



“The hard part  
Is to find yourself at home with where and what you are  
And still remain amazed”  
+ John Koethe, “Beyond Belief”

“For Christians, the heart of it all is God’s decision never to be except to be with us in Christ. That triggers creation, as a place for God to be with us, incarnation, the moment Christ becomes flesh among us, and heaven, the time and space in which God is with us forever. As a church. St. Martin’s exists to celebrate, enjoy, and embody God being with us – the heart of it all. We’re not about a narcissistic notion that we are the heart – we rest on the conviction that God is the heart and we want to be with God.”

+ Samuel Wells, Vicar, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, September 28, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*

J.S. Bach

Lauren Winkelman, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sam Lawrence

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, there are many places we could go this morning,

**All: but we have desired to come to your house.**

Leader: There are many voices to which we can listen today,

**All: but we desire to hear your voice.**

Leader: It would be easy to scatter,

**All: but we have chosen to gather.**

Leader: We need to behold your beauty,

**All: to inquire in your temple,**

Leader: to be wrapped in your love,

**All: and to experience your renewing Spirit.**

Leader: Come close, O God, our rock, our refuge, our resting place,

**All: and receive our praise!**

**CHORAL INTROIT: Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above****M. Vulpius**

Sanctuary Choir  
Sandra Talton, Conductor

Now God be praised in heaven above, Praise be to God for His great love,  
wherein all creatures live and move, Hallelujah! His grace defends us from all ill;  
His Christ shall be our leader still, Till heaven and earth shall do His will;  
Hallelujah!

**\*HYMN 590: The Solid Rock****SOLID ROCK****PRAYER OF CONFESION****Roper Halverson**

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Trust in the Lord forever,  
for in the Lord you have an everlasting rock.”  
In full trust and confidence let us confess our sins and the sin of the world  
to the One who is the rock of our salvation.

**All: God of boundless love and compassion,  
we confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant with you and with one another.  
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.  
We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you.  
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.  
Forgive us, gracious God.  
Our hope is built on nothing less than the righteousness of Christ.  
May he live in our hearts forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****Olena Withrow**

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Such good news is the foundation of the peace we experience in Christ;  
and it is our joy to share that peace with both friend and stranger:  
May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**ANTHEM: O the Boundless Love of God****D. Mengel**

Sanctuary Choir  
Lauren Winkelman, Piano

O the boundless love of God, ever flowing free, all around me above and  
below, flowing wide as the sea. O the boundless love of God, endless as the  
sky, glowing brighter than all the stars, clothed in glory divine. O the love that  
embraces me. Sing, my soul, set the praises free, alleluia! Sing for eternity;  
how vast is the love of God. Amen.

## 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.

### \*HYMN 406: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 25:1-8

Mary Kaylor

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-3, 15:4-5

Emily Hull McGee

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON: "100 Years: In the Heart"

Emily Hull McGee

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 272: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

*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

Holly Kessler

*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

Kyle Caudle

### \*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: *Hornpipe***

G.F. Handel

David Williamson, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

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#### **SERVING TODAY**

Acolytes:

Alfredo Colon and Amelia Dellinger

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Holly Kessler and Roper Halverson

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.

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

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

This is the final week to submit recipes 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.

### We Matched!

Thanks to the invitation of a generous member, our church set out on a final fundraising push with a goal of matching up to \$100,000 for our Life Together capital campaign and kicked off this initiative with a fun evening hosted by our children and youth called "Pasta for a Playground." We are overjoyed to share that your generous gifts exceeded that match, raising \$105,168 toward the project's goals to pair with the \$100,000 match! Every single dollar given now allows the church to exhaust less of our shared resources and use them toward other ministries and missions in the future. Thank you, thank you, thank you all for your support of our building project!!

### 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 (dpatrick@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.

### October 28 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, October 28, 2025, in Kelly Auditorium. Supper at 5:30, Meeting at 6:00 pm. RSVP in your newsletter for dinner.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, September 29

5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)

TUESDAY, September 30

7:30 pm Devotional Classics (*Commons*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 1

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, October 2

FRIDAY, October 3

7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Commons*)

SATURDAY, October 4

SUNDAY, October 5

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*)

5:00 pm The Longest Table

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

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