



God, my shepherd!  
I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down  
in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools  
to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.  
Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.  
You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.  
Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life

+ Psalm 23, *The Message* translation

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Sunday, May 18, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Suite Gothique, III. Priere*

Jacob Hill, Organ

L. Boëllmann

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 7:9-10, 17

Maggie Clark

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**All: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"**

Leader: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

**All: And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

INTROIT: *The Strife Is O'er*

Chancel Ringers

arr. C. Maggs

\*HYMN 215: *Rejoice the Lord Is King*

DARWALL

RECOGNITION OF 2025 GRADUATES

Kyle Caudle and Emily Hull McGee

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dana Patrick

Leader: God is present to guide our journey  
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;  
therefore, in humility and faith,  
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

**All: Shepherding God,  
we confess that we have strayed  
from your paths of right relationship and peace.  
We have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation.  
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others;  
pursue us with your steadfast love and mercy;  
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Charlie and Eli Patrick

Leader: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice.  
I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish."  
Be confident in this promise of the Good Shepherd.  
In the name of Jesus we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As forgiven people we are called to live  
in peace with God and one another.  
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: *Awake, Awake!*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore the great eternal Lord of all,  
Who reigns forevermore. He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flower its hue,  
and gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew. Sons and daughters of the  
King, let your endless praises ring; Christ the Lord is risen on high; He lives, no more to  
die. Awake, exalt His glorious name; and on this holy day, rejoicing in the house of  
prayer, your grateful homage pay. As o'er the earth the genial sun a radiant luster  
throws. So in the bosom where he dwells the light of mercy glows. Sons and  
daughters of the King, let your endless praises ring; Christ the Lord is risen on high; He  
lives, no more to die. How sweet when human voices join to sing His pardoning love,  
while angels waft the joyful strain to purer worlds above. Awake, awake! Let every  
heart in loudest praise adore the great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.  
Sons and daughters of the King, let your endless praises ring; Christ the Lord is risen  
on high; He lives, no more to die.

## 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.

**\*HYMN 66: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

RESIGNATION

**SERMON: "*How Will I Know? By the Voice*"**

Emily Hull McGee

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

KINGSFOLD

*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**

Gary Stiffler

*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: *The Day of Resurrection***

arr. K. McChesney

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**

Emily Hull McGee

**POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune***

P. Fey

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Crucifer and Acolytes:

Jacob Patrick, Slate Cox and Nora Arredondo

Deacon of the Week:

Gary Stiffler and Judy Eustice

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.



## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES !

### Balin Joyce

*William Byrd High School*

Grandson of David & Skeeter Joyce

Great Nephew of Wally & Alice Cox

### Colin G. Loftis

*Simon G. Atkins Academic*

*& Technical High School*

Son of Lee & Steve Loftis

### Eli Patrick

*West Forsyth High School*

Son of Dana & Charlie Patrick

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### Leah Elizabeth Boone

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry,

*Appalachian State University*

Granddaughter of John & Nancy Baxley

### Jack E. Douglass

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science,

minors in Japanese and Math, *UNC Charlotte*

Grandson of Walt & Florence Wiley

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### Elmer Amaya

Master of Divinity,

*Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

### Maggie Clark

Master of Divinity,

*Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

### Devin Withrow

Master of Divinity,

*Wake Forest University School of Divinity*

### Olena Withrow

Master of Divinity,

*Wake Forest University School of Divinity*



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FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **May 21 | Called Church Conference**

All are invited and encouraged to attend a Called Church Conference on Wednesday, May 21, from 6:30-8:00pm in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom, to discuss the *Life Together* Building Project's final scope, timeline, and pricing. A light supper will be provided; donations will be accepted to help cover the cost. If you would like to eat, please rsvp in your newsletter. The supper line will open at 6:15pm, and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30pm. Copies of the meeting materials will be sent out in the May 22 newsletter.

### **May 27 | Governance Task Force Q&A, 6pm**

There will be a Zoom Q&A for anyone who has questions about the proposed Governance model for the church on **Tuesday night, May 27, from 6:00-7:00pm** as we move toward a called church conference after worship to vote on these recommendations on Sunday, June 1. You can read more about the proposed model and view handouts from the April 29 QCC in your newsletter.

### **May 29 | Line Dancing Fellowship, 7pm**

Dust off your boots and grab your hat and join us for a rootin-tootin good time! Thursday, May 29 we'll be joined by Line Dance Instructor Jackie Phillips in Kelly Auditorium. She'll lead us through some exciting beginner line dances to some great tunes! \$5 donation is suggested. Contact Mary with any questions.

### **May 30 | Arts & Crafts Affinity Group**

Let out your inner Picasso or van Gogh! Meet the Arts & Crafts Affinity Group on Friday, May 30 at Uncorked Masterpiece in Reynolda Village at 6pm and unleash your creativity! You'll get to pick the piece of pottery you want to paint and your costs will depend on the piece you pick. Please let Meredith Parker or Sheri-Lyn Robertson know if you plan to join.

### **June 6-7 | Guideposts to Happiness Workshop**

First on Fifth will be a pilot site to host a workshop sponsored by Guideposts on the cultivation of happiness and joy in a life of faith. On Friday night, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, in Kelly Auditorium, facilitator Luke LeFevre will guide participants through sessions blending biblical wisdom, stories, reflective journaling, and practical tools to help cultivate lasting happiness. RSVP in your newsletter!

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for May are Baked Beans (Pork & Beans, Beanee Weenees, etc.) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

### **June 7 | Youth Pool Party**

Splash into summer with a youth pool party at Roper's on Saturday June 7 from 2:00-4:30pm. All youth and families are invited for swimming, games, and fellowship. Please bring a drink and snack to share. For more information contact [kyle@firstonfifth.org](mailto:kyle@firstonfifth.org)

### **June 8 | Churchwide Picnic**

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday! As we celebrate the birthday of the church, we invite you to a big ol' birthday party! We'll gather at Leinbach Park from 5:00-7:00pm. The church will provide meat and drinks; please bring a side or dessert to share! Kids can enjoy the great playground, and we'll all celebrate the gift of our church family. All are welcome!

### **June 14 | WS Pride Festival**

The Outreach Ministry Team would love for you to help represent First on Fifth at the Winston-Salem Pride Festival on Saturday, June 14! Whether you want to submit affirmations for our affirmation station, sign up to bring breakfast goodies before the parade, work a shift at our booth, walk in the parade, or just sport our new church t shirt- you can find all the information you need to be a part of this meaningful day in your newsletter. Contact [mary@firstonfifth.org](mailto:mary@firstonfifth.org) with any questions.

### **Sign Up! | 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. We offer this opportunity as a way for those in our church to meet one another and become better acquainted, whether they have been part of our community for a short time or many years. Groups will be randomly assigned. Sign up in your newsletter or reach out to Mary Kaylor!

### **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.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 18

- 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 HS Graduate Lunch (*Kelly*)
- 7:30 pm Adult Ministry Team Meeting (*online*)

MONDAY, May 19

TUESDAY, May 20

- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 21

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
- 6:30 pm Called Church Conference (*Kelly Auditorium & online*)

THURSDAY, May 22

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, May 23

SATURDAY, May 24

SUNDAY, May 25

- 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*)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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