



“It is the consistent and insistent contention of our Baptist people, always and everywhere, that religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced... God wants free worshipers and no other kind.”

+ George W. Truett

The Peace of Freedom, James Threalkill

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, June 15, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Air*

G.F. Handel

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker
of all things seen and unseen,
the Savior of all both near and far:
by your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
all the earth is full of your glory.**

*HYMN 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION: *Come and Fill our Hearts*

J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: In the presence of Holiness
we are confronted with our sinfulness.
Let us humble ourselves before God – the blessed Three in One;
for in such perfect unity we will find welcome and peace.

**All: Holy God of justice and mercy,
we confess that we often disobey your will.
We have fostered a culture that limits justice
and a society that withholds mercy.**

**Christ our Savior, Love Incarnate,
we confess that we take your love for granted.
We fail to extend love in the same way we have received it.**

**Holy Spirit, power and breath,
we confess that we are insensitive to your movement.
We navigate this life as though we are alone,
blind to you, our Advocate and Guide.**

**Gracious Trinity,
forgive us and grant us your peace.
Help us to turn from our sins
so that we may love you and joyfully serve you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Olena Withrow

Leader: From the Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick
hear these words of assurance:
“I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.”

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.)

BAPTIST WITNESS: DISSENT

Richard Groves

ANTHEM: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as
Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow: If
ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory, and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my
brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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 570: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

TRUST IN JESUS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 2:15-21

Stacey Sword-Halsey

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Free to Believe"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 588: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

EL NATHAN

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

Pat Thompson

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: *Psalm 19*

B. Marcello

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Pat Thompson and Wally Cox

Children/Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson

AV 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



SUNDAY SUMMER CHOIR

During the summer months the Sanctuary Choir takes a break from Wednesday night rehearsals and meets for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the choir room. The Sunday rehearsal is dedicated to preparing music just for the worship service that day at 11am. This summer schedule provides a great opportunity to sample the Sanctuary Choir without a long-term commitment! If you would like to join us on any Sunday during the summer, please contact David or Jake and we will have music ready for you!



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship- Free: Four Weeks in Galatians

At the center of the Christian experience is the gift of freedom. Galatians says, "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free!" Freedom matters to us as citizens of a free United States, and it matters to us as free and faithful Baptists. This month in worship, we'll listen to Paul's letter to the church at Galatia for strains of freedom to break through. Each week, one of the Baptist "four fragile freedoms" will receive our attention, as we listen for the truth of the good news that sets us all free.

June 22

Free to Belong
Galatians 3:23-29

June 29

Free to Bind
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Bill Leonard, Proclaimer

July 6

Free to Bear
Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16
Communion Sunday

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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.

June 25 | Pickleball Affinity Group

Interested in Pickleball? Let's get together and have some fun. If you are new to the game, or don't mind playing with beginners, this is for you. We will meet at the church on Wednesday, June 25 at 5:30 pm. We will play on the courts at Crystal Towers (across the street). Please bring your own pickleball paddle if possible. We will have a few extra paddles and balls available. If you are interested contact Sheree Jones (jones.sheree@yahoo.com) or Cindi Goins (goinsmath@gmail.com).

June 25 | Active Retirees/Older Adults Fellowship

Lace up your sneakers and meet us at the Shaffner Park Parcourse (on Silas Creek Pkwy near Parkway Presbyterian) on Wednesday, June 25, at 9:30 am. After we walk, we'll retire to Culver's on Fairlawn Drive for an early lunch and/or frozen yogurt. Can't walk? Meet us at Culver's between 10:30 and 11:00 for food and fellowship! Read more in your newsletter!

June 28 | Summer Slip and Slide

Join us for the first ever Children's Slip and Slide party at the home of Wally and Alice Cox from 3:00 - 6:00pm. Food is provided by the Cox family (cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs!). We invite you to bring your own chairs, sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, and a dessert to share if you want. Food will be served at 5:00pm. RSVP required!

June 29 | Ice Cream Fellowship

Calling all ice cream lovers! We will meet Sunday, June 29 at 4:30pm for another round of fellowship and delicious ice cream treats! Meet us at Twin City Sweets (2594 W Clemmons Rd.) You might want to bring a chair as all their seating is outside. In case of rain, we will meet at Dairio on Clemmons Rd. Remember to bring money to cover your order. Let Kim Wilkinson at 336-817-8904 or Carol Wilkinson at 336-817-8901 know if you plan to join the group

Deacon Recommendation Forms Due July 3

All active members of First Baptist on Fifth should have received a letter in the mail this week, asking you to recommend a slate of eight deacons for their consideration and election to serve in the 2026-2028 term. Deacons at First on Fifth are our church's primary servant leaders, offering guidance for our beloved community on matters of spiritual discernment and doing so with a collaborative spirit. Each Deacon is assigned a handful of individuals and families in our church to offer compassion, care, and help when needed. Please read over the letter carefully and submit your Deacon Recommendation Forms to the boxes in the Sanctuary, narthex, and church office **no later than Thursday, July 3rd** or using the link in your newsletter, you may submit a form on-line. Thank you for your participation in recommending these beloved friends to the service of Deacon!

Welcoming Dr. Bill Leonard on June 29

We welcome our friend, Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard, as our guest proclaimer in worship on June 29! Dr. Leonard is the founding dean and professor of divinity emeritus of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. He is the preeminent scholar of American religious history in the country, with particular interests in Baptist studies and Appalachian religion. Leonard is on the board of the *Journal of Disability and Religion*, *The Baptist Quarterly (England)*, the *Day1 Preaching Network*, the *Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues*. He writes a twice-monthly column for Baptist News Global, is an ordained Baptist minister, and a member of our sister congregation First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue. Welcome!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, June 15

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, June 16

TUESDAY, June 17

5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 18

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

THURSDAY, June 19

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, June 20

SATURDAY, June 21

2:00 pm Children's Ministry Pool Party (*offsite*)

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9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

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