

"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

+ St. Irenaeus, 2nd century

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

+ Howard Thurman

*The Life of Harriet Tubman (Panel #4),
Jacob Lawrence*



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 3, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Jacob Hill

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Sanctuary Choir

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath, His wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103: 1-5, 20-22

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

Leader: who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**All: who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

All: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*HYMN 355: *We Praise Thee, O God*

REVIVE US AGAIN

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 2:6-19

Lynn Rhoades

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: With humble and trusting hearts
let us confess our sins and the sins of the world.

**All: God of abundant life,
your desire for us is to be established in life-giving faith,
rooted and built up in the living Christ.
Yet we are easily led astray through empty deceptions and false teachings.
We are influenced, not by the teachings and example of Jesus,
but by the latest podcast, poll, or conspiracy theory.
We accept human traditions and practices that lead to death,
rather than embracing the full, abundant life offered in the way of Jesus.
Forgive us and call us ever again to a new way of living.
Disarm every ruler and authority that would lead us astray,
and lead us into life abundant and everlasting. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claudia Amaya

Leader: Hear this Good News:

When you were dead in trespasses,
God made you fully alive together with him,
when he forgave us all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: So let us resolve to live as those who are fully alive,
sharing with others the forgiveness and peace of Christ
that we have freely received.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *Like a River*

T. Osiek

Sanctuary Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river,
calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like
a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean,
endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you
home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy
like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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.

SERMON: *"Fully Alive"*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 293: *O for a Faith, a Living Faith*

ASHLEY

*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

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.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

David Williamson

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR EMILY HULL MCGEE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

*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

Jacob Hill

*Those who are able will please stand.

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

At the conclusion of the worship service today you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund. Any cash offering received that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Wally Cox and Lynn Rhoades

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.



Celebrating Pastor Emily's 10th Anniversary!

For ten years now, Pastor Emily has loved and served our beloved community through her ministry here at First on Fifth. In honor of her ministry among us, the Personnel Committee invites you to join us today immediately following worship as we celebrate Pastor Emily's 10th anniversary with a reception in the Ammons-Lolley Commons.



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith: Four Weeks in *Hebrews* and *Philemon*

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen.” This defining word from *Hebrews* has shaped generations of Christian thought and practice about the act of faith. But what does faith mean for today? What inspiration can we glean from the faith of our ancestors, the faith of Jesus, the faith that calls us to love, and the faith that transforms our very lives? This month in worship, we’ll listen for the call of faith in *Hebrews* and *Philemon*, and hear again the call of Christ.

August 17

Roll Call!

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 24

Pioneer and Perfector

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

August 31

Love Continues

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

September 7

Transformed

Philemon

Communion Sunday

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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!

August 8 | First Films

Join us at 6:30pm in the Kelly Auditorium 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 | Groundbreaking

At long last, it’s time to begin our back lot project! Join us for the celebration on Sunday, August 10, at 10:15am in the parking lot behind the building, followed by a time of cake and lemonade in the Commons. We’ll be joined by our builders, as we offer our blessings for the space and break ground for the work ahead.

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 13 | Older Adult Breakfast

The next older adult fellowship gathering is Wednesday, August 13 at The Carriage House. Please join us at 9:30am and invite a friend to join us! If you’ve never been, this is the perfect opportunity to join us. RSVP in your newsletter.

August 17 | Youth Pool Party

All youth—including our rising 6th graders!—and their families are invited for an afternoon Pool Party at Roper Halverson’s to close out the Summer. Please bring your own camp chairs, snacks, and drinks. Contact Kyle with any questions. (Kyle@firstonfifth.org)

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.

August 27 | Pasta for a Playground!

On Wednesday night, August 27, at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium, our children and youth will be hosting a fun spaghetti supper and fundraiser for our building project, particularly to fund our new playground! Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, any gifts given or pledged that night will be matched up to \$100,000. The pasta and fellowship are free, and the future playground will come from your extraordinary generosity toward our sacred space and its youngest inhabitants! RSVP in the newsletter and join us!

September 21 | Save the Date!

100th Anniversary of our Church House

We will kick off our celebration of *100 Years on Fifth: Home in the Heart of the City* with a special lunch after worship on Sunday, September 21. You won’t want to miss this special event!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 3
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
9:15 am First Impressions (*Commons*)
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
12:00 pm Pastor Emily's 10th Anniversary Reception (*Commons*)

MONDAY, August 4
6:00 pm Community Engagement Ministry Team (*online*)

TUESDAY, August 5
10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 6
11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

THURSDAY, August 7

FRIDAY, August 8
6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly Auditorium*)

SATURDAY, August 9

SUNDAY, August 10
9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
10:15 am Groundbreaking (*parking lot*)
11:00 am Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks (*Sanctuary & online*)
12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting (*Kelly*)
6:00 pm Missions Committee (*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 gift for August is Toilet Paper. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

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