

“Love held us. Kindness held us. We were suffering what we were living by. I began to know my story then. Like everybody’s, it was going to be the story of living in the absence of the dead. What is the thread that holds it all together? Grief, I thought for a while. And grief is there sure enough, just about all the way through... But grief is not a force and has no power to hold. You only bear it. Love is what carries you, for it is always there, even in the dark, or most in the dark, but shining out at times like gold stitches in a piece of embroidery.”

+ Wendell Berry, *Hannah Coulter*

“To have faith in God, to have faith that we are in good hands, to have faith that whether or not we understand it, the universe makes sense – that is the hardest choice any of us must ever make. To decide it is all true is to step out into the air without a net, because we have no proof, no evidence, nothing but the adamant witness of our own hearts that it is so. We simply give up the illusion that we are in control of our lives and step out. Which is why, perhaps, it is called a *leap of faith*.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor



The Raising of Lazarus, Edward Knippers

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 22, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Op. 122, No. 11, O Welt, ich muß dich lassen*
Jacob Hill, Organ

J. Brahms

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INVOCATION

Olena Withrow

(Please read in unison.)

**Lord God, Great I AM,
you are resurrection and life.
As we worship you this day
show us who we are:
bearers of good news,
messengers of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 319: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

ANTHEM: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

C.F. Mueller

Sanctuary Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

PSALM LESSON: 130:1-6

Julie Hall

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Wait for the Lord*

J. Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: Be strong, take heart.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: 'Wait for the Lord: Be strong, take heart.' Both staves use a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

**All: O Lord, if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.
And even so, you love us;
still there is forgiveness with you!
Therefore we worship you;
for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death
and redeem us from our sin. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 8:1-2. 6-11

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ 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 these words of peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *Soon-ah Will Be Done*

W. Dawson

Sanctuary Choir

Soon-ah will be done with the troubles of the world, going home to live with God. I want to meet my mother, I'm going home to live with God. No more weeping and wailing. I want to meet my Jesus, I'm going to live with 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: John 11:17-45

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Lazarus, Displaced*"

Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 235: Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

TRENTHAM

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**

Wally Cox

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

Kyle Caudle

MISSION MOMENT: Serving Our Savior Ramp Ministry

Elmer Hayashi

***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**

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: Suite Gothique, I. Introduction-Chorale

L. Boellmann

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte and Crucifer:

James Cook & Kara Parker

Greeters:

Will Abbott & Sam Lawrence

Deacon of the Week:

Wally Cox

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

Holy Week at First on Fifth

March 29 | Palm Sunday

With Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we journey with Jesus into the city.

A City, Displaced
Matthew 21:1-11

April 2 | Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 pm

We gather in the Sanctuary to practice the “new commandment” from Jesus through the earthy, tangible symbols of communion & handwashing.

April 3 | Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7:00 pm

The shadows of the cross beckon us to the scriptures and stories from Jesus’ final hours with music by the Sanctuary Choir.

April 5 | Easter Sunday Worship

Easter joy reminds us: death is never the end of the story! Bring flowers from your garden and join us for breakfast goodies by the flower cross at 9:45 am. Worship at 11:00 am will feature music from guest musicians and communion as is our custom on the first Sunday of every month.

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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! We have successfully surpassed the challenge of 100 hours of service within our community throughout the month. You may continue to submit your hours of service at the link in your newsletter for our final total.

March 29 | Music for Food Concert

Musicians from UNCSA will offer their Music For Food Concert Series benefiting the Crisis Control Ministry Food Pantries on March 29 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary here at First on Fifth. The event is open to the public. Registration is not required. Food and monetary donations will be collected at the door. Read more in your newsletter.

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.

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

April 3 | SPARK Good Friday event for Youth

All youth are invited to attend an interactive Easter event with other youth groups involving cooking a meal together, spiritual formation, and serving others. 9:00am-1:30pm. Cost is \$5. For more information please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

April 4 | Birding Affinity Group, 8:30 am

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 10 | First Films, 6:30 pm

Enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and an edifying experience with pew-mates and guests in Kelly Auditorium. The final film of our spring series is *Being There* (1979) (2hrs 10mins).

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.

April 26 | Prayer Partner Spring Event

All prayer partners (K-5th graders) and their families will gather in Kelly Auditorium immediately following worship on Sunday, April 26 for lunch and a mission project. We will be making small care packages for our home-centered members, followed by a send-off to deliver those packages and a visit with our home-centered members. Learn more and RSVP in your newsletter.

April 28 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, April 28, 2026, at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Reports and agenda will be sent out the week of the conference by email.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, March 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*)
- 12:15 pm Kids & Families Cooking Class (*offsite*)
Youth Lunch & Games (*Baraca*)
- 2:30 pm Hailey Greene Baby Shower (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, March 23

TUESDAY, March 24

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, March 25

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

THURSDAY, March 26

- 8:15 am Morning Prayer (*Conference*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, March 27

SATURDAY, March 28

SUNDAY, March 29

- 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*)
- 3:00 pm Music For Food Concert (*Sanctuary*)

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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