"But seek the welfare of the city ... and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

+ Jeremiah 29:7

"The church, I believe, is a respite of silence from the noise of the city; a cloistered, reflective place where mystery and transcendence may be pondered, where prayers are lifted in solitude. But if that is all church is, an escape, a retreat from the world, it has made a critical mistake. The church is called to be in the world, in the city, and that means intentionally, imaginatively, creatively, and aggressively in the city, living in and for the human community in order to be faithful to God."

+ John Buchanan, Being Church, Becoming Community



(art above) Skyline Logo of First on Fifth

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Sunday, October 5, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Taiwanese Suite, II. Moonlight Blue

C. Chen

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP Joy Gambill

Leader: The table is prepared. **All: The feast awaits us.**

Leader: Let us gather at the table that has no edges.

All: Let us gather at the table that stretches around the globe. Leader: Let us eat the bread broken for the brokenness of the world.

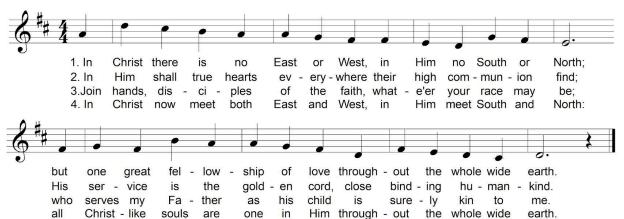
All: Let us drink from the cup that holds the salvation of the nations.

Leader: Christ invites us to this Holy Feast:

All: All are welcome!

*HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER



Sanctuary Choir

Give God the glory, all lands and people. Join hearts, be joyful; sing forth the song.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

(Please read in unison.)

Holy God, Ruler of a boundless kingdom,
we grieve that the church—which shares one Spirit,
one faith, one hope, and one calling—
has become a broken communion in a broken world.
The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,
but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,
and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.
Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work,
that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.
Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves
to seek and live the unity of the body of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let this good news be proclaimed throughout the world:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.)

A LITANY FOR CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS

Kyle Caudle

Leader: You have called us your people, O Lord.

All: We are holy and beloved.

Leader: You have called us to clothe ourselves with compassion,

kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

All: You ask us to bear with each other, knowing that we ourselves are imperfect.

Leader: You have called us to forgive one another, just as you have forgiven us.

All: You ask us to clothe ourselves in love.

Leader: Your love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

All: We confess that harmony is difficult.

Leader: And yet, harmony is what we seek.

All: Help us, O Lord, to love others as you love us.

Leader: Help us to show kindness and to be patient with others.

All: Just as you are patient and show kindness to us.

Leader: Help us to be humble and meek, just as Christ was when he was on the Cross.

All: May we follow your example wherever we are.

Leader: Clothe us, O Lord, with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love.

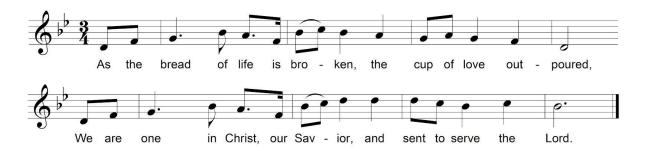
All: Amen.

(Based on Colossians 3:12-14)

Sanctuary Choir

As the bread of life is broken, the cup of love outpoured, We are one in Christ our Savior, and sent to serve the Lord. We, the many who are gathered, are united here as one. In this joyful celebration, recall what God has done. (**Refrain**) In the bread of life here given, we become what we receive. In the cup of love here offered, affirm what we believe. (**Refrain**) Sent as blessing for God's people, to go forth in love and peace, In our witness to God's kingdom, may charity increase. (**Refrain**)

(Please join the choir in singing the refrain as indicated.)



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 127: 1-2 (Pew Bible, OT, p.445)

Claudia Amaya

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4: 23-25 (Pew Bible, NT, p.3)

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "100 Years: Of the City"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 249: The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

AZMON

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

Kelly King

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

*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: Trumpet Tune C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: William Masten and Eva Robertson

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u> Kelly King and Joy Gambill

<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u> 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!

CBF OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

We join with Cooperative Baptists to collect the CBF Offering for Global Missions today, October 5, and next Sunday, October 12 with our second offering received at the end of the service. We give thanks for the gift to extend the love of Christ around the world!

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.







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 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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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 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 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 **Queen of Katwe** (2016), run time- 2hrs 4mins.

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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

MONDAY. October 6

8:45 am Older Adult Apple Trip (offsite)

6:00 pm Community Engagement Team (online)

TUESDAY, October 7

7:30 am Devotional Classics (Commons) 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (Commons) 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team (online)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, October 8

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 9

FRIDAY, October 10

6:30 pm First Films (Commons)

SATURDAY, October 11

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 Affinity Group (offsite)

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