

For What Binds Us, Jan Richardson

There are names for what binds us: strong forces, weak forces.
Look around, you can see them: the skin that forms in a half-empty cup, nails rusting into the places they join, joints dovetailed on their own weight. The way things stay so solidly wherever they've been set down—and gravity, scientists say, is weak.

And see how the flesh grows back across a wound, with a great vehemence, more strong than the simple, untested surface before.

There's a name for it on horses, when it comes back darker and raised: proud flesh,

as all flesh, is proud of its wounds, wears them as honors given out after battle, small triumphs pinned to the chest—

And when two people have loved each other see how it is like a scar between their bodies, stronger, darker, and proud; how the black cord makes of them a single fabric that nothing can tear or mend.

+ Jane Hirschfield, "For What Binds Us"

# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, June 29, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Prayer for Peace P. Fey

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: The Kingdom of God Community of Taizé

Sanctuary Choir

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom

THE MINISTRY OF SILENCE

CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION

Claudia Amaya

(Please read in unison.)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder the coming of your kingdom.
In your light may we see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom.

We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN 310: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**HYMN TO JOY** 

BAPTIST WITNESS: ADVOCACY Devin Withrow

ANTHEM: More Love to Thee, O Christ

T. Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

More love to Thee, O Christ; more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee. Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee! Amen.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Amy McClure** 

Leader: Beloved in Christ,

trusting the God who truly desires to set us free,

let us confess those times

when we have traded our freedom for slavery:

All: Merciful God, help us to confess our sins.

By our thoughts, words, and actions,

we show how enslaved we are to life corrupted by sin and limited by fear. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. We have used our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,

and have placed our own desires above the common good.

Through love may we become slaves to one another that we may truly love our neighbors as ourselves.

Through Jesus Christ, the One who frees us, we pray. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, our Lord Jesus Christ has set us free from slavery to sin,

and has opened to us the freedom of life in the Spirit.

Hear the good news of the gospel: 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.)

\*HYMN 697: This Is My Song FINLANDIA

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Emily Hull McGee** 

## 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Susan Welch

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Free to Bind"

Bill Leonard

# \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 267: Blest Be the Tie

**DENNIS** 

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

Joe Bircher

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

Olena Withrow

\*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 Bill Leonard

POSTLUDE: Festive Trumpet Tune D. German

Jacob Hill, Organ

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able will please stand.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

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

Joe Bircher and Susan Welch Kim Wilkinson 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



# **WELCOMING DR. BILL LEONARD, GUEST PROCLAIMER!**

We welcome our friend, Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard, as our guest proclaimer today in worship! 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!





# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Summer Worship: **Full: Four Weeks in Colossians**The Christian life is one of fullness, in part because we follow Christ in whom, says the writer of Colossians, "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell." Yet so often, we feel empty of hope, fragmented in relationship, starving for grace. This month in worship, we'll listen to Paul's letter to the church at Colossae for encouragement in our discipleship of the One who said, "I came that you may have life, and have it to the full."

July 13
Fully Pleasing
Colossians 1:1-14
Olena Withrow, Proclaimer

July 20 Fully God Colossians 1:15-28 Mary Kaylor, Proclaimer

July 27 Children and Youth-Led Worship

August 3
Fully Alive
Colossians 2:6-19
Communion Sunday

August 10
Fully Clothed
Colossians 3:1-17
Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

#### 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 Clemmonsville Rd.) You might want to bring a chair as all their seating is outside. In case of rain, we will meet at Dairio on Clemmonsville 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 at Roper's. 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

## **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!

# 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 12 youth and 3 chaperones traveling to youth camp.

## July 11 | First Films

The return of a summer of musicals! Join us at 6:30 pm in the Commons with popcorn and refreshments as we enjoy a little theatre and film history through three successful film adaptations of "book" musicals. Our July film is Les Misérables.

# July 18 | Churchwide Dash Game

Join your church family at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game on Friday, July 18, at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each and include a seat in the shade behind the 3rd base dugout and fireworks! Food, beverages, and parking will be on your own. To reserve your ticket, please RSVP in your newsletter or online. Should you have any questions, contact Pastor Amy.

#### Stay Tuned! | Older Adult/Active Retiree Peach Trip

We are planning a road trip to South Carolina to pick up fresh peaches! We are waiting to hear back from the produce folks about the best time. It will either be July 17 \*or\* July 31. Tentatively mark both dates on your calendar and contact Pastor Amy with questions.

# THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, June 29

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (online)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)

MONDAY, June 30 Passport Kids

11:30 am Hymnal Task Force (Conference)

TUESDAY, July 1 Passport Kids

10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (Commons)5:30 pm Personnel Committee (Conference)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, July 2 Passport Kids

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Commons)

THURSDAY, July 3 Passport Kids

9:00 am Downtown Walking Group (offsite)

FRIDAY, July 4

Independence Day - Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, July 5

SUNDAY, July 6 Passport Youth

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

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

The gifts for July are canned pastas (Spaghettios, Beefaroni, ravioli, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

# **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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