



Palm Sunday, John August Swanson

“So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ’s feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ’s grace, with the whole Christ – ‘for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ’ – so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.”

+ Andrew of Crete

“Jesus was another pilgrim: a luminous being who roamed inside the lowlands of the friends and the friendless, and in the back country of the washed and unwashed. With no place to lay his head, everyone was his refuge, every place his home.”

+ Paul Marechal

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Processional*

Jacob Hill, Organ

D. Johnson

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INTROIT: *Fanfare Flourish*

Chancel Ringers

R. Mallory

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior.

All: We give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**All: We will fill the air with welcome to the Lord!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*HYMN 175: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

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.

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Olena Withrow

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Hail and Ho-san - na! Blest is He who comes in
God's own name to make our world God's home!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: This week that begins with pageantry and celebration
will culminate with rejection, violence, and suffering.
Let us face this day of palms and passion with honesty,
confessing our sin and the sin of this world.

**All: Holy God, comforted by your compassion
toward your people in every age,
we ask your mercy for our shallow gratitude.
We have looked to you for more and more,
when you have given everything.
We have withheld from both neighbor and creation
the care and tending they deserve.
We have rejected the Cornerstone that you sent to build
a people of righteousness and compassion –
even within this Beloved Community gathered here today.
Forgive our failings;
heal what we have broken;
nurture what we have neglected.
Give us a new vision, established in the love of Jesus
for this city and for our world. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Philippians 2:5-11

Devin Withrow

Leader: Your God has come to you,
humble, in the form of a slave,
to free you from the weight of sin and death.
Your sins are forgiven in the name of the One
who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend.

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: Cornerstone

S. Kirchner

Sanctuary Choir
Soloists: Cyrus Bush and Olena Withrow

O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold, only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousand-fold. O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day. O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing "Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?" O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "A City, Displaced"

Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 171: What Wondrous Love Is This**

WONDROUS LOVE

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**

Rayce Lamb

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

MISSION MOMENT: Winston Salem Center for Education and the Arts

Gary Stiffler

***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: Solemn Procession

C. Hampton

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Silas McGee, Eli Steen, and Kyla Caudle

Greeters:

Linda Merchant and Steve Smith

Deacon of the Week:

Rayce Lamb and Joe Bircher

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice
Meredith Parker, 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.





FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week at First on Fifth

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. The sanctuary will open at 6:30 pm for a time to walk the Stations of the Cross with meditative music from guest musicians.

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 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*)

MONDAY, March 30

- 5:00 pm Youth Serve at Flourish (*offsite*)

TUESDAY, March 31

- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, April 1

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

THURSDAY, April 2

- 8:15 am Morning Prayer (*Conference*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (*Sanctuary*)

FRIDAY, April 3

- 9:00 am Youth Good Friday Event (*offsite*)
- 6:30 pm Music and Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship (*Sanctuary*)

SATURDAY, April 4

- 8:30 am Birding Group (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, April 5

- 9:45 am Brunch on the Lawn (*Front Lawn*)
- 11:00 am Easter Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)

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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