



“At its very best, routine is a central pillar of an inquisitive life, a consciously performed ritual, a living, repeated invitation: a way of constantly creating and deepening possibilities of actually getting something done over time. Routine that carries the timeless and the exploratory, can become the central foundation of keeping a relationship alive, of writing a book, raising a family, building a house. We make a miracle out of simply turning up, at the same time to do the same good work, watching that work mature, slowly, with our daily visitations, into something we could not fully imagine, before we gave ourselves over to that daily, dedicated, repeated, miraculous act of appearance and disappearance at the waiting desk or at our well-loved familiar workbench.”

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 26, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Méditation from Thaïs*

J. Massenet

Monika Wilmot, Violin
Jacob Hill, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lilyana Salisbury

Leader: Friends and siblings in Christ, let us gather in this church house
with glad and generous hearts,

All: for God makes a home among us.

Leader: Let us be formed into disciples of Jesus who travel his way of life,

All: for God tends our hearts with compassion.

Leader: Let us bring the fullness of who we are to the worship of God,

All: for God knits us together in unity.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMN 357: O Praise the Gracious Power

MARION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 119:1-8 (Pew Bible, OT, p.440)

Phil Batten

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Forgiving and gracious God,
we confess our sins and the sins of the world:

**All: God of signs and wonders, you promise us your Spirit –
constant companion, wise guide, source enlivening the daily tending of our lives.
Yet we confess that we often close our hearts to the Spirit's presence.
Our routines of faith grow stale with indifference.
Our daily rhythms of discipleship dull with despair and wither with negligence.
Our homes fill with scarcity's hold on our resources and our imagination.
Our relationships fray with discord and disregard.
Forgive us, Spirit of Gentleness.
Move us from complacency to courage, from apathy to action.
Open our hearts to the ordinary keeping of our faith.
Flood our hearts with your extraordinary love.
Bind our hearts together for the common good.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: Beloveds of God, hear this good news:
By the grace of God, the mercy of Jesus, and the enlivening of the Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven, renewed, and never alone.

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: *Come Flood This Heart of Mine*

D. Lantz

Sanctuary Choir
Monika Wilmot, Violin

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. Come, Spirit, make
Your home, my heart is Yours alone. Come flood this heart of mine with Your
great love divine. Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine. My
every sin forgive as one with You I live. Come flood this heart of mine with Your
pure joy divine. Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power. Your presence
and peace will be mine this very hour. Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this
place. Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace. Make of this heart
of mine a vessel wholly Thine. Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your true light divine.

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.

*HYMN 546: *Give Me Jesus*

GIVE ME JESUS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:42-47 (Pew Bible, NT, p.90)

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Homekeeping"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 490: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

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

Linda Stewart

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

Olena Withrow

*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: *Water Music, Hornpipe No. 2*

G.F. Handel

Monika Wilmot, Violin
Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Elvie Cox and Lilyana Salisbury

Deacon of the Week:

Linda Stewart and Janet Falls

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 | 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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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home in the Heart of the City *Worship this Fall*

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.

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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First on Fifth Celebrates Legacy Gift

The Finance Committee would like to invite the congregation to celebrate with us the recently received unrestricted legacy gift from Sarah Johnson's Estate. We are grateful to God for this faithful servant who remembered First Baptist Church in her estate planning.

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.

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. Suggested donation is \$10 for dinner and you can RSVP in your newsletter for dinner.

2026 Ministry Funding Plan Summary	
Missions & Outreach	\$126,126
Personnel	\$744,638
Facilities	\$173,755
Ministries & Operations	\$114,650
TOTAL	\$1,159,169
Less designated & endowed fund offsets	-\$83,000
MINISTRIES TO BE FUNDED	\$1,076,169

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 26

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*)

MONDAY, October 27

5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)

7:00 pm Young Adult Pumpkin Decorating (*offsite*)

TUESDAY, October 28

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)

6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference (*Kelly/online*)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 29

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

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

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

THURSDAY, October 30

FRIDAY, October 31

SATURDAY, November 1

SUNDAY, November 2

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)

9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
First Impressions (*Commons*)

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)

11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

5:00 pm Olena Withrow's Ordination Service
(*Sanctuary*)

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