"I believe that although the two disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus recognized them, that he saw them as if they were the only two people in the world. And I believe that the reason why the resurrection is more than just an extraordinary event that took place some two thousand years ago and then was over and done with is that, even as I speak these words and you listen to them, he also sees each of us like that."

+ Frederick Buechner



Road to Emmaus, Daniel Bonnell

# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Processional D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP Dana Patrick

Leader: God of the resurrection,

we gather this morning as a community of believers.

We come with joy to greet one another

and to tell again and again the amazing news:

All: Christ is risen!

Love is victorious over death!

Leader: May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming

be a testimony to the power of your love

to make us a new creation as a community of faith.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

\*HYMN 195: Easter People, Raise Your Voices

**WESNATE** 

THE ORDINANCE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Lorelei Marie Clark

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35 Charlie Patrick

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**David Williamson** 

(Please read in unison.)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are too often blind to that presence.
As earlier disciples walked the road to Emmaus,
so we walk the streets of our city completely unaware
of the One who walks with us.
As we fail to recognize your presence among us,
open our eyes to see you afresh in the simple act
of breaking bread with friends.
When we are slow to understand your ways,
teach us again and again through the opening of scripture.
When our hearts have grown cold,
we pray that you would rekindle a burning passion within us.
Forgive us, compassionate God,

and restore us in the power of your resurrection. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**David Williamson** 

Leader: Friends, in the name of the Resurrected Christ we are forgiven and restored to God in every way.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us share the sign of peace with one another, a peace given to set our hearts ablaze with Christ's love. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

\*HYMN 204: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

**PUER NOBIS** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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: Glory and Praise** 

D. Buxtehude

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Glory and praise to God above, Let all now live in peace and love. Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice today in great acclaim. Rise up to sing the Lord's holy name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON: "How Will I Know? By the Way"

**Amy McClure** 

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 203: Day of Arising

**BUNESSAN** 

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

Minerva Fox

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.

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

\*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: Prelude in G C.V. Stanford

Jacob Hill, Organ

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able will please stand.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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#### **SERVING TODAY**

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u> Jim Nelson and Minerva Fox

Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team: 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.



## May 4 | Ordination Service for Maggie Clark

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons, and pending an affirmation from the Ordination Council and congregation at April 29's QCC, all are invited to gather for Maggie Clark's ordination to the gospel ministry on Sunday, May 4, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

#### May 8 | Ordination Service for Bethany Leggett

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons and Ordination Council, and pending an affirmation from the congregation at April 29's QCC, all are invited to gather for Bethany Leggett's ordination to the gospel ministry on Thursday, May 8, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.





#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Seeking Information | Celebrating Our Graduates**

If you or a family member of yours is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate with you! Please send the following information to Olena (olena@firstonfifth.org) by Monday, May 12 for inclusion in the May 18 worship guide: name, school of graduation, degree completed, and relationship to you (i.e. child, grandchild, etc.). Thank you for helping us to celebrate our graduates!

## **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 9 | First Films

This spring in our film series we take a glimpse of the life journeys of others. Join us at 6:30 pm and enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and an edifying experience with pew-mates and guests in Kelly Auditorium. The film for may is Pride (2014), *1hr 59mins*.

## May 14 | Hymn Sing in the Park, 11:30 am

Join us for a Hymn Sing at Leinbach Park at 11:30am! Pastor David will join us with his keyboard and hymnals and will take song selections from you. Start thinking about what you want to request! An RSVP is required for this event so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone. Donations of \$10/person on the day of the event are appreciated, but not required. You can sign up in your newsletter.

# May 17 | Churchwide Zoo Trip

The Children's Ministry Team invites people of <u>all ages</u> 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!

# **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.

**How Will I Know?** Eastertide Worship at First on Fifth "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" These words of iov rang out on Easter morning, triumphant with the possibility of transformation. But as lilies fade and trumpets quiet, the living-out of resurrection's hope becomes trickier. Looking for the risen Christ can leave us wondering, "how will I know resurrection?" The existential wondering of "how will I know" applies indiscriminately to everything: how will I know love, how will I know belonging, how will I know forgiveness, and the many that follow. This Eastertide, we listen to the stories of Jesus's encounters on this side of resurrection to seek an answer, and we'll find along the way that the risen Jesus is known now as he was known then: by the way, the mark, the meal, the voice, the love.

May 4
How Will I Know? By the Mark
John 20:19-31
Communion Sunday

May 11 How Will I Know? By the Meal John 21:1-19

May 18
How Will I Know? By the Voice
John 10:22-30
Graduate Recognition

May 25 How Will I Know? By the Love John 13:31-35

June 1 | Ascension Sunday
How Will I Know? It's Not for You to Know
Acts 1:1-11
Communion Sunday

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## Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, April 27

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, April 28

11:30 am Hymnal Task Force

TUESDAY, April 29

5:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference (Kelly)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, April 30

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Commons) 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals

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(Sanctuary & Music Suite)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

(Choir Room)

THURSDAY, May 1

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, May 2

7:00 pm Board Games Affinity Group (Baraca)

SATURDAY, May 3

SUNDAY, May 4

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 Deacon's Meeting (Kelly)

4:00 pm Maggie Clark Ordination (Sanctuary)

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