



We're born human, and within us lies the potential for both creation and destruction, both blessing and curse. To be human is to be capable of both incredible good and terrifying evil. If we deny either side of that potential, we're living unaware.

+ Rachel Held Evans

"Home is where all justice begins."

+ Barbara Kingsolver, *Small Wonder*

Adam et Eve, Amedee Ozenfant

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 19, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Images, Book 1, I. Reflets dans l'eau*

C. Debussy

Anna Thornton, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Olena Withrow

Leader: Let us sing a new song to our God!

All: A song of celebration, a song of joy!

Leader: Gather all the melodies together into one great harmony of praise.

**All: Let the music of our hearts become part of God's great song,
pulsing through all creation.**

Leader: Let us sing a new song to our God!

*HYMN 332: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 19:1-10 (Pew Bible, NT, p.63)

Devin Withrow

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: The One who breaks the power of canceled sin,
who sets the prisoner free,
invites us to realign our lives with the truth of the gospel.
Let us confess our sins and the sins of the world:

**All: Forgiving and gracious God,
in Zacchaeus we see ourselves.
For we have defrauded the poor;
we have loved power more than people;
we have valued profits over relationships.
And yet you choose to draw near to people just like us.
In gratitude and humility we confess our unclean lips,
our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors,
and our broken relationships.
In our joy and in our surprise,
we are humbled by your unconditional love;
and we celebrate your willingness to be a guest of sinners. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Today salvation has come to this house,
for the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.)

ANTHEM: *Peace Unto You*

G. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Peace unto you when your feet are weary, peace unto you when your path grows dim; peace unto you when you don't see clearly, peace unto you when you find you can't find Him. Peace unto you when your heart is breaking, peace unto you when your spirit cries; peace unto you when your soul is aching, peace unto you when your hope, your last hope dies. Peace unto you when in prayer you're pleading, peace unto you when you cease to roam; peace unto you when in finally seeking peace, you find that you're finally home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

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 365: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 3:22-4:16 (Pew Bible, OT, p.3)

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Homebreaking"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 694: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

MORNING SONG

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

Lynn Rhoades

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

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: *Images, Book 1, III. Mouvement*

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*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Nora Arredondo and James Cook
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Lynn Rhoades
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	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.



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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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 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 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. For more information please contact David Williamson or Jake Hill.

November 2 | First Impressions

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class November 2 from 9:15-10:30am in the Commons. First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect, get involved in ministry, and join the church. Please RSVP to Mary at mary@firstonfifth.org

November 2 | Ordination Service for Olena Withrow

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons and Ordination Council, and pending a congregational vote at our October QCC, all are invited to gather for Olena Withrow's ordination to the gospel ministry on Sunday, November 2, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

November 10 | Active Retiree Day Trip

Please join us for another great day trip as we travel to Southern Supreme to the Fruitcake Factory. We will plan to enjoy lunch together and enjoy great fellowship along the way. We will be taking a bus so we can all be together. RSVP in your newsletter.

November 14 | First Films

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 for our final film, **Little Women (2019) 2hrs 15mins.**

November 16 | Ordination Service for Mallory Challis

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons and Ordination Council, and pending a congregational vote at our October QCC, all are invited to gather for Mallory Challis's ordination to the gospel ministry on Sunday, November 16, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, October 20

TUESDAY, October 21
5:00pm Finance Committee (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 22
11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsals
(*Music Suite & Sanctuary*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, October 23

FRIDAY, October 24
CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

SATURDAY, October 25
CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

SUNDAY, October 26
CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat
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*)
4:00 pm First on Fifth 101 (*Kelly*)

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