

If we are to live our lives fully and well, we must learn to embrace the opposites, to live in a creative tension between our limits and our potentials. We must honor our limitations in ways that do not distort our nature, and we must trust and use our gifts in ways that fulfill the potentials God gave us. We must take the no of the way that closes and find the guidance it has to offer – and take the yes of the way that opens and respond with the yes of our lives.

+ Parker Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak*.



Life of Fruitfulness, Paul Chong

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 13, 2025 • 11:00 AM

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

PRELUDE: *Preludio, Partita in E Major, BWV 1006*

J.S. Bach

Brian Ford, Violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me:

All: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Leader: O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.

**All: Grant to us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim your praise!**

*HYMN 2: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

Mary Maloney

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Make Room within My Heart, O God*

KINGSFOLD

Sanctuary Choir

Make room within my heart, O God, that you may form in me the image you have shown in Christ, my very life to be. Inspire my thought, O lofty One, to reach the highest plane, that I may know the mind of Christ, and him as greatest gain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: With sincere hearts and minds,
let us confess our sins before God and the world.

**All: God of abundant presence,
forgive us for filling our lives
with constant preoccupations and worries.
Forgive us for filling our minds with thoughts
that never ascend to your thoughts.
Forgive us for filling our hearts
until there is no room for Christ to be formed in us.
Empty us, O God, so that you may fill us
with your wisdom, your will, and your way.
Your calling and our deepest desire
is to live a life worthy to the Lord, fully pleasing to you.
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claudia Amaya

Leader: People of God, beloved of the Lord,
the One who created us and maintains our every breath
extends generous mercy and grace to us.
With thanksgiving let us resolve to live in peace,
bearing fruit in every good work,
trusting that God will accomplish in us
abundantly more than we can ask or imagine.

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.)

ANTHEM: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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.

*HYMN 503: *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

SERMON: *"Fully Pleasing"*

Olena Withrow

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 477: *We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Cyrus Bush

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

OFFERTORY: *Andante, Sonata in A Minor, BWV 1003*

J.S. Bach

Brian Ford, Violin

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Amy McClure

*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

Olena Withrow

POSTLUDE: *Te Deum*

M.A. Charpentier

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Cyrus Bush and Walt Wiley

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

To access the listening assist system please, 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.



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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 for encouragement in our discipleship of the One who said, “I came that you may have life, and have it to the full.”

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

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July 17 | Older Adult/ Active Retiree Peach Trip

Join us for a "Peach Trip" to Gaffney July 17! We will meet at 8:30 am and plan to leave from the back parking lot at 9:00am. Please contact Pastor Amy to sign up or use the link in your newsletter.

July 20, 27, & 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. For those who would like to read along, print copies of *A People’s History of Christianity* may be ordered online from multiple sellers, including our local Bookmarks, or ordered as a Kindle or audiobook. Reading along is not required to join the class.

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.

July 27 | Ice Cream Fellowship

Calling all ice cream lovers! We will meet Sunday, July 27 at 4:00pm for another round of fellowship and delicious ice cream treats at Twin City Sweets! Bring a chair to use outside if you would like and all the money you want to use for this "sweet" gathering and fellowship time. Questions Kim Wilkinson 336-817-8904 or Carol Wilkinson 336-817-8901.

July 29 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference on Tuesday, July 29, at 6:30pm by Zoom. See the newsletter that week for more info!

July 31 | Young Adult Summer Lunchin’

Home for the summer or just need a break from work? Join Mary for lunch on Thursday, July 31 at The Porch. We’ll meet at 12:15pm. You’ll pay for your own meal. Come enjoy a lunch out and time to catch up!

August 3 | First Impressions

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect, get involved in ministry, and join the church. This First Impressions gathering will be held on August 3 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Mary at mary@firstonfifth.org

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for July are canned pastas (Spaghettios, Reefaroni, 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, July 13

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, July 14

7:30pm Missions Committee Meeting (*online*)

TUESDAY, July 15

5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, July 16

THURSDAY, July 17

8:30 am Older Adults Peach Trip (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, July 18

6:30 pm Churchwide Dash Game (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, July 19

9:00 am Children's Zoo Trip

SUNDAY, July 20

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*)

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