

"We shape our buildings and then our buildings shape us."

+ Winston Churchill

"There is no house like the house of belonging."

+ David Whyte

"In the end, historic houses of worship are places of grace. They offer gifts of beauty, extraordinary space, and transcendence that people alive today can only receive from people of the past and do their best to pass them on. They are essential contributors to a generative and creative commons where people can gather and collectively make a life together. They are places of presence. And we are their stewards now."

+ Thomas Frank, *Historic Houses of Worship in Peril: Conserving Their Place in American Life*

Danielle Keever, *Light in the Dark*



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 21, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Canzon duodecimi toni*

Brass Ensemble

G. Gabrieli

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 63: 1-4

Kara Parker

Leader: O God, you are our God.

We seek you, our souls thirst for you;
our flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**All: So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
our lips will praise you.

**All: So we will bless you as long as we live;
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.**

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

CWM RHONDDA

THE ORDINANCE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Eva Robertson
Thayer Smelcer

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

A LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND REDEDICATION

Kyle Caudle, Lynn Rhoades, Wally Cox
Nikki Byers, Bethany Leggett, Nathan Mitchell

Leader: Wondrous God, the skies and the highest heavens cannot contain you,
much less temples made by human hands.
Yet you dwell on this earth among us
and make yourself known in sacred space and time.
Today we joyfully celebrate and give thanks for 100 years of worship in this sanctuary.

**All: With heartfelt gratitude we now reconsecrate this house
to the glory of God, who has called us by sheer grace;
to the glory of Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us;
and to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us.**

Leader: May all who gather throughout this building know your intimate presence.
May its walls, its furnishings, its holy emblems, declare your praise.

**All: Accept the praise of our lips, the prayers of our hearts,
the adoration of our spirits, that in all things we may glorify you
with our very lives, and enjoy you forever.**

Leader: Proclaim your word by the reading of the scripture
and the preaching of the gospel.

**All: Reveal yourself to your people gathered around the Lord's table
in the breaking of bread and in communion with one another.**

Leader: Greet with outstretched arms newborn children entrusted to your care,
embracing them with a love that draws them ever nearer to you.

**All: Enfold in your loving care those who are baptized.
Grant that they may know themselves to be members
of the body of Christ and this Beloved Community.**

Leader: Bless by your presence those who pledge themselves to one another
in holy marriage, adding your strength to their vows.

**All: Comfort all who gather to mourn the loss of a loved one,
giving them courage to celebrate the gift of life
and to know your eternal love.**

Leader: Sanctify all that we are, all that we have, all that we shall become,
and make us wholly yours.

**All: Like living stones may God make of us a spiritual house,
under the authority of Jesus Christ,
the cornerstone and foundation of our faith.**

Sanctuary Choir

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come. Arise and come away. Arise! Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!

*CONGREGATION:



1.The church-'s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2.Yet she on earth hath u - nion with Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,
She is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
like them the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Hughes

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: Ephesians 2:13-20

Emily Hull McGee

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "100 Years: Home"

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 565: *God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

HYFRYDOL

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**

Sheree Jones

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

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*

R. Vaughan Williams

Sanctuary Choir

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***BENEDICTION**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. D. Marvin

Brass Ensemble
Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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We express grateful appreciation to Eve Andrews for the creation of our white paraments and clergy stoles. They adorn our sanctuary in celebration of this 100th anniversary!

GUEST MUSICIANS

The Brass Ensemble is made up of faculty and graduate students from Appalachian State University. They are: Samuel Ambrose, Sean Andrade, Brent Bingham, Joseph Brown, Dakota Corbliss, Nick Hathaway, Willson Hooks, Marin Kimpton, Will Rivers, and James Stokes

Timpanist for this worship service is John Beck, Professor of Percussion at UNC School of the Arts (1998-2023) and currently UNCSA Coordinator of Arts and Health Partnerships.

SERVING TODAY

Crucifer and Acolytes:

Joe Smelcer, Karly Parker, and Annabelle McGee

Deacon of the Week:

Sheree Jones and Anna Harris

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. Restrooms are available on either side of the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary and on every level in the back half of our building. 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, and ensure the sound is unmuted in the bottom left corner.



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 September are Instant Grits and Oatmeal. Please drop off gifts in the first-floor bins. Thank you!



FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home in the Heart of the City

Worship this Fall with First on Fifth

100 years ago, the people called First Baptist Church planted their new home at 501 West Fifth Street. After two other locations they called home, the third time got it right. They found their home right in the heart of the city, and one hundred years later, so do we! This fall at First Baptist on Fifth, we'll kick off our year of celebration with worship centered around themes of home: from the home we inherit to the home we create, and every shade of meaning in between. We'll look back to stories of the God who created humans to be place-makers, who came close to dwell among us, and in whom we are always welcomed home again.

September 21
100 Years: Home
Ephesians 2:12-20

September 28
100 Years: In the Heart
John 14:1-3, 15:4-5

October 5
100 Years: Of the City
Matthew 4:23-25; Psalm 127:1-2
Communion Sunday

October 12
Homemaking
Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-5, 14

October 19
Homebreaking
Genesis 3:22-4:16; Luke 19:1-10

October 26
Homekeeping
Acts 2:43-47; Luke 4:16-21

November 2
Homecoming
Revelation 21:1-6; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
All Saints Day
Communion Sunday

November 9
When Home isn't Home
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 137

November 16
When the Walls Come Tumbling Down
Luke 21:5-19
Kyle Caudle, Proclaimer

November 23
Fit For a King
Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Samuel 8:1-9

Home in the Heart of the City Celebration Cookbook

Share your favorite recipes from entrees to appetizers, side dishes to desserts for our Celebration Cookbook. You can submit your recipes via email or in written form to Nathan Mitchell (mitchellnathan30@yahoo.com) or to the box in The Commons through the end of September.

September 27 | Young Adult Outdoor Movie Night

Get ready for spooky season with an outdoor viewing of Hocus Pocus, 7 pm at Olivia Blake's House! Bring a chair and come enjoy a show under the stars. There will be snacks!

October 3 | Board Games Affinity Group

Join us for a fun-filled Churchwide Board Game Night every first Friday at 7pm in the Commons! 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. Come connect, compete, and enjoy a night of fellowship and friendly competition! Bring a friend and let the games begin! Contact Dana Patrick with any questions (dpatrik@wakehealth.edu).

October 6 | Older Adult/Active Retiree Apple Trip!

Please join Pastor Amy Mac on a trip to see some early fall season leaves, eat some good lunch, get some fresh apples, and enjoy a day of fellowship together. Sign up in your newsletter.

October 10 | First Films, 6:30 pm

This fall we explore the path to adulthood in three diverse films. Join us as we experience stories of coming of age in 1970s rural Illinois, present day Uganda, and post Civil War Massachusetts. We'll gather at 6:30pm in Kelly Auditorium. October's film is fall is **Queen of Katwe** (2016), run time- 2hrs 4mins.

October 12 | Ice Cream Fellowship

Our Ice Cream affinity group will gather at Twin City Sweets at 4 pm on October 12. All are welcome to join for a sweet time of fellowship!

October 24-26 | CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

This fall our youth will return to Caswell Beach for a weekend full of worship, Bible study, dance party and lots of beach time. Cost is \$100/student and you can sign up in your newsletter or on Realm.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 19 - Youth CROP Walk
October 26 - First on Fifth 101
October 28 - QCC
November 2 - All Saints Sunday
November 23 - Thanksgiving Pot-Luck



100 on Fifth: Home in the Heart of the City Celebration Calendar

As we celebrate this year, you will find the most up to date information at firstonfifth.org/100onfifth

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Sunday, September 21

Celebration Kickoff Lunch

We will kick off our celebration of 100 years of our Sanctuary building with a jubilant worship service. After worship we will gather in Kelly Auditorium to share a meal and hear stories of the building

Sunday, October 5

The Longest Table, 5:00 pm

We will celebrate World Communion by inviting our downtown neighbors to join us for a dinner along Fifth Street. Folks from First on fifth will act as table hosts for this meal to fellowship with our neighbors.

Sunday, November 23

Thanksgiving Potluck & Bazaar , 5:00pm

Together we will give thanks for 100 years of our church house! The main dish will be provided, as well as a vegetarian main dish. Please bring a side and/or dessert to share. You will also have the opportunity to do a little holiday shopping by visiting booths of church members and mission partners featuring lovingly handmade goods.

Sunday, December 14

Lessons & Carols

The Sanctuary will fill with song and joy in morning worship, as our Sanctuary choir and guest orchestra proclaim the story of Jesus through our beloved Service of Lessons & Carols.

Throughout January

100 on Fifth: A Retrospective

Throughout the month of January you are invited to walk through a visual history of 100 years of our Sanctuary building. The display will be set up around the perimeter of the Sanctuary. On January 25 we will gather in the Sanctuary during the Sunday school hour for a churchwide session on the history of our beautiful sacred space.

February

Details for this part of our celebration are still in the works. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for the finalized information.

Throughout March

Missions From First

Over the years this place has given birth to many missional organizations that continue to do life-changing work in our city. Throughout the month of March we will highlight these organizations in worship and challenge our congregation to give a combined total of 100 hours of service to these organizations and others throughout the month.

Sunday, April 19

100th Anniversary Concert, 5:00 pm

The Sanctuary will come to life with music as we enjoy a special Anniversary concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir and guest Orchestra.

Saturday, April 25

A Walk to Remember

Join in a guided walk of First's previous locations to where we now sit on 5th Street. Stories and history will be shared along the way. The walk will end in the Sanctuary with special reflection.

Sunday, May 3

The Next 100

We will wrap up our celebration by celebrating our new hymnal in worship and a catered meal on the back lot. As we enjoy the new additions to our church property, we will dream about what the next 100 years in this place might bring!

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Many thanks to our wonderful Anniversary Task Force- Linda Stewart, Bethany Leggett, Susan Welch, Nathan Mitchell, Beth Stainback, Josh McGee, Sarah Talley, and Mary Kaylor - for all their work to bring these celebrations to life!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, September 21
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 100 on Fifth Celebration Kickoff Lunch (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, September 22

TUESDAY, September 23
7:30 pm Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
5:00 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, September 24
11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, September 25

FRIDAY, September 26

SATURDAY, September 27

SUNDAY, September 28
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*)
3:00 pm Joni Wells Memorial Service (*Sanctuary*)

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