



"A life's work is not a series of stepping-stones, onto which we calmly place our feet, but more like an ocean crossing where there is no path, only a heading, a direction, in conversation with the elements. Looking back we see the wake we have left as only a brief glimmering trace on the waters."

+ David Whyte

"This is not a story about us. It is a story about God, and about God's ability not only to call us but also to create us as people who are able to follow — able to follow because we cannot take our eyes off the one who calls us."

+ Barbara Brown Taylor

Jesus Calls His Disciples, He Qi

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 8, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Petite Rondo*

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

M. Helman

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Kingdom of God*

Sanctuary Choir

Taizé Community

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

INVOCATION

Please read in unison.

Kyle Caudle

**O God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand,
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re -
 2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
 3. The king-dom of God is chal - lenge and choice; be - lieve the good
 4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Je - sus be -

stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
 freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
 news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
 gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall

Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king-dom shall grow.
 ban-quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
 Christ to his cross, our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
 an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - all.

LITANY OF ORDINATION

Candidate for Deacon Ordination: Bethany Leggett

ORDINATION PRAYER

Emily Hull McGee

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

Olena Withrow

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sanctuary Choir
Lauren Winkelman, Piano

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man. He has
shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do
justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Let us confess our sins;
for the Holy One delights in blessing those
who seek to walk with God.

**All: Merciful God, how often we try to bargain with you,
to give some offering as payment for our sin,
to make some sacrifice to appease the god of our imaginations.
But you are not a bargaining God, nor a transactional God.
You are the God who extends compassionate justice
and extravagant kindness beyond our greatest imaginings,
and you call us to do the same.
So we will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly,
not in order to be forgiven, but because we are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Karly Parker

Leader: God grants forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.
Therefore, trust in the Lord, whose compassion and kindness never end.

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.)

*HYMN 485: *The Master Has Come, and He Calls Us to Follow*

ASH GROVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 4:12-23

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Leaving Home: Follow Me"*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 476: *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

AURELIA

*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

Anna Harris

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

Mary Kaylor

*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: *Toccata*

G. Béliér

David Williamson, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Silas McGee, Casey Masten, and Audrey Mann

Deacon of the Week:

Anna Harris and Janet Falls

Children & Families Greeter:

Kim Wilkinson

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.



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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
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.

February 18 | Ash Wednesday

A People, Displaced

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

February 22 | The First Sunday of Lent

The Ones in the Wilderness, Displaced

Matthew 4:1-11

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 4 | Maundy Thursday

April 5 | Good Friday Tenebrae

April 7 | Easter Sunday

The Gardener Indeed

John 20:1-18

Communion Sunday

February 12 | Older Adult Lunch and Learn, 11:30 am

Please join us for a chance to fellowship and learn more about Caring Transitions, an amazing organization dedicated to helping all of us know how best to declutter our homes, how to prepare to move to a retirement community, and so much more. Sign up in your newsletter.

February 13 | First Films, 6:30 pm

This spring we celebrate 20 years of our First Films series. Enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and an edifying experience with pew-mates and guests in Kelly Auditorium at 6:30pm. Our first movie will be **A Face in the Crowd (1957)**, run time 2hrs, 6mins.

February 15 | Rescheduled!

Churchwide Sunday School

You are invited to join for our rescheduled, special churchwide Sunday School gathering on February 15! 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 for all-ages!

Writers needed for Lenten Devotional!

This year, the Adult Ministry Team is putting together a First Baptist on Fifth Lenten Devotional, and we need writers from our congregation to make this happen! If you are interested in writing a short (300-350 word) devotion, you can sign up at the link in your newsletter or contact Joy Gambill. Submissions are due February 11, 2026. Read more details in your newsletter.

Second Call for Recipes!

If you didn't get your recipes in before the deadline for a new church cookbook - you're in luck! We are continuing to collect your submissions to make the best First on Fifth cookbook we can make. Please write out your recipe (be sure to include ALL measurements and directions!) on an index card. You can give recipes to Nathan Mitchell or turn them into the church office. We can't wait to try all your delicious dishes!

February 19 | 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 8:15am at the church house. We'll utilize an adapted prayer liturgy and engage in some accessible, breath-body connection (think gentle, seated, stretching!) to center and ground us in this season. Reach out to Lena with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, February 8

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*)
6:00 pm YA Soup-er Bowl Party (*offsite*)

MONDAY, February 9

6:00pm Leadership Council (*Commons*)

TUESDAY, February 10

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, February 11

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, February 12

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
11:30 am Older Adult Lunch (*Kelly*)

FRIDAY, February 13

6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, February 14

SUNDAY, February 15

9:30 am Churchwide Sunday School (*Sanctuary*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
12:30 pm Missions Committee (*Baraca*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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!

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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