



“Our body became your Garment;  
Your spirit became our robe.”

+ Ephrem of Syria

“God clothes. God is our clothing. And, finally, God draws us into the act of clothing, by instructing us to clothe others.... To do those things is to involve yourself in the choreography of divine action. It makes you a mimic of God, and it shapes you more and more into God’s image.”

+ Lauren Winner, *Wearing God*

*Clothed in Love*, Laura Lin

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 17, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prelude on The New Commonwealth*

Jacob Hill, Organ

R. Vaughan Williams

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: God of goodness and grace,  
we long for your presence,  
for the peace your promises bring,  
and for the assurances we have received  
through the gift of your Son.

**All: May we, your people, this day and every day,  
have open eyes to see and open ears to hear  
your presence among us.**

Leader: Open us to your Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
and prepare our hearts for worship this day.

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN 285: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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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.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

Joy Gambill

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM: *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir  
Susan Welch, Piano

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Wherever there's despair,  
hope. Where there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Lord, make me an  
instrument of Thy peace. O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Lord, make  
me an instrument of Thy peace. For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that  
we believe. For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life! Make me an instrument of Thy peace.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

*(Please read in unison.)*

**God of peace, Mother of mercy, Father of all compassion,  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is present among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against one another  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profits and pleasures we pursue,  
the fears and jealousies we display –  
too often modeled by our elected leaders,  
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.  
Yet you call us to a different and better way.  
Forgive us, and renew our hearts;  
clothe us with your love which brings harmony and unity  
to the dissonance of this world.  
And may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, God does not treat us according to our sins  
or repay us according to our iniquities;  
the God Who is Love and Compassion forgives everything!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: May God's peace grow in us continually even as we share these words:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with those around you.)*

SERMON: *"Fully Clothed"*

Emily Hull McGee

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: 283: *Holy Presence, Holy Teacher*

HARLAN

*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

Kelly King

*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

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Amy McClure

BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Amy McClure, Kyle Caudle, Mary Kaylor

Leader: God, we thank you for each student and educator who is here today. You love them no matter what and ask them to follow you. We have watched these students grow and mature and we've watched our educators stay faithful in their call. We pray for and bless them as they begin a new school year. May they follow your ways as they learn, teach, have fun, meet new friends and colleagues, and extend kindness and inclusion this new year. Amen.

Pastoral Staff: And now, students and educators, as you start this new year, God invites you to follow in the ways of Jesus. Your actions and words, reflecting the kindness of Jesus, will make a positive difference throughout the school year. The commitment you make to show kindness and be like Jesus will be worthwhile. Your journey this year reminds us that we are all lifelong learners, open to what this year may teach us all.

Family Members: God wants your actions and words to reflect the love of Jesus throughout the school year. You can be confident and kind all at the same time. The commitment you make to be like Jesus will make a positive impact and could change the lives of those around you.

**Congregation: God loves everyone in your school, your workplace, and your circle of friends just like God loves you. Sometimes following Jesus includes doing hard things. The commitment you make to be like Jesus will make you more loving and more understanding of those around you.**

Leader: You are part of God's story that we share with your family and our congregation. Speak clearly, confidently, and with kindness as you grow in your relationships with others.

**Congregation:** We promise to pray for you now and during the school year. We promise to love you when things are going well and when things are hard. We will encourage you when exams come and offer you love and understanding.

**Leader:** God, we thank you for the privilege to surround these people and each other as we all seek to learn something new this year and extend love and kindness to those around us.

**All: Amen.**

**\*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: *Allegretto***

G.F. Handel

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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**SERVING TODAY**

Deacon of the Week:

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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.

**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/hearing aids.





FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Faith: Four Weeks in Hebrews

"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 hear again the call of Christ.

August 24

*Roll Call!*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 31

*Pioneer and Perfecter*

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

September 7

*Love Continues*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Communion Sunday

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### 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 kick off the new school year. 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 24 | Young Adult Fellowship

We'll enjoy time together around the pool on Sunday, August 24. We'll gather at the Nissen Building on 4th Street at 4:30pm. If you plan to attend, let Mary know so you'll have access to the building.

### 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!

### August 31 | Ice Cream Fellowship

Meet at Twin City Sweets at 4:00pm, 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!

### September 14 | Prayer Partner Care Package Event

All prayer partners and their families will gather in Kelly Auditorium immediately following worship for our annual care package packing event where our prayer partners (all kids K-5 and their older adult prayer partner) join together to pack care packages for our college students and educators. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Amy!

### September 21 |

#### 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 can RSVP in your newsletter.

#### Home in the Heart of the City Celebration Cookbook

In honor of the *100 on Fifth: Home in the Heart of the City* celebration the planning task force would like to invite YOU to help us compile a commemorative cookbook. Share your favorite recipes from entrees to appetizers, side dishes to desserts. Please submit your recipes by Monday, September 1. You can submit your recipes via email or in written form to Nathan Mitchell (mitchellnathan30@yahoo.com) or to the box in The Commons.

#### 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!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 17  
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, Blessing of the Backpacks (*Sanctuary & online*)  
2:00 pm Youth Pool Party (*offsite*)

MONDAY, August 18  
6:00 pm Community Engagement Team Meeting (*online*)

TUESDAY, August 19  
5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)  
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 20  
11:00 am Staff meeting (*Commons*)

THURSDAY, August 21  
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team (*online*)

FRIDAY, August 22

SATURDAY, August 23  
9:00 am Serve Together (*Kelly*)

SUNDAY, August 24  
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*)  
12:00 pm Missions Committee (*Conference*)  
4:30 pm Young Adult Pool Party (*offsite*)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
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