

“For Travelers,” by Meta Herrick Carlson
We have long been on the move
toward home and family
or freedom and love –
or sometimes,
to our great surprise,
all of these things.

The listening strains longer,
beneath the logistics and
restlessness of public journey.

Here our bodies remember
migration is innately human
and pilgrimage is an ancient
calling to remind us we are home
even if we are far from home.



The Golden Pilgrimage, Carmelle Beaugelin

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 29, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *X. Noel, Grand jeu et duo*

Jacob Hill, Organ

L.C. Daquin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Let us go in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:

All: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the Magi:

All: Let us go to find God's promise born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

All: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations,
for Christ has been born for us all.

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*HYMN 126: *Angels, from the Realms of glory*

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheree Jones

Leader: Christmas reveals to us the ever-present goodness
that we too often choose to ignore.
Signs and wonders are all around us for those who have eyes to see.
Let us confess our sin:

(Silent confession)

Leader: Compassionate God, we still seek you.

All: We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.

Leader: May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul.

All: We acknowledge that we have let our desires lead us astray.

Leader: May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction.

All: Often our faith settles into a lifeless ritual.

Leader: May your manger call us again to new expressions of love and devotion.

**All: We have carefully kept our gifts and have not freely given
our goods and our hearts to you.**

Leader: May the Magi teach us the true spirit of giving.

**All: Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts,
guiding us daily, until we are led into the very presence
of Love made flesh. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sheree Jones

Leader: Into the realms of clerics and kings
God sent his son to teach the wise
and show the world what power there is in love.
Through the love of Christ our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Peace is made possible in our hearts and in our world
through God's greatest gift —
the One who is called Prince of Peace.
As disciples of Jesus 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.)

*HYMN 151: *We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SOLO: *Home by Another Way*

J. Taylor

Kyle Caudle

SERMON: "The Rest of the Story"

Mary Kaylor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 143: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

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

John Baxley

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: *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*

arr. J. Raney

Jacob Hill and David Williamson, Piano

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

Mary Kaylor

POSTLUDE: *VIII. Noel Etranger*

L.C. Daquin

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Alfredo Colon and Nora Arredondo
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	John Baxley and Sheree Jones
<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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Good Life

Worship this Winter at First on Fifth

There's something about a new year that invites a reset: reframing expectations for our life amidst the turning of a page. We hold up this annual tendency against our contemporary context, where anger and despair and unhappiness fill the hearts of so many. This winter in worship, we'll hear stories of the life revealed by God in Jesus and consider how his good life informs our own.

January 12 | Baptism of the Lord Sunday

The Good Life: Beloved

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon Ordination and Installation

January 19

The Good Life: Delighted

John 2:1-11

January 26

The Good Life: Proclaimed

Luke 4:16-21

February 2

The Good Life: Fulfilled

Luke 4:21-30

Communion Sunday

February 9

The Good Life: Caught

Luke 5:1-11

February 16

The Good Life: Blessed

Luke 6:17-26

February 23

The Good Life: Reconciled

Luke 6:27-38

March 2 | Transfiguration Sunday

The Good Life: Astounded

Luke 9:28-43a

Seeking Donations | Women's Trip to the DR

Throughout the month of January, the folks going on the Women's Trip to the Dominican Republic are collecting sample sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, wash cloths, reading glasses, small stuffed animals, colored pencils and packaged Neosporin. This collection box is on top of the first floor bins. Thank you for your support!

January 5 | Youth Epiphany Party!

In celebration of the Magi who traveled and gave gifts to the Christ-child, First on Fifth Youth will have a progressive dinner that will begin with appetizers at the Sabbagh home at 4:00pm, continue with the main course at the Knight home, and conclude with desserts and a white elephant gift swap in the Commons at the church house. Pick up at the church at 7:30pm. Contact Kyle at kyle@firstonfifth.org for more details.

January 5 | Arts and Crafts Affinity Group, 2-4 pm

If you love to be creative and also want to have a great time of conversation and community please join us for the arts and crafts affinity group. We will meet in the Baraca Room to create prayer journals for the new year. Please RSVP in your Newsletter or online!

January 6, 13 & 27 | Songwriting Affinity Group

Have you ever wanted to write a song? Join Pastor Kyle for a series on songwriting basics. Those interested will need a beginner-to-intermediate level of playing their instrument (guitar, piano, ukulele, etc.) and a desire to create. Group will meet on January 6, 13, and 27 from 7-8pm in Kelly Auditorium. Contact kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

January 15, 22, and 29 | Midweek Series w/ David Hull

Ampersand Faith: Following the 'Both-And' Way of Jesus in an 'Either-Or' World, 11am in the Baraca Room
Join us for a Bible study, led by David Hull of the teachings of Jesus which call us to the spiritual wholeness of "Ampersand Faith." We live in an "Either-Or" world today which is divided, polarized, and coming apart at the seams. Many people want things to be black or white, right or wrong, left or right, and the list of divisions goes on and on. Instead of "Either-Or" we hear Jesus calling us to a "Both-And" kind of faith. What would that kind of faith look like in our kind of world?

January 18 | Young Adult Gathering, 6:30pm

First Things First - January Fellowship
We'll gather on Saturday, January 18 at Mary and Joey's house. With the beginning of a new year let's start off in the best way possible - sharing our favorite appetizers. Just like appetizers are the start of all good meals, our time together will be the start of a great year together! Please let Mary know if you plan to attend and any dietary restrictions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, December 29

9:00am New Years Brunch (*Kelly*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

MONDAY, December 30

TUESDAY, December 31

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 1

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, January 2

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

FRIDAY, January 3

SATURDAY, January 4

SUNDAY, January 5

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*)
2:00 pm Arts and Crafts Group (*Baraca*)
4:00 pm Youth Epiphany Party (*Commons*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Save these Dates in the New Year!

January 5 - Epiphany Sunday
January 26 - New Member Meet and Greet
January 28 - Quarterly Church Conference
March 5 - Ash Wednesday
April 13 - Palm Sunday
April 17 - Maundy Thursday
April 18 - Good Friday Tenebrae
April 20 - Easter Sunday
April 25-27 - Churchwide Camping Trip

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The gifts for January are Canned Stews (Beef Stew, Brunswick, Chili, etc.) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!



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