"If the incarnation is to mean anything, it has to mean something on our own turf. It has to enter into the clay of our landscape, the texture of our languages, and the tensions of our cultures."

+ Padraig O'Tuama, In the Shelter: Finding Home in the World

"I have places where all my stories begin."

+ Barbara Kingsolver, Small Wonder



Avataraṇa (अवतरण) (Incarnation), Solomon Raj

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, October 12, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Prelude in A Major, BWV. 536

J.S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. F. Christiansen

Men's Chorus

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters flow, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Amy McClure

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

All: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

All: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek God,

All: and be warmed by the fire of God's love.

*HYMN 345: When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Cyrus Bush, Soloist Colin Loftis, Clarinet



It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

RESPONSE

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One who is rich in mercy, the God who crowns us with love and compassion.

All: Gracious God, you have shown us what is right:

to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

Forgive all in the life of our nation that falls short of what you require.

Forgive the poverty of body, mind, and spirit that still exists among us.

Forgive all the broken lives and all the broken hearts that are not tended.

Forgive us, as individuals and as a nation, for not being big enough,

broad-minded enough, hopeful enough, or loving enough to create a just society.

Forgive us and help us, so that our life as a nation, and the contribution we make

to the life of the world, may honor you and do justice to your demands.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 103:8,10-12

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, God is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgression from us.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us share the sign of a forgiven people:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

Sanctuary Choir

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies! There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known: and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne; while all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, and everywhere that we can be, You, God are present there. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a (Pew Bible, OT, p.1)

Rick and Carolyn Matthews

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 23: All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

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: John 1:1-5, 14 (Pew Bible, NT, p.70)

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Homemaking"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 59: My Lord Is Near Me All the Time

FOREST PARK

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

Jim Nelson

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.

*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: Concerto in G, Movement I, BWV. 592

J.S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer: Abigail Townsend, Casey Masten, and Joe Smelcer

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u> Jim Nelson and Minerva Fox

Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson

<u>Streaming and Sound Team</u>: 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.





^{*}Those who are able will please stand.



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 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
Olena Withrow, Proclaimer

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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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 15 | Older Adult Lunch

Those sketchy emails or text messages or phone calls...are they legit? Come on Wednesday, October 15, 11:30 to Kelly Auditorium and find out how to tell! Helen Mack, with AARP, will present a program on Fraud Watch, which will give info on how to identify, avoid, and report fraud, cyber-safety, and identity theft. We'll have a light lunch at 11:30, so we need a headcount!. Sign up in your newsletter!

October 19 | CROP Walk

All are invited to join First on Fifth Youth as part of the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk. Youth are seeking to raise \$2000 in support of ending hunger globally and locally. We will have a baked potato and salad bar meal in the Baraca Room following worship and then walk. Check-in begins at 1:30pm and the 2K (1.34 miles) walk begins at 2:30pm. Interested in walking, sharing lunch, or donating? contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

October 19 | Mochas with Mac (K-2nd)

Children in grades K - 2nd are invited to a gathering with Pastor Amy Mac at Starbucks (263 Harvey St.). Kids will get hot chocolate unless otherwise directed by parents. There is no cost to families. Email Pastor Amy to sign up your child!

October 26 | First on Fifth 101

First on Fifth 101 will take place on Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Kelly Auditorium. This event is intended to communicate essential information about the life of our church, with specific attention given to helping newer members, and not so new members, of our community know how to become more deeply involved in committees, ministry teams, small groups and Sunday School classes, and the church's various ministries. Additional information about Realm, finance, budget, and giving will be shared as a means of further orientation to our community. All are welcome to attend and dinner will be served. RSVP by October 20 in your newsletter or online.

October 28 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00pm

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, at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. In addition to our regular reports, the congregation will hear a presentation from the Finance Committee regarding the proposed 2026 Ministry Funding Plan. Supper will be served at 5:30pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. RSVP in your newsletter for dinner.

Sanctuary Choir Christmas Music

The Sanctuary Choir will begin work on Christmas music this month and we welcome new singers to join us! Rehearsals are held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in the choir room. This is a great opportunity for an introduction to our choir ministry and to enjoy the beautiful music of the season! For more information please contact David Williamson or Jake Hill.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 12

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) 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting (Kelly) 4:00 pm Ice Cream Fellowship (offsite)

MONDAY, October 13

TUESDAY, October 14

7:30 am Devotional Classics (Commons)
3:00 pm 100th Task Force (Commons)
5:00 pm Nominating Committee (online)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, October 15

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Commons)

11:30 am Older Adult/Active Retiree Lunch (Kelly)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals

(Music Suite & Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, October 16

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team (online)

FRIDAY, October 17

SATURDAY, October 18

SUNDAY, October 19

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)

1:30 pm CROP walk (offsite)
2:00 pm Mochas with Mac (offsite)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for October are canned meats (canned tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef, SPAM, etc.) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

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.

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