



“God stood me up in wide-open spaces; I stood there saved - surprised to be loved!” Psalm 18:19 (MSG, CEB)

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 27, 2025 • 11:00 AM

Children and Youth-Led Passport Worship

PRELUDE: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. M. Hayes

David Williamson, piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure, Eva Robertson, Olena Withrow

Through the high, high, highs and the low, low, lows;  
Through the silly, loud, fun and the quiet, calm and still;  
I can stay wide open to God's love.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Owen Dellinger

Leader: God is waiting for you

**All: We open wide our eyes**

Leader: God welcomes you

**All: We open wide our hands**

Leader: God has a beautiful future for you

**All: We open wide our minds**

Leader: God loves you

**All: We open wide our hearts**

Leader: May the God of Wide Open Spaces meet you here.

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN: *My Lighthouse*

Rend Collective

Jordynn Elizalde, Naomi Smith, Annabelle McGee, Kara Parker, Karly Parker, Kate Parker

1. In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.
2. In the silence You won't let go,  
In the questions Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus:

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings,  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Kyla Caudle

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Wide Open Spaces: Space to Welcome**

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *Wide Open Spaces* (Passport 2025 Theme Song)

D. Burroughs

Welcome to wide open spaces  
We're looking for traces of God's love  
Welcome to wide open spaces  
The grace that the world is dreaming of  
Wide open spaces, wide open spaces  
Wide open spaces of God's love

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 15:7

Silas McGee

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Lorelei Clark

RESPONSE: *Wide Open Spaces*

D. Burroughs

We are called to welcome others,  
making space where all feel safer  
When we do we love like Jesus  
And the world gets a little bigger,  
And the world gets a little bigger

Welcome to wide open spaces  
We're looking for traces of God's love  
Welcome to wide open spaces  
The grace that the world is dreaming of  
Wide open spaces, wide open spaces  
Wide open spaces of God's love

**Wide Open Spaces: Space to Wonder**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 119:45 MSG

Joe Smelcer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Colin Loftis, Kara Parker

RESPONSE: *Wide Open Spaces*

D. Burroughs

Faith will come with many questions  
and it's ok for us to wonder  
When we do we can hear the Spirit  
and the world gets a little clearer  
And the world gets a little clearer

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Welcome to wide open spaces  
The grace that the world is dreaming of  
Wide open spaces, wide open spaces  
Wide open spaces of God's love

**Wide Open Spaces: Space to Act**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 John 3:18

Jacob Patrick

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Liam McGee, Lydia Smith

RESPONSE: *Wide Open Spaces*

D. Burroughs

We are all part of God's story  
as we love with truth and action  
When we do the story grows  
and the world gets a little brighter  
And the world gets a little brighter

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We're looking for traces of God's love  
Welcome to wide open spaces  
The grace that the world is dreaming of  
Wide open spaces, wide open spaces  
Wide open spaces of God's love

### **Wide Open Spaces: Space to Dance**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

Lilyana Salisbury

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Annabelle McGee

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*The Lord's Prayer*

Ash Henley, Lilah Vestal, Kara Parker, Kate Parker, Naomi Smith, Eva Robertson

RESPONSE: *Wide Open Spaces*

D. Burroughs

When we're free, it's like a party.  
You can grab a hand and dance!  
When we do we hear God's laughter  
and the world gets a little better  
And the world gets a little better

Welcome to wide open spaces  
We're looking for traces of God's love  
Welcome to wide open spaces  
The grace that the world is dreaming of  
Wide open spaces, wide open spaces  
Wide open spaces of God's love

INVITATION TO RESPOND

Emily Hull McGee

\*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

Slate Cox, 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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jordynn Elizalde

\*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**

Mallory Challis, Mary Maloney, Passport Campers

*God has stood us up in this Wide Open Space, so now let us go create  
a space to welcome  
a space to act  
a space to dance  
a space to wonder  
so others may know and experience God's abundant love.*

**POSTLUDE: Wide Open Spaces**

D. Burroughs

Kyle Caudle, guitar

\*Those who are able will please stand.

**2025 PASSPORT CAMPERS**

**PASSPORTkids!**

Lorelei Clark  
Slate Cox  
Owen Dellinger  
Jordynn Elizalde  
Iris Mann  
Annabelle McGee  
Silas McGee  
Hadley Moser  
Karly Parker  
Eva Robertson  
Lilyana Salisbury

**Chaperones**

Wally Cox  
Olana Withrow  
Amy McClure

**PASSPORTchoices  
(youth)**

Kyla Caudle  
John Elrod  
Ash Henley  
Colin Loftis  
Liam McGee

Kara Parker  
Kate Parker  
Jacob Patrick  
Joe Smelcer  
Lydia Smith  
Naomi Smith  
Lilah Vestal

**Chaperones**

Mallory Challis  
Mary Maloney  
Kyle Caudle

**FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given in celebration of the birthday of Pastor Emily Hull McGee by her family.

**SERVING TODAY**

Deacon of the Week: Judy Eustice and Linda Stewart  
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





FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.”

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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**Coffee Break!**

Our Sunday coffee team is taking a break through the end of August. Please utilize the Keurig in the commons for your coffee needs. Brewed Coffee will return in September!

**July 27 | Ice Cream Fellowship, 4:00pm**

We will meet today, 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.

**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 3 | Churchwide Sunday School**

Churchwide Summer Sunday School concludes with our final gathering next week for all youth and adults focused on reflections and conversations inspired by Diana Butler Bass’s book, *A People’s History of Christianity*. Contact Kyle with Questions!

**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.

**August 23 | Serve Together**

Join us for Serve Together, a churchwide missions event in Kelly Auditorium on Saturday, August 23 from 9am to 1pm. We’ll have projects for all ages--from school-aged kids to youth to older adults. Hands-on missions projects to support local ministry partners like Crisis Control, Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries, PIVOT, Una Bendicion, Ashley Academy, and more. This event will conclude with a lunch where we’ll hear stories from local and international missions partners. Please RSVP by August 19 on Realm or contact Kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)
- 4:00 pm Ice Cream Affinity Group (*offsite*)

MONDAY, July 28

TUESDAY, July 29

- 6:30 pm QCC (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, July 30

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

THURSDAY, July 31

- 12:15 pm YA Lunch (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, August 1

- 7:00 pm Board Games Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

SATURDAY, August 2

- 2:00 pm Children's Ministry Pool Party (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, August 3

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
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### 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 July are canned pastas (Spaghettios, Beefaroni, ravioli, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

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