

Change

Change is the new,
improved
word for god,
lovely enough
to raise a song
or implicate
a sea of wrongs,
mighty enough,
like other gods,
to shelter,
bring together,
and estrange us.
Please, god,
we seem to say,
change us.

+Wendy Videlock

Transfiguration of Christ
Wes Campbell



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Sunday, March 2, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *He Leadeth Me*

Susan Welch, Piano

C. Clay

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INVOCATION

Sheree Jones

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ,
on the mountaintop Peter, James, and John
looked upon the majesty of your glory,
and from the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice
declaring you to be God's Son.

**All: Although we do not live on a mountaintop,
grant that we may glimpse your glory, even in this hour of worship.
And in the mundane predictability of our daily lives,
may there be moments when sight gives way to insight
and the paths of earth become the very road to heaven. Amen.**

*HYMN 345: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy McClure

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

FAMILY COVENANT

Emily Hull McGee and Amy McClure

Sylvie James Kaylor Martin
Mary Kaylor and Joey Martin

Oliver Boone Myers
Amber and Bethany Myers

Amelia Rustin Rowe Jones
Ryan and Kelly Rowe Jones

Leader: Children, for you, Christ was born into this world. For you, he taught and healed, lived and loved the people around him. For you, he died on Calvary, and for you, he was raised to new life. And little ones, you just wiggle and play and wonder and know nothing of this, which thus confirms the words of scripture, that “before we loved God,

All: God loved us!”

Leader: Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *All Are Welcome*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
all are wel - come in this place.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-43a

Chris Gambill

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Hull McGee

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.

ANTHEM: *The Trumpet in the Morning*

D. Wagner

Sanctuary Choir
Mary Maloney, Trumpet
David Winkelman, Piano

O when shall we see Jesus and reign with Him above, and hear the trumpet sound in the morning? And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and hear the trumpet sound in the morning? Shout O glory, glory! For we'll mount above the skies, when we hear the trumpet sound in the morning. O do not be discouraged, for Jesus is our friend; and if we ask for knowledge, He'll not refuse to lend. Neither will He upbraid us, though often we request, He'll give us grace to conquer, and take us home to rest. Shout O glory, glory! For we'll mount above the skies, when we hear the trumpet sound in the morning. When shall we be delivered from this vain world of sin, and hear the trumpet sound in the morning? And with our blessed Jesus, drink endless pleasures in, and hear the trumpet sound in the morning? Hear the trumpet in the morning.

SERMON: "*The Good Life: Astounded*"

Kyle Caudle

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 159: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

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

Joy Gambill

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

OFFERTORY: *Inception*

J. Krug

Chancel Ringers

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Emily Hull McGee

***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**

Kyle Caudle

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C* (BuxWv 174)

D. Buxtehude

David Williamson, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Alex Britt and Amelia Dellinger
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Joy Gambill and Kelly King
<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

Today! | Pastor Amy's 10th Anniversary Celebration

For ten years now, Amy's ministry at First on Fifth has touched the lives of children and families, senior adults and home-centered adults, folks receiving mental health counseling through the Butner Fund, and all our members who share in her hospitality and receive the gift of her pastoral care. We want to celebrate Amy's ministry among us upon the occasion of her 10th anniversary! Please join us for a reception honoring Rev. Amy McClure in the Ammons-Lolley Commons immediately following worship, today.

Clear Out | Worship during Lent at First on Fifth

God is a clearing God, one who wants nothing to separate, get in the way, hinder the relationship we share. Yet in our relationships with God and each other, we pile the blockades high. We crowd ourselves with stuff, with opinions, with fears, with distractions. We fence off our trauma, defend our needs, and leave our relationships full of debris. Yet the season of Lent gifts us the chance to declutter our lives, to clear out and strip away and lay bare what obstructs the Way of Life. As we come before the refiner's fire, it's in the clearing that we find what we truly long to hold, and discover the Love that never lets us go has been there all along.

Lenten Devotional Books Available Now!

"What is my true hunger?" This Lent you are invited to read *A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers in Lent* by Christine Valters Paintner and explore 7 different kinds of fasts for the spiritual journey. The Zoom book study will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm - 7:45pm beginning Tuesday, March 4. Copies of the book are \$10. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

March 3 | Adult Ministry Team Advocacy Opportunity

The Adult Ministry Team is hosting an opportunity for interested church members to meet on Zoom periodically to discuss ways to advocate for informed responses to proposed federal, state, or local policies impacting the 4 mission and ministry priorities of our church. While individual participants will not be representing First on Fifth as a whole, the focus will be on matters that pertain to our church's priorities. A first meeting will be held on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Mary Foskett or Linda Jones.

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

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. 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 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.

March 14 | First Films - Spring Series Begins!

This spring we take a glimpse of the life journeys of others. For our first film, come experience a challenging trek across Mexico to achieve the golden dream up north. Join us at 6:30 pm to enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and an edifying experience with pew-mates and guests in Kelly Auditorium. Our first film is *The Golden Dream (La Jaula de Oro)* (2013)

March 18 | Older Adult Lunch and Learn

Please join us at 11:30 am in the Baraca Room as we hear from the Thrivemore organization. We will have folks from Brookridge sharing more about what they offer *and* will be doing games that come with amazing door prizes! They are providing a FREE hot lunch, so all you have to do is let us know you are coming. Please RSVP by March 13.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 2

- 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 Amy's Anniversary Celebration (*Commons*)
- 2:00 pm Children and Youth WFU Game (*offsite*)

MONDAY, March 3

- 11:30 am Hymnal Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY, March 4

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
- 4:30 pm Nominating Committee
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)
- 6:00pm Outreach Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 5

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:00 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, March 6

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, March 7

- 7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

SATURDAY, March 8

SUNDAY, March 9

- 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*)
- 12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (*offsite*)

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