



### **If Jesus Could**

If Jesus could transform  
common water  
    into wedding wine  
spit and dirt  
    into new sight  
troubled sea  
    into a pathway  
well water  
    into living water  
Could Christ transform  
the waters of my life  
shallow  
murky  
polluted  
stagnant  
sour  
    into a shower  
    of blessing?  
+ Tom Lane

*Les Noces de Canaa*, by Corinne Vonaesch

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## **First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Sunday, January 19, 2025 • 11:00 AM**

**PRELUDE:** *Cello Suite No. 6 in D major, BWV. 1012 , Sarabande*

J.S. Bach

Emily Grissing, Cello

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Emily Hull McGee

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

**All: the Creator's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord,

**All: and greatly to be praised.**

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *O Let My Mouth Be Filled with Thy Praise*

Zingarelli

Sanctuary Choir

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:  
that I may sing thy glory and honor all the day long

\*HYMN 337: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

Pat Thompson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: The unconditional love of God bids us examine our lives.

Let us confess our sins and open our hearts and minds  
to a new way of living in relationship to God and one another.

**All: Holy God, Surprising God,  
we confess that you are more willing to perform miracles in our lives  
than we are to receive them.  
You take delight in us, giving us the desires of our hearts,  
yet we labor constantly to earn your good gifts.  
When the unexplainable visits us,  
surprising us with unexpected grace and abundance,  
we offer feeble explanations for your generosity in our lives.  
Forgive us, O God.  
As you turned the water into wine at Cana,  
may you so transform our lives to welcome your kingdom of good news.  
May you use us to change tears of suffering into joyful songs,  
mourning into dancing, scarcity into abundance,  
so that all may delight in the generosity of God.  
Through Jesus Christ, our joy and our delight. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 36:5-10

Mary Kaylor

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As recipients of God's steadfast love  
let us share the sign of peace with these words:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

ANTHEM: *O Love*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir  
Emily Grissing, Cello  
Jacob Hill, Piano

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give Thee back  
the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks  
me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow  
through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

## 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: "The Good Life: Delighted"**

Emily Hull McGee

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

KINGSFOLD

*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**

Cyrus Bush

*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 on our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://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

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|---|---|
| <u>Acolytes:</u>                        | Anna Scott and Casey Masten   |
| <u>Deacon of the Week:</u>              | Cyrus Bush and Pat Thompson   |
| <u>Children &amp; Families Greeter:</u> | Kim Wilkinson   |
| <u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>        | Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,<br>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. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring extra distance. 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. 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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### 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 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

Deacon Ordination and Installation

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

Kyle Caudle, proclaimer

### **Deacon Ordination & Installation Rescheduled**

Due to last weekend's winter storm, our Deacon ordination and installation is rescheduled for Sunday, February 9.

### **February 9 | First Impressions, 9:15 am**

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 February 9 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Mary at [mary@firstonfifth.org](mailto:mary@firstonfifth.org)

### **January 22 and 29 | Midweek Series**

*Ampersand Faith: Following the 'Both-And' Way of Jesus in an 'Either-Or' World, 11am in the Baraca Room*  
We live in an "Either-Or" world today which is divided, polarized, and coming apart at the seams. Conflicts abound surrounding our values, politics, work, and faith. Many people want things to be black or white, right or wrong, left or right, and the list of divisions goes on and on. But when we listen to the teachings of Jesus, we hear a very different word. Instead of "Either-Or" we hear Jesus calling us to a "Both-And" kind of faith. What did Jesus say about it? What would that kind of faith look like in our kind of world? 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."

### **January 28 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30pm**

As is our custom, we will gather by Zoom to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference on Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30pm. See the newsletter that week for more info!

### **February 2 | Sexual Harassment & Abuse Prevention Training, 12:00-2:00pm**

All church leaders, volunteers with children and youth, and anyone else who is interested is invited to a training session on Sunday, February 2, 12:00-2:00pm in Kelly Auditorium regarding the prevention of sexual harassment and abuse in our church; lunch will be provided. Rev. Jay Kieve, CBF's Abuse Prevention and Response Advocate & Director of Ministerial Transitions, will be with us that day as our instructor and guide. Jay will lead a session specifically for parents of children and youth during the Sunday School hour in Kelly. Please RSVP for the training at the link in your newsletter! Let Pastor Emily know if you have any questions. This gathering is sponsored by the Personnel Committee.

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gift for January is Beef Stew. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 19

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

MONDAY, January 20

- Church Office Closed
- 10:00 am Youth Snow Tubing Trip

TUESDAY, January 21

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 22

- 11:00 am Midweek Series (*Baraca*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, January 23

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, January 24

SATURDAY, January 25

SUNDAY, January 26

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 4:00 pm New member meet & greet (*offsite*)

### OFFICE HOURS

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