



Ascension, by Malcolm Guite

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

Men of Galilee, Chris Cook

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 1, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Messe pour les couvents: Tierce en taille*

Jacob Hill, Organ

F. Couperin

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47: 1-2, 6-7

Olena Withrow

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Let us sing praises to our King!**

*HYMN 219: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR

GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

Kris Norris

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Praise the Everlasting King*

L. Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress. Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Father-like, He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Let us then adore Him, living God of love and grace! Earth and heaven bow down before Him; all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Praise God from who all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: While we claim to celebrate the ascension and reign of Jesus Christ, the way we live often betrays our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and our practice.

All: We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. Even as we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Ephesians 1:15-23

Cyrus Bush

Leader: Hear this good news:
In the powerful name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: 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.)

*HYMN 340: *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

DIADEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

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? It Is Not for You to Know"*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 443: *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

HENDON

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

Susan Welch

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

Kyle Caudle

AN UPDATE ON THE *LIFE TOGETHER* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Terri Yates

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Messe pour les couvents: Dialogue*

F. Couperin

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Acolyte and Crucifer:

Jordynn Elizalde, Annabelle McGee and Silas McGee

Deacon of the Week:

Susan Welch and Cyrus Bush

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

Streaming and Sound Team:

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.



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.



GRATITUDE FOR UNRESTRICTED GIFT

The Finance Committee would like to invite the congregation to celebrate with us the recently received unrestricted gift from Jean Grogan's Estate. We are grateful to God for this faithful servant who remembered First Baptist Church in her estate planning.





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ON FIFTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 1 | Forsyth IAF Interest Meeting, 12:00 pm

Do you want to create positive change in our community? All are invited to attend a brief information session with Megan Gregory, lead organizer for the Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee, on Sunday, June 1 in the Baraca Room following worship. Forsyth IAF is a non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-faith network comprising diverse civic institutions (religious congregations, nonprofits, neighborhood associations, and others) that aims to create meaningful change on a larger scale than we could achieve individually. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

June 1 | Calling all ice cream lovers!

I Scream! You Scream! We all scream for Ice Cream! Join your fellow ice cream lovers for some sweet fellowship on Sunday, June 1 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at Mayberry's on Miller Street for our first fellowship and decide then on our next ice cream adventure! Fellowship is free but bring some money for your ice cream. If you would like to join us, contact Kim Wilkinson or Carol Wilkinson.

June 6 | Board Games Group, 7pm

Join us for a fun-filled Churchwide Board Game Night in the Commons! Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a casual game, we'll have a variety of options to suit all ages and skill levels. Come connect, compete, and enjoy a night of fellowship and friendly competition! Bring a friend and let the games begin! Contact Dana Patrick with any questions (dpatrick@wakehealth.edu).

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!

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for June are Peanut Butter & Jelly. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

June 8 | Called Church Conference

There will be a called church conference upon the conclusion of worship on Sunday, June 8 to vote on recommendations from the Governance Task Force, final building project recommendations from the Building Project Task Force, and project funding recommendations from the Finance Committee. The Governance Task Force recommendations were offered in the April 29 Quarterly Church Conference and discussed in a Zoom Q&A on May 27. The Building Project Task Force has been presenting regularly to the church since August 7, 2024, and presented the final scope of work and pricing on May 21, followed by a Zoom Q&A on May 28. Voting for members will take place by paper ballots. Absentee ballots can be requested this week by calling the church office at 336-722-2558, and must be postmarked by Friday, June 6 or hand-delivered back to the church house by Monday, June 9. Thank you for your participation in our church's life together!

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! You can find all the information you need to be a part of this meaningful day in your newsletter. Contact mary@firstonfifth.org with any questions.

June 21 | Children's Ministry Pool Party

Splash into summer with kids and parents as we join together for another summer pool party at Roper's house this year on Saturday, June 21 from 2:00-4:00pm. Please bring your own chair to sit by the pool, towel, sunscreen, drinks and any snacks or games you'd like to share with the group. RSVP in your Newsletter.

Seeking Donations | Una Bendición

The Missions Committee invites you to donate diapers size 3, 4, 5, and 6 to Una Bendición, which 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, June 1

- 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 Forsyth IAF Interest Meeting (*Baraca*)
- 5:00 pm Ice Cream Fellowship (*offsite*)
- 6:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting (*online*)

MONDAY, June 2

- 6:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team (*online*)

TUESDAY, June 3

- 10:00 am Care Notes (*Conference room*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 4

THURSDAY, June 5

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, June 6

- 6:30 pm Happiness Workshop (*Kelly*)
- 7:00 pm Board Game affinity Group (*Commons*)

SATURDAY, June 7

- 9:00 am Happiness Workshop (*Kelly*)
- 2:00 pm Youth Pool Party (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, June 8

- 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*)
Called Church Conference
- 12:15 pm Tina McGee Retirement Celebration
- 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 5:00 pm Church Picnic (*offsite*)

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