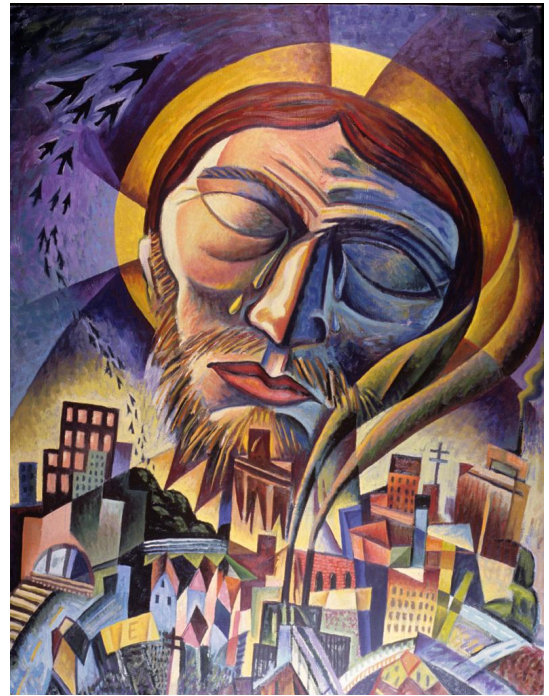


“Dids’t Thou give me  
this inescapable loneliness  
so that it would be easier  
to give Thee all?

+ Dag Hammarskjöld

“If you have ever loved someone you could not protect then you understand the depth of Jesus’ lament. All you can do is open your arms. You cannot make anyone walk into them.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor



*Man of Sorrows, James Janknegt*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
Sunday, March 16, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Arioso*

Jacob Hill, Organ

C. Phillips

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *The Lord Is My Light*

J. Berthier



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion. In God I trust, in God I trust.

OPENING PSALM: Psalm 27

Olivia Blake

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 60: *Like a River Glorious*

WYE VALLEY

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35

Sam Lawrence

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

### ANTHEM: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

T. Johnson

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, let us seek the Lover of Our Souls,  
for with Jesus healing streams abound;  
with Jesus there is plenteous grace to cover all our sin.

**All: Jesus, Lover of Our Souls,  
you have called us to be citizens of a new kingdom,  
a new order that knows neither kings nor presidents.  
But we have held tightly to earthly kingdoms  
that promise independence and security.  
We confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.  
We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor.  
We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.  
We have let our love of material things dull our generosity to the needy.  
We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins.  
Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.  
Forgive us, merciful God, and create in us clean hearts –  
vibrant, brave hearts that desire nothing less than your will and your way. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: God, our light and our salvation,  
does not forsake us or leave us in our sin.  
In Christ there is plenteous grace  
sufficient to cover all sin.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As sign and symbol of our desire to live  
in the spirit and example of Jesus,  
let us share his peace with these words:  
The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with those around you.)*

SERMON: "Clear Out Your Independence"

Emily Hull McGee

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

*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

Anna Harris

*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, offering plates will be passed 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

OFFERTORY: *Grand March*

K. McChesney

Chancel Ringers  
Kyle Coleman, French Horn

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Kyle Caudle

DOXOLOGY

WONDRIOUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will  
sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the  
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

\*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Marche Triomphale*

B. Steane

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Silas McGee and Nora Arredondo
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Anna Harris and Sheree Jones
<u>Children &amp; 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.



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2025-26 academic year. Several scholarships are available, all are due by the deadline of noon on May 2. Applications can be accessed online through the church website OR requested by emailing: [scholarship@firstonfifth.org](mailto:scholarship@firstonfifth.org)

#### \*The Blackwell Memorial Fund Scholarship

providing scholarships for North Carolina students preparing for a career in ministry within the Baptist tradition

#### \*The Ida Tilson Scholarship

providing scholarships to students, based on need, enrolled at "institutions of learning and study" (Not limited to 4-year colleges. Applications for vocational training accepted.)



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FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

March 23 | Third Sunday of Lent

*Clear Out Your Impatience*

Luke 13:1-9

March 30 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Clear Out Your Shame*

Luke 15:1-3b, 11b-32

April 6 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Clear Out Your Caution*

John 12:1-8

Communion Sunday

April 13 | Palm Sunday

*Clear Out the Way*

Luke 19:28-40

April 17 | Maundy Thursday

April 18 | Good Friday

April 20 | Easter Sunday

*Looking for the Living*

Luke 24:1-12

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### Tuesdays in Lent | Lenten Book Study

This Lent you are invited to read a *Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers in Lent* by Christin Valters Painter 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. For more information contact [kyle@firstonfifth.org](mailto:kyle@firstonfifth.org)

### Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for March are Pancake Mix & Syrup. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

### 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! Lunch is free- Join us!

### March 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. We will gaze into the mirror of our own sin and find opportunities for repentance during this holy season and be reminded of the abundant grace of God that makes this story - and our stories - filled with life.

### March 21 | Young Adult Fellowship

Join us on Friday, March 21 at 6:30pm for fellowship and basketball! We'll gather at Olivia Blake's house. Please bring a dessert to share. Let Mary know if you plan to join.

### Adult Ministry Team Advocacy Opportunity

The Adult Ministry Team is hosting opportunities for interested church members to meet periodically to exchange verified information about proposed federal, state, and local policies that relate to our church's mission and ministry priorities in order to prepare individuals to be able to respond constructively to these matters. At our first meeting, we decided to focus on policies and issues, such as Medicaid, that relate to our church priorities of cultivating the well-being of children and mitigating poverty in our community. We will continue to discern key issues at our next meeting, which will be held **on Zoom on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to join the meeting, contact Mary Foskett or Linda Jones.

### March 27-28 | CBFNC Annual Gathering

All are invited to the 2025 CBFNC Annual Gathering, March 27-28 at Pritchard Church in downtown Charlotte. Find out more and register at [cbfnc.org/annualgathering](http://cbfnc.org/annualgathering)

### First Floor Refresh Begins Tomorrow!

The first floor refresh work of our Life Together building project begins tomorrow! Kelly Auditorium will be the site of the first round of work, which is expected to take four weeks. The remainder of the refresh of the first floor will follow soon thereafter. Stay tuned for more, and thanks for your support of this exciting renewal of our church house!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, March 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*)

### MONDAY, March 17

- 11:30 am Hymnal Task Force

### TUESDAY, March 18

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
- 11:30 am Older Adult Lunch and Learn (*Baraca*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Lent Book Study (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, March 19

- 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, March 20

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

### FRIDAY, March 21

- 6:30 pm Young Adult Fellowship

### SATURDAY, March 22

### SUNDAY, March 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*)
- 12:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
- Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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