte Smith
Paige Thomas by Linda Merchant

MISSIONS FUND & PROJECTS

In Memory of:
Elaine Gilbert by John & Nancy Baxley
Beth Wright by John & Nancy Baxley
Gene Ryder by John & Nancy Baxley
Linda Newsome by John & Nancy Baxley, Gary &
Lee Anne Stiffler
Emil Nathan by Gary & Lee Anne Stiffler
Linda Combs by Gary & Lee Anne Stiffler
Don Stewart by Gary & Lee Anne Stiffler
Jo Allman by Don VonCannon, Robert & Ann
Johnson
Fran Stewart by John & Nancy Baxley, Gary & Lee
Anne Stiffler, Elizabeth Wall

Barbara Matthews by John & Nancy Baxley,
Elizabeth Wall

In Honor of:
Lee Anne & Gary Stiffler by Linda Merchant
Kim & Chris Towles by Linda Merchant
Beth Sabbagh & family by Linda Merchant
Gary & Jill Knight by Dennis & Sylvia Knight
Stephen, Lee, Mathew, & Colin Loftis by Linda
Merchant



FIRST BAPTIST
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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 10 | Mark 12:38-44

When Life Together is Hard: Appearances

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 8 | First Films

Join us for the final film in our fall series “The Man Who Knew Too Much” *1hr 56mins*. Enjoy popcorn and refreshments at 6:30 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Admission is free, all are welcome!

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.

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.

Missions Workday to WNCMay202

Volunteers are needed for a mission trip to Hendersonville, NC to help with debris removal and chainsaw work. Lodging and food provided at the host site. If you are interested in serving or would like additional information please contact Kyle (kyle@firstonfifth.org).

Orders Due for Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, to decorate the Sanctuary this December, 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)
- 1:00 pm "Walk With Us" Youth Event
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly Auditorium*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, November 4

TUESDAY, November 5

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca Room*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Zoom*)
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 6

- 9:00 am Centering Prayer (*Young Adult Room*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, November 7

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group

FRIDAY, November 8

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

SATURDAY, November 9

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 Room*)
- 2:00 pm Arts and Crafts Affinity Group (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly Auditorium*)
- 3:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

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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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