



Jesus Preaching, Jose Trujillo

“The world says, ‘Mind your own business,’ and Jesus says, ‘There is no such thing as your own business.’ The world says, ‘Follow the wisest course and be a success,’ and Jesus says, ‘Follow me and be crucified.’ The world says, ‘Drive carefully — the life you save may be your own’ — and Jesus says, ‘Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’ The world says, ‘Law and order,’ and Jesus says, ‘Love.’ The world says, ‘Get’ and Jesus says, ‘Give.’ In terms of the world’s sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion.”

+ Frederick Buechner

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 16, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prelude on ‘The New Commonwealth’*

Jacob Hill, Organ

R. Vaughan Williams

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *God Himself Is with Us*

Sanctuary Choir

J. Neander

God himself is with us: Let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.
“Holy, holy, holy” Hear the hymn ascending, angels saints their voices blending!
Bow thine ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises that thy church now raises.

THE MINISTRY OF SILENCE

INVOCATION

(Please read in unison.)

**With you, gracious God,
we move into this time of worship,
grateful that you are never farther
than the reach of our need and our prayer.**

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Kyle Caudle

**You who tower over the universe
are yet intimately present,
always renewing the face of the earth,
always renewing the faith of your children.
Now, in your mercy, make your way past
all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew,
and to center our small worship on your great glory. Amen.**

*HYMN 58: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:17-26

Amy McClure

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
So let us be honest and confess what separates us
from God and our neighbors,
trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

**All: Merciful God,
your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom
you are bringing in Jesus Christ.
Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
people who are poor and hungry; people who weep.
We have not stood with those
who are hated, bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.
Blessed are those whose sin is covered.
Hear this very good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As those who share in the unmerited blessing of God,
let us offer the sign of peace to one another with these words:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *God Is Our Refuge*

A. Pote

Sanctuary Choir

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song; We will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, We will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn Rhoades

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: Blessed*"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 283: *Holy Presence, Holy Teacher

HARLAN

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**

Roper Halverson

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Kyle Caudle

***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: Suite, II. Gloria

C. Phillips

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Lorelei Clark and Nora Arredondo
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Roper Halverson and Lynn Rhoades
<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. 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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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.

February 23

The Good Life: Reconciled

Luke 6:27-38

Baptism of Silas McGee

March 2 | Transfiguration Sunday

The Good Life: Astounded

Luke 9:28-43a

Kyle Caudle, proclaimer

February 16, 23 | The Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Discipleship and Resistance.

You may have heard someone call this time in American life a "Bonhoeffer Moment," but what exactly does that mean? Join Kristopher Norris, Ph.D. in Kelly Auditorium during the Sunday school hour for this timely class where we will explore the life and ethics of one of history's most fascinating theologians, and discuss what his writings and witness might mean for us today.

Session 2: Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus

Session 3: The Pacifist Assassin

February 18 | Young Adult Trivia Night

Join us on Tuesday, February 18th at The Dutch Light and show off your knowledge in trivia. They have drinks and snacks available for purchase. We'll meet at 6:45pm to get teams set for trivia to start at 7pm. Let Mary know if you have questions.

February 23 | First Missions - Kids edition!

Please join us on Sunday, February 23 immediately following worship from 12:15 - 2:00 pm to participate in a missions project with prayer partners. We will be building butterfly houses since they became so meaningful to the recipients of our last batch (given to folks who were recipients of a new ramp with our ramp crew!). Parents will be expected to stay with their kids throughout this project as it is very hands-on. RSVP in your newsletter.

February 23 | Youth Lunch and Games

All Youth are invited to gather for Lunch (Chili/soup) and games following worship on February 23. Contact Pastor Kyle with any questions.

March 5 | Ash Wednesday

Ashes for the Community, 12:00-1:00pm

Our pastoral staff will offer the imposition of ashes on the church house's front steps for anyone in the community who would like to receive them.

Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:00pm

All are invited to join in our time of Ash Wednesday worship as we orient ourselves to the Lenten season with the ancient rituals of remembering 'from dust we are, and to dust we shall return.'

March 9 | Mochas with Mac, 3:00-4:00 pm

K-3rd grade get their chance for Mochas with Mac on March 9! Children in K - 3rd grades are invited to a gathering with Pastor Amy Mac at Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Kids will get hot chocolate unless otherwise directed by parents. There is no cost to families. RSVP in your Newsletter.

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 | Midweek Lenten Series

Deadly Sins in a Story of Life: The Seven Deadly Sins in the Parable of the Prodigal Son - 11:00am, Baraca
All adults are welcome to join David Hull for our Lenten midweek series. This Lenten series will focus on the "Seven Deadly Sins" as seen in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Looking through the lenses of this favorite story of Jesus, we will study the Deadly Sins as they are portrayed in the lives of the two sons. We will gaze into the mirror of our own sin and find opportunities for repentance during this holy season. We will also be reminded of the abundant grace of God that makes this story -- and our stories -- filled with life.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for February is Soul Foods (Canned Greens, Black-eyed Peas, Jiffy Cornbread mix, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 16

- 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 Missions Committee (*Baraca*)
- 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (*offsite*)

MONDAY, February 17

- 11:00 am Governance Task Force
- 5:00 pm House and Grounds

TUESDAY, February 18

- 11:30 am Outreach Ministry Team (*Commons*)
- 11:30 am Hymnal Task Force meeting (*Conference room*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee
- 6:30 pm Young Adult Trivia (*offsite*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 19

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

THURSDAY, February 20

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group
- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team (*online*)

FRIDAY, February 21

SATURDAY, February 22

SUNDAY, February 23

- 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*)
- 12:15 pm Prayer Partner Lunch and Missions Event (*Kelly*)

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