

# First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5, 2026 • 11:00 AM



*Resurrection, 2007, Jyoti Sahi*

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"There are some things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried."

+ Oscar Romero

"Supposing him to be the gardener..."

+ John 20:15

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PRELUDE: *My Spirit, Be Joyful*

J.S. Bach

Willson Hooks, Trumpet  
Marin Kimpton, Trumpet  
Sean Andrade, Horn  
Will Rivers, Trombone  
Nick Hathaway, Tuba

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 194: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus assures us  
that we, too, have been given new life.  
Grounded in the power of the resurrection  
and certain of the generous mercy of God,  
let us confess our sins.

**All: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we have been raised from the waters of baptism  
to share in your gift of new life.  
Yet we have not lived as Easter people.  
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,  
but do not recognize that you are already there.  
Call us by name, risen Lord.  
Knit us in radical kinship with you and one other.  
When we are tempted to numb ourselves to suffering,  
give us courage to see you in the rubble, you on the streets, you in the ache.  
When we are distracted by despair,  
restore to us the discipline of hope.  
When we become bystanders to specific evil around us,  
summon us once again to your Way,  
where no oppression can outlast your love,  
no falsehood can withstand your truth,  
no injustice can resist your liberation.  
Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone.  
Let our lives be a witness to your transforming, reconciling love.  
May we be Easter people once again. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Acts 10:34-43

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Friends, hear this good news of Easter:  
In the Risen 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: *Lift High the Cross*

arr. H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. Alleluia! O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, Your death has brought us life eternally. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ His sa - cred name." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined and some followed by blank lines for emphasis or breath.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Hughes

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 20:1-18

Emily Hull McGee

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "The Gardener Indeed"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 195: *Easter People, Raise Your Voices***

**WESNATE**

*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**

**Karen Lefler**

*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](http://firstonfifth.org).*

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY: *He Shall Reign***

**C. Courtney**

Sanctuary Choir

He shall reign and reign forever, Christ our Savior, brother, friend; everlasting is his kingdom, his dominion hath no end. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim. He shall reign and reign forever, all the world his praise shall sing, and the regions now in darkness shall to him their homage bring. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim. Soon will dawn a glorious morrow; soon will come the promised day, when from every tribe and kindred shall be heard the joyful lay. Hallelujah! Glory to his name! Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim.

**THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Emily Hull McGee**

**\*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: *Fanfare and Flourishes***

**J. Curnow**

Brass Quintet  
Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

# EASTER LILIES

## **Given In Memory Of:**

George & Betty Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback  
Ruby Stainback by Beth & Gene Stainback  
Stella & David H. Wilcox Jr. by Jan Whittle  
Daniel Hudgins by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
J. Kenneth Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
Patricia Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
Michael Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
Anne S. Foskett by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
Gayle Perrin by Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins  
Arnett Harris by Mary Nell Harris  
Emil Nathan III by Nancy Nathan  
Alice & Worth Chandler by Nancy Nathan  
Don Stewart by his family  
Joe Sykes by Linda Stewart & Tim Sykes  
Eleanor & Egbert Davis by Martha & Linwood Davis  
John F. Hatch, III by Martha & Linwood Davis  
Jason Peter Huff by Martha & Linwood Davis  
E. Lawrence Davis, III by Martha & Linwood Davis  
Reba L. & Henry L. Falls, Sr. by Janet Falls  
Bob Owen by Patricia Owen  
Jack E. & Katherine W. Kimbrell by Karen Kimbrell & Sarah K. Humphries  
Danny Brown by Amy McClure & Karen Brown  
Daniel Hudgins by Amy McClure & Karen Brown  
Mary Willis by Ethan Willis & Rayce Lamb  
Helen Willis by Ethan Willis & Rayce Lamb  
Skip Boyles by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren  
Virgie "Doll" Spencer by Pam & Stacey Sword-Halsey  
Robin Ray by Pam & Stacey Sword-Halsey  
Sun T. Choe by Billy Choe  
Charles & Ellen Tabor by Billy Choe  
Judie & David Sabbagh by Beth Sabbagh  
Joni Wells by Donna & Tom Woody  
Daniel Hudgins by Liam, Annabelle & Silas McGee  
Janice T. Shearin by Sibyl & David Smelcer  
Deborah S. Allsbrook by Sibyl & David Smelcer  
Terry B. Grissing by Emily Grissing

## **Given In Honor Of:**

Rev. Emily Hull McGee & family by Patricia Owen  
Rev. David Williamson by Patricia Owen  
Dr. & Mrs. David Hughes by Patricia Owen  
Doug & Patty McClure by Amy McClure & Karen Brown  
Kathy Brown by Amy McClure & Karen Brown  
Joani Hughes by Paul & Sara Sinal  
Linda Merchant by Donna & Tom Woody  
Sheree Jones by Kelly Baker  
First on Fifth Beloved Community by Josh, Emily, Liam, Annabelle & Silas McGee

## **SERVING TODAY**

<u>Acolytes and Crucifer:</u>	Faye Strollo, Abigail Townsend, and Lorelei Clark
<u>Greeters:</u>	Youth
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Karen Lefler and Janet Falls
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers, Meredith Parker

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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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.



## **Seeking Donations | Crisis Control**

The gifts for April are Canned Fruit. 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.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

Church directories are available for pickup beginning today! Pick up your family's copy in the commons following worship or the church office during the week. Extra copies will be available beginning Tuesday, April 7 for \$15 in the church office.



FIRST BAPTIST  
ON FIFTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Resurrection Has a Place**

*Eastertide Worship at First Baptist on Fifth*

If Lent gave us the experience of displacement, Eastertide places us once again in the truth that “resurrection has a place.” Our season will begin with stories of those first sightings of a resurrected Jesus, and as May unfurls, we’ll focus our energies on how we experience resurrection in this place. As Eastertide gives way to Pentecost, we’ll enjoy celebrations of our church house, our graduates, our witness, and the new life threaded through it all.

April 12 | The First Sunday After Easter  
*Resurrection Has a Place: The Body*  
John 20:19-31  
Kyle Caudle, proclaimer

April 19 | The Second Sunday After Easter  
*Resurrection Has a Place: The Sea*  
John 21:1-19

April 26 | The Third Sunday After Easter  
*Resurrection Has a Place: The Road*  
Luke 24:13-35

May 3 | The Fourth Sunday After Easter  
*The Next 100*  
Communion Sunday and concluding celebration  
for 100 on Fifth

**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, 5:00 pm**

On Sunday, April 19 the Sanctuary Choir and guest orchestra will present a concert in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the sanctuary. Mark your calendars to ensure you can join us for this special evening of music!

**April 25 | A Walk to Remember**

Our 100 on Fifth: Home in the Heart of the City Celebration Task Force invites you to join us in a guided walk of First’s previous locations to where we now sit on 5th Street. Stories and history will be shared along the way. We will start at Church and 2nd Streets. The walk will end in the Sanctuary with special reflection. This event should last no more than two hours. Should it rain, the event will take place entirely in the Sanctuary. Sign up for one of two time slots, 10am and 2pm, at the link in your newsletter. Each time slot has 40 spots. Reach out to Mary Kaylor if you have any questions.

**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. RSVP for your meal in the newsletter. Dinner is \$5/person by cash or check, and \$6/person by card. Reports and agenda will be sent out the week of the conference by email.

**May 3 | Save this date!**

We will wrap up our 100 on Fifth celebration on Sunday, May 3 in a very special way! Like those who have come before us, we will gather after worship on the front steps for a congregational group picture. We will also have cake and lemonade on the lawn. You do not want to miss being a part of this milestone!

**Looking Ahead**

May 17 – Graduate Sunday  
May 24 – Pentecost Sunday  
May 31 – Church Picnic

This Summer

Summer Supper Clubs  
Winston-Salem Pride Parade and Festival  
Summer Churchwide Sunday School in July: *How to Read the Bible*  
*How to Be Human* preaching series  
Children and youth-led worship  
Churchwide fellowship gatherings  
Serve Together Missions Day

This Fall

August 16 – Dedication of our new outdoor space and dinner on the grounds  
New hymnal dedication  
*Practicing Our Faith* preaching series  
The Longest Table gathering in the streets with our neighbors and sister downtown churches  
Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, April 5

9:45 am Brunch on the Lawn & Flowering the cross  
(Front Lawn)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary & online)

MONDAY, April 6

Easter Monday - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, April 7

7:30 am Devotional Classics (Commons)

10:00 am Care Notes (Commons)

5:30 pm Personnel (Conference)

6:00pm Children's Ministry Team (online)  
Fellowship Ministry Team (online)

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY, April 8

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference)

5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
(Choir Room)

THURSDAY, April 9

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (offsite)

6:00 pm The Longest Table Task Force (Conference)

FRIDAY, April 10

6:30 pm First Films (Kelly)

SATURDAY, April 11

9:00 am Mental Health First Aid (Conference)

SUNDAY, April 12

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)

12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (Baraca)

### OFFICE HOURS

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