

“All shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well.”

+ Julian of Norwich

“Jesus’ compassion is not only criticism of what is deathly, for in his criticism and solidarity he evidences power to transform. So his embrace of the death his people are dying leads to a restored Lazarus, to healed people, to fed crowds, to a cared-for man, to an accepted son, and to good news for the harassed and helpless. The heavy criticism of Jesus holds the offer and possibility of an alternative beginning.”

+ Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*



Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, Francesco Hayez

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 16, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Trio*

Jacob Hill, Organ

A. Bruckner

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:2-6

Olena Withrow

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**All: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, worshipers of God,
for great in your midst is the Holy One!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago
so he assures us now that God is our salvation.
It is because of that confidence, because of that promise,
that we dare approach God with our confession.

**All: God of peace, we confess we are a fearful people.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry rule our nights.
We have been unsettled by the violence that surrounds us.
We have been distracted by political games and uncertainty.
In the midst of it all we confess that we
have ignored your command to fear not.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our minds,
and lead our restless hearts to rest in you alone.
In the name of the One who is our peace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Friends, do not be afraid;
for God has redeemed us.
All is forgiven; everything is made new!

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.)

ANTHEMS: *Do Not Be Afraid*

P. Stopford

Sanctuary Choir
Lauren Winkelman, Soloist

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mallory Challis

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 577: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible, NT, p.65)

Cyrus Bush

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"When the Walls Come Tumbling Down"*

Kyle Caudle

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 674: *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

CHARLESTOWN

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

Susan Welch

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

Amy McClure

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

*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

Kyle Caudle

POSTLUDE: *Suite for Organ, III. Trumpet Tune*

J. Stanley

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

James Cook, Karly Parker & Kate Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Susan Welch and Cyrus Bush

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.



YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

Thank you so much for supporting the ministries of our church through your financial gifts! To be included in your 2025 contribution statement, please be aware of the following deadlines:

- Hand-delivered contributions must be received by 10:00 am on 12/31
- Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than 12/31. (Please be aware that your bank's bill pay vendor may batch checks together for mailing, so it's advisable to avoid waiting late in the month for a December contribution.)
- Stock transfers can be processed through the First Baptist Church brokerage account at Alex Brown. To ensure processing can be completed by 12/31, plan to start the process by 12/15 and notify Sally when your transaction has been initiated.

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through First Baptist on Fifth!



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16 | Ordination Service for Mallory Challis

With joyful affirmation from the Deacons, Ordination Council, and congregation, all are invited to gather for Mallory Challis's ordination to the gospel ministry this evening, Sunday, November 16, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

November 22 | WFU Football Game

All are welcome to join your First on Fifth family for the WFU vs. Delaware Football game on Saturday, November 22, at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$8/ticket and can be reserved in your newsletter.

November 23 | Potluck and Bazaar, 5:30 pm

Please join us on Sunday, November 23 at 5:30pm for a Thanksgiving potluck! The church will provide the meat and drinks and we invite you to bring sides and desserts. Mission partners and church members will have tables set up selling their handmade goods. You can start your Christmas shopping early! [Please RSVP by Today, November 16th](#) in your newsletter so we have an idea of how many to plan for!

It's Time for a New Church Directory!

Gather your family, update your information, and plan a date to take your family photo for the new church directory. We will take photos in the church office November 23rd, from 4:30-5:15pm before the church potluck, and the following four Sunday mornings, November 30, December 7, 14, & 21 from 9:15-9:45am and following worship until 12:45pm. Read more about this in your newsletter and contact olena@firstonfifth.org with any questions.

December 5 | Young Adult Christmas Party

Holly and Jeff Kessler will host the Young Adult Christmas party at their home on Friday, December 5 at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite snack under \$10 wrapped up for a gift exchange. Dinner will be provided. Let Mary know if you're coming!

December 7 | Women's Ornament Exchange

Join us for the annual Ornament Exchange in The Commons on Sunday, December 7 from 3-5pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and a sweet or savory snack to share. Drinks will be provided. No RSVP necessary but contact Holly Kessler at hollisolomontoo@gmail.com with questions.

December 10 | Older Adult Christmas Lunch

Please join us at 11:30am in Kelly Auditorium for our annual Christmas Lunch! There will be good food, great entertainment, and even better fellowship with all of you. There is a suggested donation of \$10/person and if you'd like to bring a fun Christmas dessert to share, feel free! RSVP in your Newsletter.

Advent at First on Fifth

November 30 | Hanging of the Green

On this first Sunday in Advent, we'll hang the greens in the Sanctuary during worship and begin our celebration of the Advent Season.

December 14 | Service of Lessons and Carols

The Sanctuary will fill with song and joy in morning worship, as our Sanctuary choir and guest orchestra proclaim the story of Jesus through our beloved Service of Lessons & Carols.

December 21 | Longest Night, 6:00pm

All are invited to mark the Longest Night with a quiet and reflective time of worship, particularly intended for those grappling with grief and loss this season.

December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00pm

Our annual Christmas Eve service for all ages combines communion, candlelight, and carols to orient us toward the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Advent Devotionals

This Advent you are invited to draw near the light with the churchwide devotional, *Draw Near*, by Teri McDowell Ott. Devotionals are available in your newsletter as pdf files and print copies are available in the church office. Contact Kyle with questions.

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December 14 | Christmas Open House, 4:00-6:00pm

All are welcome to share in the merriment and fellowship of the season at our Churchwide Christmas Open House! Hosted by the Hulls and McGees at David and Jane Hull's home (1565 Audubon Village Dr.), we have a spot for everyone to enjoy our beloved community's company and the joy of Christmas.

December 18 | Tanglewood Lights, 6:00pm

We invite people of all ages to join us on a wagon ride with your First on Fifth family as we travel through the Tanglewood Festival of Lights. Cost is \$5/person. RSVP in your Newsletter.

Seeking Donations | Women's Trip to the DR

The folks going on the Women's Trip to the Dominican Republic are collecting travel-sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, wash cloths, reading glasses, small stuffed animals, chap stick, glue sticks, knitted/crocheted hats, 50-gallon ziploc bags, and packaged Neosporin. This collection box will be located on top of the first floor bins. Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 16
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*)
Called Church Conference
12:15 pm Young Adult Lunch (*offsite*)
2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
5:00 pm Mallory Challis Ordination (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY, November 17

TUESDAY, November 18
7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
5:00 pm Finance Committee (*online*)
7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 19

11:00 pm Staff Meeting (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals
(*Music Suite & Sanctuary*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, November 20

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team (*online*)

FRIDAY, November 21

SATURDAY, November 22

12:00 pm WFU Football Game (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, November 23

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
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10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
4:30 pm Directory Photos (*Church Office*)
5:30 pm Thanksgiving Potluck & Bazaar (*Kelly*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for November are baking items (Cooking Oil, Baking Mixes, etc.) Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

Seeking Donations | Una Bendición

The Missions Committee invites you to donate canned goods (beans, peas, corn, etc.) 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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