

**When We Breathe Together**, by Jan Richardson

This is the blessing  
we cannot speak  
by ourselves.

This is the blessing  
we cannot summon  
by our own devices,  
cannot shape  
to our purpose,  
cannot bend  
to our will.

This is the blessing  
that comes  
when we leave behind  
our aloneness  
when we gather  
together  
when we turn  
toward one another.

This is the blessing  
that blazes among us  
when we speak  
the words  
strange to our ears

when we finally listen  
into the chaos

when we breathe together  
at last.



*Pentecost Dance*, Glenda Dietrich Moore

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

PENTECOST SUNDAY  
Sunday, June 8, 2025 • 11:00 AM

**PRELUDE:** *Meditation*

Jacob Hill, Organ

D. P. Benoit

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Emily Hull McGee

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Spirit of the Living God*

Sanctuary Choir

D. Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;  
break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Acts 2:1-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Amy McClure

\*HYMN 225: *On Pentecost They Gathered*

ST. THEODULPH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

David Williamson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

ANTHEM: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. W. Dawson

Sanctuary Choir  
Cyrus Bush, Soloist

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke; looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back. Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claudia Amaya

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit; breathe on us, Breath of God.  
We open our hearts to the refining work of your Spirit:  
Convict us of any hidden sins,  
and lead us to walk in the way of Jesus.

(Silent confession)

With one voice let us pray:

**All: Generous God,  
you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.  
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:  
shake our hearts and set our souls on fire with your love,  
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.  
We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,  
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 8:14-17

Mary Kaylor

Leader: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear; but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

Be assured, children of God, that as joint heirs of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:8-17, 25-27**

Steve Rich

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM: *If Ye Love Me***

T. Tallis

Sanctuary Choir

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with  
you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Olena Withrow

**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 226: *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow***

ABERYSTWYTH

**SERMON: "Loosed"**

Emily Hull McGee

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 249: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound***

AZMON

*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**

Walt Wiley

*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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Amy McClure

**CELEBRATION OF TINA MAGEE**

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**\*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:** *Trumpet Voluntary*

J. Clarke

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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**SERVING TODAY**

<u>Acolyte and Crucifer:</u>	Joe Smelcer, Silas McGee and Thayer Smelcer
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Walt Wiley and Joe Bircher
<u>Children &amp; Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	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



**TINA MAGEE RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS!**

Please join us in celebrating one of our Childcare Specialists, Tina Magee, who is retiring after 25 years of serving First on Fifth. Tina has served us faithfully in caring for our youngest among us, some of whom have now graduated from college (!!), some who are now in our youth group, and our newest babies who have experienced her loving presence. All are welcome to join us for a reception to honor Tina in the Commons following worship.





FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Free: Four Weeks in Galatians**

*Summer Worship at First on Fifth*

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 15**

*Free to Believe*  
Galatians 2:15-21

**June 22**

*Free to Belong*  
Galatians 3:23-29

**June 29**

*Free to Bind*  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**July 6**

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

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**June 8 | Called Church Conference**

There will be a called church conference upon the conclusion of worship today, 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 must be delivered back to the church house by 5:00 PM on 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 13 | 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. We'll begin with the classic, Oklahoma (1955).

**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](mailto: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.

**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!

**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!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, June 9

- 5:00 pm Conference Ballot Count (*online*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)

TUESDAY, June 10

- 5:00 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 11

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

THURSDAY, June 12

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, June 13

- 6:30 pm First Films (*Commons*)

SATURDAY, June 14

- 9:00 am WS PRIDE Festival

SUNDAY, June 15

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- 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 | 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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