



“The miraculous catch was not the haddock and shad and whatever else Peter and the rest of them caught that day, but the fact that Peter and the rest were caught up, even as we are, in the net of Christ’s love.”

+ William Sloane Coffin

Let Down Your Nets,
John August Swanson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 9, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Meditation*

G. Oldroyd

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**All: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work, God calls us.**

Leader: We listen continually for the promise of God’s
steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: We respond with our whole heart,
singing God’s praise and giving thanks!**

*HYMN 299: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

OLD 134TH

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

Walt Wiley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

Florence Wiley

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE: *Deep Waters*

P. Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

Their fishing nets were empty when they first saw the Lord. All night they had been fishing in the waters by the shore. The Lord said, "Go to deep waters, cast your nets once more." And because they obeyed, they would never be the same. Go to deep waters, where only faith will let you go. Go to deep waters; harvests of faith will overflow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One who calls us,
for with the invitation to follow comes infinite grace.

**All: O God, though we walk in the midst of challenges,
you preserve and deliver us.
Though our lips are not clean
and our hearts are not pure,
you still call us.
Sometimes we are deceitful;
other times we judge ourselves too harshly
and feel unworthy of your call on our lives.
Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you,
lost and at risk.
Forgive us when our lives do not reflect
the purposes you intend.
Touch us with your grace and dispel our fears.
Give us the courage to go where the water is deep,
and to cast our nets as often as you command,
that we may serve you alone, our true Sovereign. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: In the temple, Isaiah heard these words:
"Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."
God's grace toward us has not been in vain.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As grateful recipients of God's generosity
let us share the sign of peace 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: *Give Me Jesus*

arr. T. Manor

Sanctuary Choir

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I am alone, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

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: "*The Good Life: Caught*"

Emily Hull McGee

LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

Emily Hull McGee, Wally Cox
Lynn Rhoades, Nikki Byers

Leader: Through the gifts of the Spirit, God calls leaders of all kinds within Christ's church to serve as deacons.

Congregation: All ministry emerges from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God is always calling us to join in this great work of Love in the world!

Leader: Deacons, the church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you to be a deacon. Each of you has accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and commit yourselves to following in his way of Love?

Deacons: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: During your tenure as a deacon, will you seek the peace and unity of this church? Will you covenant to be present and faithful to our life together?

Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Will you fully commit your life and gifts to sharing in the pastoral care and generous stewardship of our Beloved Community? Will you covenant to lead with courage and compassion?

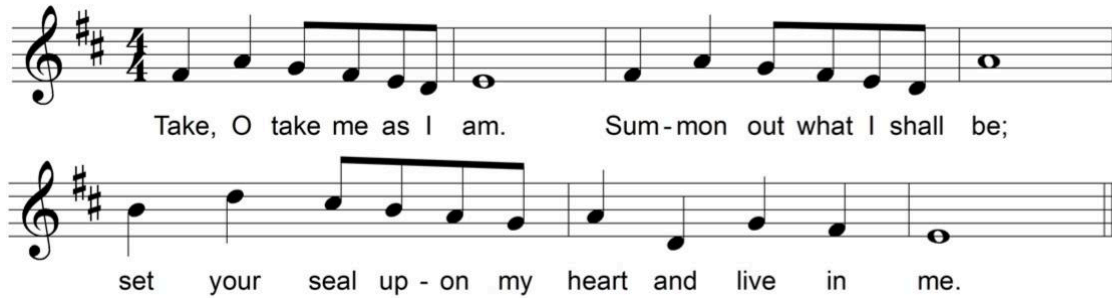
Deacons: We will, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, receive these sisters and brothers as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's work of Love, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

Congregation: We do, God being our helper.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

J. Bell



Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ORDINATION PRAYER

Emily Hull McGee, Wally Cox

CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION

Linda Stewart

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for these servants
who you have called to be deacons in our beloved community.

As we set them apart for this special ministry,
we ask you to fill them with all the grace and courage needed
to fulfill their responsibilities.

**All: Grant them boundless compassion for human needs,
boldness in their servant leadership,
and devotion to the well-being of your church,
that together we may follow Jesus more fully in the way of Love.**

Leader: We thank you today for Linda Stewart,
and ask that you fill her with all the good graces of your Spirit,
that she may faithfully fulfill the ministry of Christ.

All: Hear us, O God, as we pray for your servant.

Leader: Friends, we receive this new deacon, commissioned and ordained,
as a servant leader in our life together,
and we celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities
for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church.

**All: We give thanks for these friends in Christ,
and covenant to hold all our deacons in prayer
as they serve you this year.
We pray these things in the name of your son Jesus,
our leader and guide, Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 476: *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

AURELIA

*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**

Janet Falls

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

David Williamson

***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: *Andante molto moderato*

H. Murrill

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	William Townsend and Slate Cox
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Janet Falls and Walt Wiley
<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.





FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
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 16

The Good Life: Blessed

Luke 6:17-26

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 9, 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 1: Christian Ethics as Life Together

Session 2: Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus

Session 3: The Pacifist Assassin

February 12 | Active Retiree/Older Adult Brunch

Join our older adult/active retiree ministry team at 9:30 am in Kelly Auditorium for pastries, coffee, and juice as we gather for fellowship and a program led by Olena Withrow, Ministry Assistant and Communications Manager. Olena will focus on Realm training and other forms of communications in our church life. Bring your phone, laptop, tablet, or just your listening ears to learn more! Or just come for some good fellowship, food, and fun. Please RSVP in your newsletter or let Amy McClure know if you want to attend.

February 16 | Mochas with Mac, 3:00-4:00 pm

Mochas with Mac is back! Children in 4th - 5th 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.

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. 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 2 | Children & Youth to WFU Basketball Game

All children, youth, and their families are invited to join us for the WFU Women's Basketball game on March 2, 2:00pm! Cost is \$5/person. Please note an RSVP is required no later than February 10. Contact Amy or Kyle with any questions.

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!

Mark Your Calendars!

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

March 9 - Mochas with Mac (K-3rd)

March 14 - First Films

March 18- Older Adult Lunch and Learn

March 27-28 - CBFNC

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 9

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
First Impressions (*Commons*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:00 pm Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 2:00 pm Arts and Crafts Affinity Group

MONDAY, February 10

TUESDAY, February 11

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 12

- 9:30 am Older Adult Realm Training
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals
(*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
(*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, February 13

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

FRIDAY, February 14

SATURDAY, February 15

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

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