



“All human nature vigorously resists grace because grace changes us and change is painful.” - Flannery O’Conner

“The crux is not to debate why we have both darkness and light but to decide in which element we will do our life’s work and then open our eyes to its fullness.” - William E. Hull

Ronald Patrick Raab, *The Man Born Blind*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 15, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Schmucke dich*

Jacob Hill, Organ

P. Manz

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Sanctuary Choir

arr. F. Bock

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways; and leads me, for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Let us worship God,
who has done great things for us.

**All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams
of mercy to flow in the wilderness.

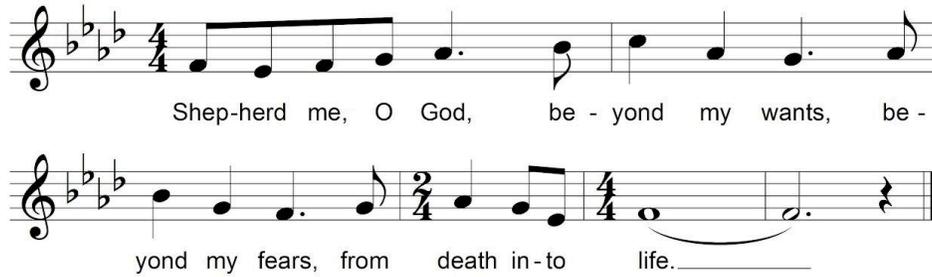
**All: Let us worship God, who leads us
through the valley of shadows,
who heals us from our spiritual blindness.**

Leader: For we are the people God has formed through Christ;
In him and through him the grace of God is revealed.

**All: Through the worship that is our very lives
may God’s name be praised!**

*HYMN 33: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA



Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
 He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

RESPONSE

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

RESPONSE

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Winkelman

Leader: Even when we stray from the pathS of righteousness God sets before us,
 the faithful Shepherd seeks us, shelters us, and brings us home.
 Let us confess our sins.

**All: Good and faithful Shepherd, we have disobeyed your commands.
 Our ears have been deaf to your call;
 our eyes have been blind to your abiding presence;
 our hearts have been cold to your love.
 Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.
 Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy,
 and restore our souls by your redeeming love.
 Guide our paths that we might follow you more closely.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

D. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I
 am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
 soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His
 shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me. The King of love my
 Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of love; And so through all the length of
 days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy
 house forever.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life.
As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

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 46: *O God of Every Nation*

BLOW THE CANDLES OUT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 9:1-41

Mary Kaylor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"The Man Born Blind, Displaced"*

Mary Kaylor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 587: *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

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

Joani Hughes

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

OFFERTORY: *Rejoice Greatly*

S. Geschke

Chancel Ringers

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Olena Withrow

MISSION MOMENT: Samaritan Ministries

Jan Kelly

***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 mil-lions join the
theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!

***BENEDICTION**

Mary Kaylor

POSTLUDE: BWV. 610, Jesu, meine Freude

J.S. Bach

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

William Townsend, Iris Mann, and Eli Willingham

Greeters:

Norah Knight and Dean Culler

Deacon of the Week:

Joani Hughes 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. If you are a parent in need of a private space to nurse, change a diaper, or rock your baby, we invite you to use our new private family room, located just beside the nursery. 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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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 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

100 on Fifth: March Service Emphasis

Over the years this place has given birth to many missional organizations that continue to do life-changing work in our city. Throughout the month of March we look forward to welcoming and highlighting these organizations in worship! The Task Force also challenges YOU, the members of First, to serve a combined total of 100 hours of service to these organizations and others within our community throughout the month. You can submit your hours of service at the link in the newsletter.

March 15 | Hospitality Sale

Do you want a piece of history from First on Fifth? On Sunday, 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.

March 21 | YA Serve at Una Bendicion

All young adults are invited to serve Saturday, March 21 at Una Bendición Community Center. We will meet at the center (3701 Crosland Rd.) at 8:30am to help set up for their food pantry distribution that will begin at 9:30am. We should be done around lunch time and we’ll enjoy lunch together at a nearby restaurant. You are responsible for covering the cost of your meal. Please let Mary (mary@firstonfifth.org) know if you plan to be there!

March 22 | Kids and Families Cooking Class

Children and their families are invited to join us for a cooking class at BrennerFIT kitchen immediately following worship on Sunday, March 22. 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. You have questions, please let me know at amy@firstonfifth.org

March 22 | Youth Lunch and Games

All youth are invited to a time of lunch and games following worship in the Baraca Room. Please bring your favorite game to play! Parent pickup at 2pm. For more information please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

March 30 | Youth Serve at Flourish

Youth are invited to serve at FLOURISH at Shalom Project’s new location downtown near First on Fifth. Please arrive at 5pm and help serve dinner. For more information please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

April 4 | Birding Affinity Group

April is a great time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. We want to invite you to join our own Roper Halverson as she leads us through Miller Park to experience the joys of birding. There is moderate walking through the park, with opportunities to sit and rest as needed. RSVP is required, sign up in your newsletter.

April 19 | 100th Anniversary Concert

On Sunday, April 19 the Sanctuary Choir and guest orchestra will present a concert in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary. This month the choir will begin rehearsing the concert music and we welcome anyone who would like to join us for this season of ministry. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. For additional information please contact David Williamson or Jake Hill.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for March are Pancake mix & Syrup. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 15

- 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 Hospitality Sale (*Commons*)
- 12:30 pm Missions Committee (*Baraca*)

MONDAY, March 16

- 4:00 pm Membership Task Force (*Zoom*)

TUESDAY, March 17

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 2:00pm 100th Task Force (*Conference*)
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (*Conference*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 18

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
- 12:30 pm Communications Meeting (*Conference*)
- 2:00 pm New Member Ministry Team (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsals (*Sanctuary & Music Suite*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, March 19

- CBFNC Annual Gathering (*offsite*)
- 8:15 am Morning Prayer (*Commons*)
- 4:00 pm Membership Taskforce (*Conference*)

FRIDAY, March 20

- CBFNC Annual Gathering (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, March 21

- 8:30 am Young Adults Serve at Una Bendicion

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- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 12:15 pm Kids Cooking Class (*offsite*)
- Youth Lunch & Games (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Hailey Green Baby Shower (*Kelly*)

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Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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