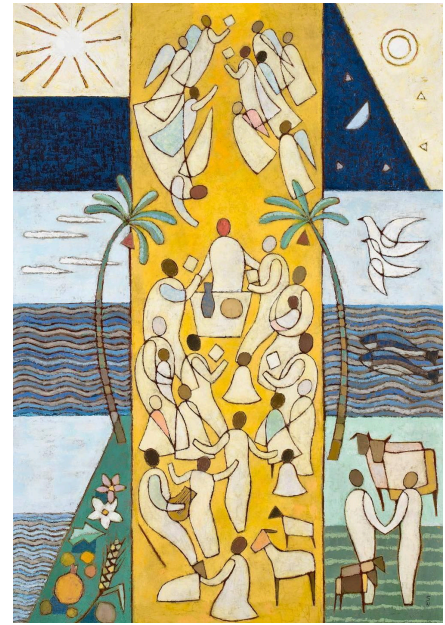


“Routine is the way we step down from what is absolutely extraordinary into the miracle of an ordinary day and an ordinary hour... We make a miracle out of simply turning up, at the same time to do the same good work, watching that work mature, slowly, with our daily visitations, into something we could not fully imagine, before we gave ourselves over to that daily, dedicated, repeated, miraculous act of appearance and disappearance at the waiting desk or at our well-loved familiar workbench.”

+ David Whyte

“If you want the world to look different next time you go outside, do some love. Do a little or do a lot, but do some, and do not forget to get some for yourself. Let the summer showers of God’s love soak the seeds of your right answers so that they blossom into right actions and watch the landscape begin to change.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor



*To God Be the Glory, Soichi Watanabe*

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## First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Sunday, May 10, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

arr. S. Eithum

Spire Ringers

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joani Hughes

Leader: With nature in its power and beauty,  
with rain and wind and sunshine,  
with the ancient rocks and the flowers of this new spring,

**All: We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: With believers and seekers the whole world wide,  
with people in every land, and speakers of every language,

**All: We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: With the angels and saints in heaven,  
and with all who have worshipped in this place,

**All: We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: With Jesus who promised his presence  
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

**All: We gather in praise of God.**

Leader: Here let heaven and earth embrace;

**All: Here may God’s people find a home.**

INTROIT: *Song of Joy*

K. McChesney

Chancel Ringers

\*HYMN 307: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

Kyle Caudle

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: God calls every person to repentance,  
for all have strayed from the ways of God and God's good purposes.  
Let us confess our sins, for the Lord is never far from any of us.

**All: O ever-present God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
hear us as we confess our attempts to mold you in our image,  
our reluctance to live according to your righteous commandments,  
our lack of appreciation for creation's extravagant beauty,  
our poor stewardship of this world's resources.  
Forgive us and renew us through the power of your abiding Spirit.  
Teach us to love you and to demonstrate that love  
by living in obedience to your commandments. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 66: 16-20

Mary Kaylor

Leader: 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: *Praise the Lord*

G.F. Handel/arr. H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.  
Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing and dance; come  
dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Lewis

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.

\*HYMN 688: *Show Us How to Stand for Justice*

PLEADING SAVIOR

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:15-21

Emily Hull McGee

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"After the Confetti Falls"*

Emily Hull McGee

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 543: *Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

*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

Beth Sabbagh

*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

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Amy McClure

\*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: *Festival March*

M. Sandresky

Jacob Hill, Organ

\*Those who are able will please stand.

## SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Eva Robertson and Kate Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Beth Sabbagh and Joani Hughes

Greeters:

Carolyn Matthews and Rick Matthews

Safety Team:

Stacey Sword-Halsey, Pam Sword-Halsey, Terry Lefler, Day Pinto

Streaming and Sound Team:

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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.



## LISTENING ASSIST AVAILABLE

To access the listening assist system please, scan the QR code to download the Listen WIFI app to your smartphone. Make sure you are connected to the firstonfifth-guest WIFI network. Password: boldandboundless. Select the main channel on the app, ensure the sound is unmuted in the bottom left corner, and listen through your headphones or hearing aids.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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.”

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 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](mailto: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! All are welcome!

### 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](mailto: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!

### Resources for Reflection this Season

For many, Mother's Day and Father's Day are filled with the heartache of grief, loss, infertility, trauma, isolation, and fear. For any who need a quiet space to pray and reflect, a host of resources will be available for your self-guided use in the prayer room. The prayer room remains open on Sundays and throughout the week, and is located on the 2nd floor by the church offices, just a few steps away from the Sanctuary.

### 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!

### 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!

### 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

This past Sunday, we shared our goodbyes and gratitude with Lena Withrow as she concludes her work with First on Fifth. 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 well before May 31. Thank you for your part in blessing our beloved Lena as she goes!

### Deacon Recommendation Forms Due May 31

All active members of First Baptist on Fifth will receive a letter in the mail this week, asking you to recommend a slate of eight deacons for their consideration and election to serve in the 2027-2029 term. Deacons at First on Fifth are our church's primary servant leaders, offering guidance for our beloved community on matters of spiritual discernment and doing so with a collaborative spirit. Please read over the letter carefully and submit your Deacon Recommendation Forms to the boxes in the Sanctuary, narthex, and church office **no later than Sunday, May 31** or using the link in your newsletter, you may submit a form on-line. Thank you for your participation in recommending these beloved friends to the service of Deacon!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### 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*)

### MONDAY, May 11

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

### TUESDAY, May 12

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)  
7:00 pm Young Adult trivia (*offsite*)  
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

### WEDNESDAY, May 13

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

### THURSDAY, May 14

- 8:00 pm BJC Small Group (*Commons*)  
10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

### FRIDAY, May 15

### SATURDAY, May 16

### SUNDAY, May 17

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)  
9:15 am First Impressions (*Commons*)  
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 Graduate Sunday Lunch (*Kelly*)  
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Baraca*)

### 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.

### 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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