

“I Look at the World,” by Langston Hughes

I look at the world
From awakening eyes in a black face—
And this is what I see:
This fenced-off narrow space
Assigned to me.

I look then at the silly walls
Through dark eyes in a dark face—
And this is what I know:
That all these walls oppression builds
Will have to go!

I look at my own body
With eyes no longer blind—
And I see that my own hands can make
The world that's in my mind.
Then let us hurry, comrades,
The road to find.



Looking. Seeing. Finding. These are the things we are called to do, not once, but over and over again as Christians. This is the heart of discipleship – not to hasten the end of our search, but to pursue it ever more deeply and intentionally. To cultivate a willingness to look. A willingness to see and be seen. A willingness to tell the truth about what we have found. A willingness to venture forth again, even when we don't know where “home” is.

+ Debie Thomas

Art: *Who Gave You Your Eyes?*, Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 18, 2025 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: Prelude no. 3

G. Oldroyd

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

All: to live together in unity.

Leader: In our worship this day may love and faith unite;

All: May justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

All: the stones would shout aloud.

Leader: O God, open our lips;

All: and our mouths shall proclaim with joy your praise!

*HYMN 310: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 40:1-11

Mary Foskett

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

He took my feet from the mi - ry clay, Yes, he did, Yes, he did. And placed them on the rock to stay, Yes, he did, yes, he did.

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 302: *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

PROMISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Trusting in God's forgiveness
let us in silence confess our failings
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

(Silent confession)

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Leader: Amen.

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the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Beloved, we are forgiven in Jesus Christ,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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 these words of peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: Lamb of God

J. Reim

Sanctuary Choir

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace. With your stripes we are healed. The Lord has placed on You the iniquity of all. Have mercy. The chastisement of our peace was upon You. You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Grant us peace

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1: 29-42

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Leaving Home: Come and See"

Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 473: Will You Come and Follow Me**

KELVINGROVE

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**

Nikki Byers

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, Deacons will pass the offering plates 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**

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

D. Johnson

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

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SERVING TODAY

Acolytes & Crucifer: Abigail Townsend, Wilson Masten, and Lorelei Clark
Deacon of the Week: Nikki Byers and Mary Foskett
Children & Families Greeter: Kim Wilkinson
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

If you have A/V experience or are interested in learning and serving as a volunteer with our streaming and sound ministry we would be glad to add you to this team. If you are interested in serving in this important section of our worship ministry, please contact David Williamson at david@firstonfifth.org.

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. 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.





**FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaving Home

Epiphany Worship at First Baptist on Fifth

Writer Kelly Corrigan once said, “life happens when you leave the house.” Life surely happens, and often it happens not just when you leave the house, but when you leave home. Journeying away from what’s known and familiar is a common experience, even if disorienting and unclear. This Epiphany at First on Fifth, we’ll explore what *life* happens when we leave home and what *light* we find along the way, drawing our imagination from God who left home to dwell among us in Jesus, and Jesus, who calls us to “come and see.”

January 25

Leaving Home: Follow Me
Matthew 4:12-23

February 1

Leaving Home: Required
Micah 6:1-8
Communion Sunday

February 8

Leaving Home: Repaired
Isaiah 58:1-9a

February 15 | Transfiguration Sunday

Leaving Home: Fearless
Matthew 17:1-9
Olena Withrow, proclaimer

Sign-Up for Text Alerts!

As winter weather rolls in, we want to make sure we are able to communicate effectively in the event of emergency updates. Text “first” to (336) 703-9745 to opt-in for text updates.

January 20 | Devotional Classics Returns

Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics will return on January 20 with a study of Brother Lawrence’s The Practice of the Presence of God. The group is led by Pastor David and meets in the Commons on Tuesday morning at 7:30am. All are welcome to join us! Find a link to the specific edition of the book that will be used in your newsletter.

January 20 | Trivia Tuesday

Are you full of “useless” knowledge? Great! Come be a part of a young adult trivia team at The Dutch Light. We’ll meet at 6:50pm and trivia starts at 7pm.

January 25 | Churchwide Sunday School

You are invited to join a special churchwide Sunday School gathering on January 25! We hope you will join us as we share memories and hopes as part of 100 on Fifth: Home in the Heart of the City celebration. Together we remember the stories that built this place and renew our calling to build the church for generations to come. This gathering is all-ages friendly!

January 27 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather by Zoom to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference on Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30pm. See the newsletter that week for more info!

January 29 | Older Adult Lunch

The Active Retirees will meet for lunch on Thursday, January 29, at 11:30 at Southern Family Restaurant. Please sign up in your newsletter. Be sure to join us for a great time of food and fellowship!

February 1 | Kids Cooking Class

Children and their families are invited to join us for a cooking class at BrennerFIT kitchen immediately following worship on Sunday, February 1. Our very own Melissa Dellinger works with BrennerFIT and will lead our class. The cost is \$5/person and space is limited to the first 40 people. Sign up in your newsletter.

Wednesdays @ 6:30 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Any who are interested in joining the Sanctuary Choir are welcome to join as we enter the new year of music making and worship! The choir, led by David Williamson and Jake Hill, rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45pm in the choir room. Now is a great time to join us! For more information please contact David at david@firstonfifth.org.

Seeking Donations | Una Bendición

The Missions Committee invites you to donate Breakfast Cereals and Chicken Bouillon Cubes 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.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for January is Beef Stew. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, January 18

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*)
12:15 pm Pastoral Care MT (*Conference*)
12:30 pm Missions Committee (*Baraca*)

MONDAY, January 19

Church Office Closed - MLKjr Day
1:00 pm Youth and Kids Ice Skating (*Offsite*)

TUESDAY, January 20

7:30 am Devotionals Classics (*Commons*)
5:00 pm Finance Committee (*Conference*)
7:00 pm YA Trivia (*offsite*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, January 21

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
12:30 pm Communications Meeting (*Conference*)
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, January 22

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group

FRIDAY, January 23

SATURDAY, January 24

SUNDAY, January 25

9:30 am Churchwide Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
12:15 pm Fellowship MT (*offsite*)
4:00 pm New Member Meet and Greet (*offsite*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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