



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

✝ Howard Thurman

*Let All Creation Dance*, Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 5, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Andante from Sonata in A Minor*

G.P. Telemann

Annie Winkelman, Oboe  
Lauren Winkelman, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**All: We will proclaim God's praise among the nations!**

\*HYMN 154: *Christ Is the World's Light*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Steve Smith

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows  
of our world and of our hearts.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins  
before God and one another.

*(Silent confession)*

Let us pray:

**All: Merciful God,  
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,  
but we have preferred to live in darkness.  
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,  
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.  
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,  
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.  
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,  
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.  
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,  
that we may trust you in all things;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world,  
the One who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The light of Christ has illuminated our darkness!  
As light banishes the darkness of this world,  
so may peace overcome all violence and hatred,  
for this is the way of Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## ANTHEM *The Winter Rose*

J. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above, God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep. The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume. And in the bleak mid-winter the Rose began to bloom. O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

## 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: *"See and Be Radiant"*

Emily Hull McGee

### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION & SHARING OF STAR WORDS

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 145: *Star-Child*

STAR-CHILD

*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

Holly Kessler

*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

Mary Kaylor

#### \*DOXOLOGY

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

#### \*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

#### POSTLUDE: *Processional on Christe Sanctorum*

B. Portman

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Many thanks to Eve Andrews for creating the new white stoles worn by our pastoral staff. We are grateful for this beautiful gift that will enhance our worship in the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter!

## BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund.

## SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Holly Kessler and Steve Smith  
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson  
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder,  
Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

## A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

In January a new sound system will be installed in the sanctuary! We are hoping to expand the pool of volunteers who are willing to serve in our Streaming and Sound Ministry. Training will be offered when the new equipment is installed. If you are interested in serving in this important worship ministry, please contact David Williamson at david@firstonfifth.org.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## 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. 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 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

### January 12 | Deacon Ordination & Installation

Next Sunday in worship, we joyfully install and ordain eight new Deacons to the work of servant leadership in our church. The Deacons extend care and connection with our members and cultivate the spiritual well-being of the church.

### 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 | 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 and more importantly foster community. We hope you will join us! Please RSVP in your Newsletter or online!

### January 15, 22, and 29 | Midweek Series, 11 am

*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. Disagreements abound surrounding our values, our politics, our work, and our 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 often 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 this? 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 18 | Young Adult Fellowship, 6:30 pm

*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.

### January 14 | Tuesday Devotional Classics, 7:30 am

The Tuesday Devotional Classics group will begin a new study of Greg Boyle's [Cherished Belonging](#) on January 14 at 7:30am in the Baraca Room. Contact David Williamson for more information or to enroll in the study. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 5

- 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*)
- 2:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group (*Baraca*)
- 4:00 pm Youth Epiphany Party

MONDAY, January 6

- 7:00 pm Songwriting Affinity Group (*Kelly*)

TUESDAY, January 7

- 10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 8

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, January 9

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

FRIDAY, January 10

SATURDAY, January 11

SUNDAY, January 12

- 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*)
- 12:00 pm Leadership Orientation (*Kelly*)

## OFFICE HOURS

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## Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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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