

At the heart of Christian community is creating belonging where there had been boundary, border, separation and segregation. A Christian sense of belonging always cuts across every other kind of alignment and allegiance.

+ Willie Jennings

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

+ Mother Teresa



We Are One in Jesus Christ, Soichi Watanabe

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 22, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

G. Shearing

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Come to God's dwelling as to a beacon on a holy hill.

All: God's light and truth have led us to this holy time and place.

Leader: Come to the altar of God to offer your joyful praise with heart and voice.

**All: Let us come into God's presence with singing;
and let us enter this sanctuary with praise!**

*HYMN 349: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

BAPTIST WITNESS: MISSION

Carol Wilkinson

CALL TO PRAYER: *Psalms 86*

C. Nygard

Sanctuary Choir
Lauren Winkelman, Soloist
Susan Welch, Piano

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place;
In your mercy, Lord, let me stay; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my voice, O
Lord, when I cry; Hear my words when I call from the lowly place; I will pray, O Lord,
lest I die; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. From the grave's descent You have
taken me, When the men of the world have forsaken me. In my day of need and my
time of grief, Hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief. In the morning, Lord, I will
sing with a song that will rise from the holy place, And my praises, Lord, it will bring;
In the morning, Lord, I will sing. Alleluia, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

**All: Living God, you hear as well as speak; you feel as well as act.
We are sometimes aware of hurting the feelings of our closest friends,
but seldom do we consider that our behavior breaks your heart.
We are too often like thoughtless children
whose actions bring disgrace to the whole family.
Forgive our indifference to your will,
and grant us grace to turn from our willfulness
and to live more nearly like your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom;
for you have been justified by faith, and in Christ Jesus you are all
children of God through faith. Believe this good news:
In 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.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29

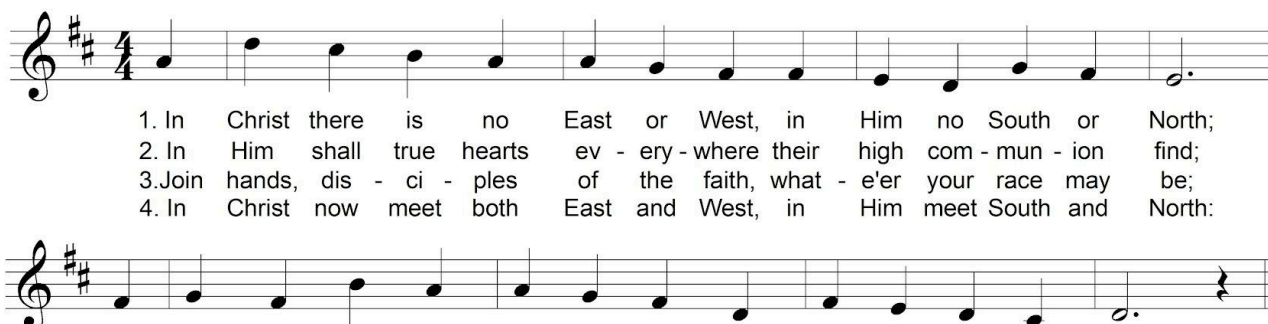
David Hull

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - like souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jane Hull

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: "Free to Belong"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 271: *Christian People, Sing Together*

JUBILEE, alt.

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

Wally Cox

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

Emily Hull McGee

*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: *Rigaudon*

A. Campra

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

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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



Summer Worship at First on Fifth- **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 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

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!



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 26 | Young Adult Summer Lunchin'

Home for the summer or just need a break from work? Join Mary for lunch on the last Thursday of the month throughout the summer starting in May. We'll meet at the restaurant at 12:15pm. You'll pay for your own meal. Come enjoy a lunch out and time to catch up! This week we'll meet at Cugino Forno by Bailey Park.

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! Please contact Pastor Amy at amy@firstonfifth.org

June 29 | Independence Day Brunch, 9:30 am

In lieu of Sunday school, please join us on June 29 in Kelly Auditorium for a time of fellowship, food, and singing as we celebrate Independence Day. Refreshments will be available beginning at 9:30am.

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.

June 30 | Youth Pool Party

Splash into summer with a youth pool party on **Monday, June 30 from 5-7pm**. All youth and families are invited for swimming, games, and fellowship at Roper's house. Please bring a drink and snack to share. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

Pray for our Passport Kids + Youth!

We invite everyone at First on Fifth and beyond to begin praying for our 3rd-5th graders and youth, along with their chaperones, as they prepare to attend Passport Kids camp at Montreat Conference Center, NC from June 30 - July 3, and Passport Choices at Converse University from July 6-11. We have 11 children and 3 chaperones who will be traveling to kids camp and have 12 youth and 3 chaperones traveling to youth camp.

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!

July 13, 20, 27, and August 3 | Summer Churchwide Sunday School Series

This year's summer Sunday School for all youth and adults will focus on reflections and conversations inspired by Diana Butler Bass's book, *A People's History of Christianity*. Mary Foskett, Richard Groves, Chris Gambill, and Kyle Caudle will lead the study over four Sundays from July 13-August 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Kelly Auditorium. There will also be a Zoom option for those who would like to participate online.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, June 22
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 23

TUESDAY, June 24
CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 25
CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)
9:30 am Older Adult/Active Retiree Fellowship (*offsite*)
5:30 pm Pickleball Affinity Group (*offsite*)

THURSDAY, June 26
CBF General Assembly (*offsite*)
10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
12:15 pm YA Summer Luchin (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, June 27

SATURDAY, June 28
3:00 pm Children's Ministry Slip & Slide (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, June 29
9:30 am Independence Day Brunch (*Kelly*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
4:00 pm Ice Cream Fellowship (*offsite*)

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.

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