

"We begin our Lenten journey addressed by the remarkable assurance that the God who summons us is the God who goes along with us. We begin our journey knowing we will want to ease off and not take the risk. We will have chances, epistemologically, economically, in terms of self-perception, to make decisions, hearing more than one inviting voice. The world thinks this journey is unimportant and therefore easy. Well, yes, the world may think it easy, because it is only faith that requires entering the danger zone where our lives are at risk."

+ Walter Brueggemann



Briton Riviere, *The Temptation in the Wilderness*

"Never before have so many human beings fled from so many homes."

+ Elie Wiesel

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 22, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Jacob Hill

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. N. Williams

Sanctuary Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE MINISTRY OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**All: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**All: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

\*HYMN 60: *Like a River Glorious*

WYE VALLEY

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 32

Nikki Byers

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,  
who no longer suffer in silence,  
but name their sin and seek God's grace.  
Let us confess our sin.

**All: God of boundless love,  
you took on flesh, not for your own sake, but for ours.  
We confess that we have been unfaithful to such extravagant love.  
We have served our own interest instead of serving you and your people.  
Forgive us for straying from the life and example of Jesus.  
In the time of trial and temptation teach us to follow closely his ways  
so that we may do nothing to hinder your kingdom fully present among us.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Olena Withrow

Leader: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.  
Therefore, trust in God, whose love is deep and broad and wide.

**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: *O Love, How Deep*

E. Titcomb

Sanctuary Choir

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that  
God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. For us he  
prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and  
actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us. All glory to our Lord and God for love  
so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.  
Amen.

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 677: *When We Are Tested*

SLANE

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

Emily Hull McGee

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “*The Ones in the Wilderness, Displaced*”

Emily Hull McGee

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 169: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

*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

Joy Gambill

*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. 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

\*DOXOLOGY

WONDROUS LOVE



To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing!  
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

\*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE

Jacob Hill

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer: Eli Steen, Amelia Dellinger, and Kate Parker  
Deacon of the Week: Joy Gambill and Nikki Byers  
Streaming and Sound Team: Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

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## 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.



## EASTER LILY ORDERS

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter Lillies on Easter Sunday, April 5. If you would like to give a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, you can find forms to order in the Commons or Church Office. Please fill out a form and turn it in with your payment to the church office by Sunday, March 1. The cost is \$15.00 per lily.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Displaced Lenten Worship at First Baptist on Fifth**

Writer Iain Chambers says, “to be a stranger in a strange land, to be lost... is perhaps the condition most typical of contemporary life.” This experience of dislocation, of displacement, of being disconnected from the familiar trappings of home is one that touches each corner of our living when we move through a season of it. From our politics to our relationships, our bodies to our emotions, perhaps none of us are exempt from seasons of displacement. This Lent at First on Fifth, we'll hear stories of people who experienced displacement – from communities, from belief, from themselves – and how God was made known to them and to us, even - especially! - when we're far from home.

March 1 | The Second Sunday of Lent  
*Nicodemus, Displaced*  
John 3:1-17  
Communion Sunday

March 8 | The Third Sunday of Lent  
*The Well Woman, Displaced*  
John 4:5-29, 39-42

March 15 | The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
*The Man Born Blind, Displaced*  
John 9:1-41  
Mary Kaylor, proclaimer

March 22 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
*Lazarus, Displaced*  
John 11:17-45

March 29 | Palm Sunday  
*A City, Displaced*  
Matthew 21:1-11

April 2 | Maundy Thursday, 6:00 pm

April 3 | Good Friday Tenebrae, 7:00 pm

April 5 | Easter Sunday  
*The Gardener Indeed*  
John 20:1-18  
Communion Sunday

### **Thursdays | Lenten Morning Prayer, 8:15 am**

Create space this Lenten season to tap into your body, breath, and spirit by joining Lena for morning prayer on Thursday mornings at 8:15 am at the church house. Let Lena know if you plan on coming!

### **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for February are Soul Foods (Canned Greens, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread mix, etc.). Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

### **March 1 | First Impressions**

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class on March 1 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. This 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](mailto:mary@firstonfifth.org)

### **March 1 | Safety Team Volunteer Interest Meeting**

At the encouragement of the Deacons and under the leadership of the Leadership Council, First on Fifth will be creating a new Safety Team to monitor the building when the congregation gathers, aid members and guests in entering the church house with care, and extend hospitality on behalf of the church to any neighbors around the church house. Karen Brown will be the team leader, and Pastor Emily will be the staff liaison. If you are interested in potentially serving as a volunteer on the Safety Team, join us for an Interest Meeting on Sunday, March 1, immediately following worship in Kelly Auditorium. Lunch will be provided. So that we have enough food, let Emily know if you're planning on coming at [emily@firstonfifth.org](mailto:emily@firstonfifth.org).

### **March 1 | Author Talk with Kris Norris**

The Adult Ministry Team invites you to an author talk on Sunday, March 1 at 4pm in the Commons. First on Fifth's own Kris Norris will discuss his new book “Liberating Jesus: Christian Ethics for Privileged People.” Books will be available for purchase at the event by Bookmarks. For more information please contact [kyle@firstonfifth.org](mailto:kyle@firstonfifth.org)

### **March 8 & 15 | Hospitality Sale**

Do you want a piece of history from First on Fifth? On Sundays, March 8 and March 15, we will be selling hospitality items left from our old buildings. Come to the Commons directly following worship. These items include plates, cups, serving trays, small bowls, and more! These are quality items and suggested donations are \$1 per item and will go directly to our building costs for our new projects. Payment options are cash, check, or card on the day of purchase.

### **Second Call for Recipes!**

Our team is hard at work getting all the recipes organized and ready for our new church Cookbook to be printed! They are asking for more recipes in the following categories: Appetizers; Breads; Breakfast; Soups; Vegetarian/Vegan; Pastas; Sauces, Rubs, Misc.; Pickles, Jellies & Jams. Please write out your recipes and turn them in to Linda Stewart, Susan Welch or the church office by the end of February.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, February 22

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*)  
12:00 pm Pastoral Care Ministry Team (*Conference*)  
4:00 pm New Member Meet and Greet (*offsite*)

### MONDAY, February 23

### TUESDAY, February 24

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)  
5:00 pm YA dinner service (*offsite*)  
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, February 25

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

### THURSDAY, February 26

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

### FRIDAY, February 27

### SATURDAY, February 28

### SUNDAY, March 1

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11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)  
12:00 pm Safety Interest Meeting (*Kelly*)  
4:00 pm Kris Norris Author Talk (*Commons*)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

### 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.

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