



“Christianity must take this opportunity to be what it was always called to be: an alternative society, overlapping and sharing space with regular society, but living in a different time – that’s to say, modeling God’s future in our present. It’s not enough to cherish the scriptures, embody the sacraments, set time aside for prayer, and shape disciples’ character in the ways of truth, if such practices simply withdraw disciples for select periods, uncritically then to return them after a brief pause to a world struggling with inequality, identity and purpose. The church must also model what the kingdom of God (its term for the alternative society, its language of God’s future now) means and entails in visible and tangible form. An act of God should not be an unfortunate and uninsurable random occurrence that derails a journey or destroys a house; it should be the daily miracle of a community that lives by faith and in whose life are seen the things God makes possible.”

+ Samuel Wells, *A Future That’s Bigger Than The Past*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Sunday, May 3, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: II. *Rhosymedre*

Jacob Hill, Organ

R. Vaughan-Williams

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

INTROIT: *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

Sanctuary Choir
Jacob Hill, Soloist

J. Berthier

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples, nations! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all you nations, praise God, all you peoples. Strong is God’s love and mercy, always faithful for ever. Alleluia! Let everything living give praise to the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16: 23-34

Anna Harris

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 349: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

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.

ANTHEM: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

H. Friedell

Sanctuary Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Where two or three are gathered, there God is.
In the presence of the ever-present Christ,
and in awe of the Eternal Mystery, let us confess our sins:

**All: Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:
how often we have tried to hide from and ignore your presence.
Where we have not touched but trampled you in creation,
where we have not honored but avoided you in one another,
where we have not received but rejected your goodness,
forgive us and restore us as true disciples,
so that our lives may become forever and always
living sacraments of your grace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: The communion table,
holding bread and cup, body and blood,
stands before us as sacrament and witness
of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.
Here all are welcome; here all find forgiveness.

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.)

CALL TO SCRIPTURE: *Tell Me a Story*

The Soil and Seed Project

Lena Withrow, Emily Hull McGee, Kyle Caudle

Won't you tell me a story that's true? Winds are howling and my sails are ripped right through, I need something solid to hold on to. So won't you tell me a story that's true? Won't you tell me a story that's real? With people who have felt the way that I feel, And with people who have places left to heal? Won't you tell me a story that's real? Won't you tell me a story that lives? Past the margins of the pages where it is. In the dirt under the nails of worn fingertips? Won't you tell me a story that lives? Won't you tell me a story that lives?

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "The Next 100"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: We, O God, Unite Our Voices

HYFRYDOL

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.



1. We, O God, u - nite our voic - es, raised in thank - ful har - mo - ny.
2. See - ing then the task be - fore us, bind our hearts and hands as one.
3. Not our choice the wind's di - rec - tion, un - fore - seen the calm or gale.



You, un - chang - ing, safe have brought us through the ev - er - chang - ing sea.
May our la - bor be in un - ion, our re - solve and Yours be one.
Your great o - cean swells be - fore us, and our ship seems small and frail.



Days of calm and days of con - flict, nights of dark - ness prove your grace.
With one spir - it let us la - bor toward the bright ho - ri - zon far.
Fierce and gleam - ing is Your mys - tery, draw - ing us to shores un - known;



Hands be - neath us, arms a - round us, and, a - bove, Your shin - ing face.
In the midst of tem - pest per - il be Your cross our guid - ing star.
lead us on with hope and cour - age till Your har - bor is our home.

*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

Mary Kaylor

A BLESSING FOR LENA WITHROW

Linda Lewis and Emily Hull McGee

***DOXOLOGY**

TALLIS CANON

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;
 praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***BENEDICTION**

Emily Hull McGee

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

- Acolytes and Crucifer: Alfredo Colon, Thayer Smelcer, and Liam McGee
- Deacon of the Week: Wally Cox and Anna Harris
- Greeters: Youth
- Safety Team Hosts: Day Pinto, Karen Brown, Terry Lefler
- Streaming and Sound Team: Meredith Parker, 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.





FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resurrection Has a Place

Eastertide Worship at First Baptist on Fifth

May 10 | The Fifth Sunday After Easter
After the Confetti Falls
John 14:15-21

May 17 | Ascension Sunday
You Are Witnesses
John 14:15-21
Graduate Sunday

May 24 | Pentecost Sunday
Keep Church Weird
Acts 2:1-21

May 31 | Trinity Sunday
Matthew 28:16-20
Amy McClure, proclaimer

May 7 | Hymn Sing in the Park

Join us for a Hymn Sing at Leinbach Park at 11:30am! Pastor David will join us with his keyboard and hymnals and will take song selections from you. Start thinking about what you want to request! An RSVP is required for this event so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone. Donations of \$10/person on the day of the event are appreciated, but not required. You can sign up in your newsletter.

May 17 | First Impressions

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. First Impressions familiarizes newcomers with an in-depth look at First Baptist, including ways in which people can connect, get involved in ministry, and join the church. This First Impressions gathering will be held on May 17 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Mary at mary@firstonfifth.org

May 31 | Churchwide Picnic

Come one, come all to our churchwide celebration picnic on Sunday, May 31! We'll gather at Leinbach Park from 5:00-7:00pm. The church will provide meat, veggie wraps and drinks; please bring a side or dessert to share! Kids can enjoy the great playground, and we'll all celebrate the gift of our church family. All are welcome!

Church T-Shirts

New Church T-shirts are here! Grab your choice of color for just \$15. Whether you wear it to a church event, community gathering or around town, it's a fun way to represent First on Fifth. You can pay via check, cash or card. See Mary to purchase!

Seeking Information | Celebrating Our Graduates

If you or a family member of yours is graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate with you! Please send the following information to Kyle (kyle@firstonfifth.org) by Monday, May 11 for inclusion in the May 17 worship guide: name, school of graduation, degree completed, and relationship to you (i.e. child, grandchild, etc.). Thank you for helping us to celebrate our graduates!

Church Recipe Book Check-in!

We are hard at work on our new church recipe book. There was some necessary changing of hands of recipes. To be sure we include your recipe please email Mary with the names of the recipes you submitted. We want to be sure we don't miss anyone's submission. Thank you!

Summer Supper Clubs

The Fellowship Ministry Team is excited to host our Summer Supper Clubs! Please fill out the form by May 18. Groups will be formed randomly; the goal is that you will be with people you might not know well and that friendships will form and strengthen by the end of the summer. We hope each group will meet once a month through the summer. Each group will decide all the details for their meetings including time, place, meal, etc. Sign up in your newsletter.

Blessing Lena Withrow

Today, we share our goodbyes and gratitude with Lena Withrow as she concludes her work as Ministry Assistant, Communications Manager, and Pastoral Resident (not to mention Choral Scholar and yoga teacher and friend!) to move to Chicago and begin as Associate Minister for Middle and High School Youth at First Congregational Church of Western Springs. Throughout the month of May, there will be a note-writing station set up in the Commons for you to write a note for Lena of appreciation and prayer. If you'd prefer to mail your letter, please send it to the church house before May 31. Thank you for your part in blessing our beloved Lena as she goes!

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 3

- 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 Churchwide Picture on the Front Steps & Cake (*Front Steps*)

MONDAY, May 4

- 6:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Community Engagement Team (*online*)

TUESDAY, May 5

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 9:00 am Pastoral Staff Workday (*offsite*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)
- 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 6

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

THURSDAY, May 7

- 8:00 am BJC Small Group (*Commons*)
- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
- 11:30 am Hymn Sing in the Park (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, May 8

SATURDAY, May 9

SUNDAY, May 10

- 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*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for May are Baked Beans. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

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