



“Palm Sunday is no time to hold back. Shout with abandon. Praise Jesus with song and prayer. Throw your coat into the mix, spread it on the road. Do not suppress your urge to be generous with your affection, your resources, your love. Jesus will not walk the earth forever. The time is now.”

+ Jill Duffield

Jyoti Sahi, *Entry into Jerusalem*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *op. 122, No. 3, O Welt ich muß dich lassen*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J. Brahms

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Sanctuary Choir

J. Neander

Open now Thy gates of beauty, come Thou also down to thine, here our souls find joyful duty, here on earth is heaven's kind. To our hearts, O enter Thou, let them be Thy temple now.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness,  
that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: May blessings pour forth from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Let there be a joyful, festive procession with palm branches  
as sign and symbol of our adoration and praise.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## PALM PROCESSIONAL

\*HYMN 175: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40

Roper Halverson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God of heaven and earth,  
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ  
to bear witness to your love.  
Even though we profess to follow him,  
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.  
When you call us to bear witness to your eternal truth  
and extravagant love, we remain silent.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.  
Forgive what is sinful, heal what is broken,  
welcome our praises, and receive us as your own. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, as we begin this Holy Week,  
let us be strengthened to move beyond  
the festival parade of palms into Jerusalem,  
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,  
that united with him and all the faithful,  
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness,  
into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem,  
where rivers of redeeming love will welcome us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Let us extend 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: *Sweet Rivers*

S. Kirchner

Sanctuary Choir

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before my eyes; had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly. I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind; I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves and leave the world behind. A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er: I hope to join the heavenly host on Canaan's happy shore. My rapturous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea, the glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me. O come, my Savior, come away, and bear me through the sky, nor let thy

chariot wheels delay, but quickly draw thou nigh. Then I shall join the angel throng and circle 'round thy throne; I'll sing through all the ages long, and joy to be thine own.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

### 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: "Clear Out the Way"

Emily Hull McGee

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 171: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDRIOUS LOVE

*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 at our website, [firstonfifth.org](http://firstonfifth.org).*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Ringers

## THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Amy McClure

### DOXOLOGY

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pre - sent  
far too small; love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all! A - men.

\*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Phoenix Processional*

D. Locklair

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Jordynn Elizalde and William Townsend
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Holly Kessler and Roper Halverson
<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.



### LISTENING ASSIST AVAILABLE

We are so excited to announce that our listening assist program is officially up and running. To access these services, scan the QR code to download the Listen Everywhere app to your smartphone. Make sure you are connected to the firstonfifth-guest WIFI network. Password: boldandboundless. Select the main channel on the app, ensure the sound is unmuted in the bottom left corner, and listen through your headphones or hearing aids!



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FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holy Week at First on Fifth**

**April 17 | Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm**

We gather in the Sanctuary to practice the “new commandment” from Jesus through the earthy, tangible symbols of communion & handwashing.

**April 18 | Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm**

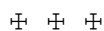
Take time for reflection by walking the stations of the Cross prior to our Good Friday service. We will offer an extended, meditative prelude during this time featuring internationally acclaimed violinist, Ida Bieler.

**April 18 | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7pm**

The shadows of the cross beckon us to the scriptures and stories from Jesus’ final hours with music by the Sanctuary Choir.

**April 20 | Easter Sunday**

Easter joy reminds us: death is never the end of the story! Bring flowers from your garden and join us for breakfast goodies by the flower cross at 9:30. Worship at 11am will feature music by our Sanctuary Choir and the Appalachian State University Graduate Brass Quintet.



**April 14 | Adult Ministry Team Advocacy Call**

The next meeting of the Adult Ministry Team’s Advocacy Group will be held **on Zoom on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** This group meets 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. If you would like to join the meeting, contact Mary Foskett or Linda Jones.

**April 16 | Older Adult Lunch**

Please join us at 11:30 am for some fellowship and a special program as we eat some good food at one of our favorite places, Southern Family Restaurant! RSVP in your newsletter!

**April 18 | Good Friday Youth Event**

All youth are invited for an Easter experience on April 18 with other youth groups in East Bend. Presented by SPARK, this event will feature baking bread and cooking, spiritual formation, and serving others. Depart from church at 8:30am and return at 2:00pm. For more information contact [kyle@firstonfifth.org](mailto:kyle@firstonfifth.org).

**Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for April are Applesauce & Canned Fruit. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

**April 25-27 | Churchwide Camping Trip**

First on Fifth will be camping at nearby Morrow Mountain State Park on Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27! There are a few camp sites remaining. Stay one or two nights, but know that all cabins must be reserved for 2 nights’ stay. Come for rest, renewal, and fun, as we enjoy fellowship together in the great outdoors! If you would like to attend please contact Kyle.

**April 29 | Quarterly Church Conference**

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, April 29, 2025, in Kelly Auditorium. Supper at 5:30, Meeting at 6:00 pm.

**May 17 | Churchwide Zoo Trip**

The children’s ministry team invites people of **all ages** to join us at the NC Zoo in Asheboro on Saturday, May 17 starting at 9:00am where we will meet at the Africa entrance of the zoo and take a group picture. Tickets are \$10/person for ages 2 and older. Babies, 1-year-olds, and season pass holders are free! Sign up in your newsletter!

**Summer Supper Clubs**

Back by popular demand! This summer the New Member Ministry Team invites you to take part in supper clubs during the months of June, July, and August. These small, intergenerational groups will gather periodically for food and fellowship. Groups will be randomly assigned. Sign up in your Newsletter.

**Seeking Donations | Una Bendición**

The Missions Committee invites you to donate diapers size 3, 4, 5, and 6 to Una Bendición. This ministry provides a point of connection between Spanish-speaking families and the many available resources in our city. Please place donations by the Crisis Control bins on the first floor.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- May 4 - Maggie Clark Ordination, 4pm
- May 8 - Bethany Leggett Ordination, 6:30pm
- May 14 - Older Adult Hymn Sing in the Park, 11:30 am
- May 18 - Graduation Sunday Luncheon
- May 29 - Line Dancing Fellowship, 7pm
- June 1 - First Impressions
- June 6 - Board Games Affinity Group, 7pm
- June 7 - Youth Pool Party
- June 8- Pentecost Sunday, Church Picnic, 5pm
- June 21 - Children’s Pool Party
- June 25-27 - CBF General Assembly
- June 20-July 3- Passport Kids
- July 6-11 - Passport Youth

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, April 13

- 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 Deacon's Meeting

### MONDAY, April 14

- 11:30 am Hymnal Task Force Meeting
- 6:00 pm World Relief Board Meeting (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Advocacy Call (*online*)

### TUESDAY, April 15

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Lent Book Study (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, April 16

- 11:30 am Older Adult Luncheon (*offsite*)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

### THURSDAY, April 17

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (*Sanctuary*)

### FRIDAY, April 18

- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae (*Sanctuary*)

### SATURDAY, April 19

### SUNDAY, April 20

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Fellowship on the Lawn (*front lawn*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Easter Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

### OFFICE HOURS

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