Jesus is, for us as Christians, the decisive revelation of what a life full of God looks like. Radically centered in God and filled with the Spirit, he is the decisive disclosure and epiphany of what can be seen of God embodied in a human life. As the Word and Wisdom and Spirit of God become flesh, his life incarnates the character of God, indeed, the passion of God. In him we see God's passion."

+ Marcus J. Borg, The Heart of Christianity



Jyoti Sahi (Indian, 1944-), Resurrection

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, July 20, 2025 • 11:00 AM

INVITATION TO WORSHIP David Williamson

PRELUDE: Chanson

J. Rutter

Debra Reuter-Pivetta, Flute Jacob Hill, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Claudia Amaya

Leader: In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

And through him all things in heaven and earth

were reconciled, even us,

that we might be holy and blameless before God.

All: In awe and gratitude, let us worship God.

*HYMN 339: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Olena Withrow

Leader: Gathered under the powerful name of Jesus Christ,

with humble and trusting hearts,

let us confess our sins to God and one another.

All: Merciful and all powerful God,

we acknowledge your power in this world

and your authority over our lives.

And yet, we have not loved you

with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

We have ignored the instruction of your Word.

We have allowed the poor to be neglected

and the weak to be oppressed.

We have ignored signs of injustice

and disregarded your ultimate sovereignty over the social order,

all governmental systems, and our personal lives.

We rightly acknowledge that nothing stands outside of your authority.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.

Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith,

that we may live as those who are reconciled to you.

We pray in full allegiance to the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Olena Withrow

Leader: Though we were once estranged,

in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.

Baptized, forgiven, and freed.

we are one with the Lord and with each other.

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: We Sing the Mighty Power of God

H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey. Sing we hallelujah! Praise the Lord! We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed wherever we turn our eyes; if we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, are present there. Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER: In God Alone J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

Rob Norwood

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 569: In Christ Alone IN CHRIST ALONE

SERMON: "Fully God" Mary Kaylor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 246: The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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

Janet Falls

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: Ashokan Farewell J. Ungar

Debra Reuter-Pivetta, Flute Jacob Hill, Piano

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 Mary Kaylor

POSTLUDE: March D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week: Janet Falls and Gary Stiffler

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.







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 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 27 & August 3 | Churchwide Sunday School

Churchwide Summer Sunday School continues over the next couple weeks for all youth and adults will focus on reflections and conversations inspired by Diana Butler Bass's book, *A People's History of Christianity*. Contact Kyle with Questions!

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 1 | Board Games Affinity Group

All are welcome to join for a fun-filled Board Game Night every first Friday at 7pm in Baraca! Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a casual game, we'll have a variety of options to suit all ages and skill levels. Contact Dana Patrick with any questions (dpatrick@wakehealth.edu).

August 2 | Children's Ministry Pool Party, 4-6pm

All kids and parents (youth siblings are invited) are invited as we join together for another summer pool party at Roper's house to start winding down summer. 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. Light foods will also be provided. Please RSVP in your newsletter so we can plan accordingly.

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

August 8 | First Films

Join us at 6:30pm in the Commons with popcorn and refreshments as we enjoy a little theatre and film history as we finish our summer of film adaptations of "book" musicals. We'll close out the summer with Guys and Dolls (1955).

August 10 | Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us Sunday, August 10 during worship as we bless and commission all of our students and educators for the new school year. Also, all of our rising 2nd graders will receive a new Bible during worship.

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 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)

MONDAY, July 21

TUESDAY, July 22

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, July 23

THURSDAY, July 24

FRIDAY, July 25

SATURDAY, July 26

SUNDAY, July 27

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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