

"Doubt is pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother." + Kahlil Gibran

Wounded Hands of Christ, Artist unknown

# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Offertoire, 'O filii et filiae'

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

All: Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Leader: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

All: Give praise for God's resurrection power!

Leader: Let us praise God with hearts and hands and voices!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise the Lord!

\*HYMN 198: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

J.P. Dandrieu

**Emily Hull McGee** 

**David Williamson** 

LLANFAIR

### Sanctuary Choir

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad. Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song. Sing alleluia to the Lord. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Shout His marvelous works among the people, For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad. Let the heavens be filled with joy and a jubilant song. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born, From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom. We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad. Let

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

All: God of the empty tomb and empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.
When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.
When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, forgive us and transform our timidity into courage.
When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. In the name of the Risen Christ we are forgiven.

### All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let us follow the example of Jesus in sharing the sign of peace with one another, May the peace of Christ be with you.

### All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

Mary Kaylor

### David Winkelman

Amy McClure

### Kyle Caudle, Emily Hull McGee, Olena Withrow

When I cross over I will shout and sing. I will know my Savior by the mark where the nails have been. A man of riches may claim a crown of jewels, but the king of heaven can be told from the prince of fools. On Calvary mountain where they made him suffer so all my sin was paid for a long, long time ago. By the mark where the nails have been, by the sign upon his precious skin, I will know my Savior when I come to him, by the mark where the nails have been.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **Bethany Leggett**

### 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: "How Will I Know? By the Mark"

### **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 634: We Walk By Faith

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**

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

### FAITH'S JOURNEY

**Emily Hull McGee** 

# Lynn Rhoades

Kyle Caudle

OLD HUNDREDTH

### **POSTLUDE:** Toccata

D. Gawthrop

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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### **SERVING TODAY**

<u>Acolytes and Crucifer:</u> <u>Deacon of the Week:</u> <u>Children & Families Greeter:</u> <u>Streaming and Sound Team</u>:

James Cook, Alex Britt, and Kyla Caudle Lynn Rhoades and Mary Foskett Kim Wilkinson Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

### **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. Any cash offering received that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

### 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.



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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## 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!

### May 4 | Ordination Service for Maggie Clark

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

### 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 the Commons. 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 **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!

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 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 | 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.

### **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!

# THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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) 6:30 pm Missions Committee (online) MONDAY, May 5 9:00 am Staff Workday (offsite) 7:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (online) **TUESDAY, May 6** 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (Commons) 5:00 pm Personnel Committee (Conference) 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online) WEDNESDAY, May 7 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (Sanctuary & Music Suite) 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) THURSDAY, May 8 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group 6:30 pm Bethany Leggett Ordination (Sanctuary) FRIDAY, May 9 6:30 pm First Films (Kelly) SATURDAY, May 10 SUNDAY, May 11

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

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