

In our time of dislocation the church can offer ways of speaking and acting that the dominant society regards as subversive, but without which we cannot for long stay human. It can express sadness, rage and loss as an alternative to the denial that inevitably breeds brutality. It can be a voice of holiness that counters the trivial commodity-centered world by the practice of disciplines that make communion possible. It can be a voice of imaginative, neighborly transformation, focused on those in need. And it can express new social possibilities, rooted in the truth of God's good news. Before us is the choice between succumbing to a fearful self-preoccupation that shrivels the spirit or heeding God's call to re-enter the pain of the world and the possibility of renewal and salvation.

+ Walter Brueggemann, "Conversations Among Exiles," 1997

New Roots, Lauren Wright Pittman



First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 9, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Air*

E. Thiman

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O God, forever.

All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord;

All: Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

*HYMN 45: *The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nikki Byers

Leader: Eternal and Faithful God,
ever-present in sorrow and disappointment,
ever-present in prosperity and hope,
we offer our confession, fully confident
that your steadfast love never ceases,
and your mercies never come to an end.

**All: Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere, bold faith;
yet we confess that our faith is often clouded by sin and doubt.
When life discourages and challenges us,
when we are called to travel a road of uncertainty,
when “home” is not to our liking,
we resort to a timid faith and a meager hope.
Forgive us, faithful God.
Restore in us a courageous and steadfast spirit,
and a spirit of self-discipline gracefully lived in adversity .
In your mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
that we may be faithful stewards of your goodness and grace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Lamentations 3:22-23

Nikki Byers

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

Friends, be at peace;
for through the generous mercy of God 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.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 137 (Pew Bible, OT, p.448)

David Williamson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Come, Peace of God

E. Butler

Sanctuary Choir

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth, come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth, come with the healing of thy gentle touch, come, peace of God, that this world needs so much. Break every weapon forged in fires of hate, turn back the foe that would assail thy gate; where fields of strife lie desolate and bare take thy sweet flowers of peace and plant them there. Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss into the radiance of the Savior's cross, where in that gift so precious, yet so lone, life finds its brotherhood and love its throne. Come blessed peace as when in hush of eve God's benediction falls on souls who grieve; As shines a star when weary day departs, come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts. Come, peace of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 (Pew Bible, OT, p.566)

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"When Home Isn't Home"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *We, O God, Unite Our Voices*

HYFRYDOL

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.



1. We, O God, u - nite our voic - es, raised in thank - ful har - mo - ny.
2. See - ing then the task be - fore us, bind our hearts and hands as one.
3. Not our choice the wind's di - rec - tion, un - fore - seen the calm or gale.

You, un - chang - ing, safe have brought us through the ev - er - chang - ing sea.
May our la - bor be in un - ion, our re - solve and Yours be one.
Your great o - cean swells be - fore us, and our ship seems small and frail.

Days of calm and days of con - flict, nights of dark - ness prove your grace.
With one spir - it let us la - bor toward the bright ho - ri - zon far.
Fierce and gleam - ing is Your mys - tery, draw - ing us to shores un - known;

Hands be - neath us, arms a - round us, and, a - bove, Your shin - ing face.
In the midst of tem - pest per - il be Your cross our guid - ing star.
lead us on with hope and cour - age till Your har - bor is our home.

*PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE

Pat Thompson

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

Kyle Caudle

*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*

M. McCabe

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Call to Worship is reprinted by permission from The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition, ©2013, Faith Alive Christian Resources.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes:

Amelia Dellinger and Slate Cox

Deacon of the Week:

Pat Thompson and Nikki Byers

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.



501 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101 | 336.722.2558 | firstonfifth.org
BOLD LOVE. BOUNDLESS COMPASSION.

FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Ordination Council, and congregation, 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.

November 16 | Called Church Conference

Following is the summary of the 2026 Ministry Funding Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee and Deacons and as presented and discussed at the conference on October 28. [This plan will be presented for church vote on November 16, 2025 at the end of worship.](#) Detailed copies are available in the church office.

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

The church will also vote on the following deacon nominees to serve from 2026-2028. These are presented by the Nominating Committee as recommended by membership.

Rayce Lamb
Karen Lefler
Steve Loftis
Rick Matthews

Carlos Mir
Meredith Parker
Beth Sabbagh
Russell Talley

November 16 | Young Adult Lunch

We'll enjoy lunch together after worship on Nov. 16. If you want to join, meet in the Commons immediately after service and we'll walk somewhere yummy downtown. You'll need to cover the cost of your meal, we'll provide the company!

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. Tickets are \$8/ticket and are first come first serve. Game time is TBD. Reserve your tickets 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 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.

Worship This Fall: *Home in the Heart of the City*

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 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

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, November 9

- 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*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 3:00pm Mochas with Mac (*offsite*)

MONDAY, November 10

- 9:30 am Active Retiree Day Trip (*offsite*)

TUESDAY, November 11

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 3:00 pm 100th Task Force (*Conference*)
- 5:00 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 12

- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals
(*Music Suite & Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals
(*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, November 13

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, November 14

- 9:30 am CBFNC Creative Workshop (*offsite*)
- 6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, November 15

- 9:00 am CBFNC Creative Workshop (*offsite*)

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*)
- 2:30pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)
- 5:00 pm Mallory Challis Ordination (*Sanctuary*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

CHURCH STAFF

Sally Barbour

Accounting Manager

sally@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1103

Rev. Kyle Caudle

Associate Pastor

Youth, Missions, Adults

kyle@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1005

Paige Hatcher

Childcare Specialist

paige@firstonfifth.org

Jacob Hill

Music Associate / Organist

jake@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1004

Christina Johnson

Childcare Specialist

christina@firstonfifth.org

Ryan Jones

Media Contractor

ryanjones@dogoodbrands.biz

Rev. Mary Kaylor

Associate Pastor

Newcomers, Young Adults, Community Engagement

mary@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1006

Gary Knight

Transitional Facilities Manager

facilities@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1102

Rev. Amy McClure

Associate Pastor

Children, Senior Adults, Pastoral Care

amy@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1002

Rev. Emily Hull McGee

Pastor

emily@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1001

Rev. David Williamson

Associate Pastor

Worship, Arts, Administration

david@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1003

Rev. Olena Withrow

Pastoral Resident, Ministry Assistant &

Communications Manager

olena@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1000



501 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101 | 336.722.2558 | firstonfifth.org

BOLD LOVE. BOUNDLESS COMPASSION.