



“This is the church. Here she is. Lovely, irregular, sometimes sick and sometimes well. This is the body-like-no-other that God has shaped and placed in the world. Jesus lives here; this is his soul’s address. There is a lot to be thankful for, all things considered. She has taken a beating, the church. Every day she meets the gates of hell and she prevails. Every day she serves, stumbles, injures, and repairs. That she has healed is an underrated miracle. That she gives birth is beyond reckoning. Maybe it’s time to make peace with her. Maybe it’s time to embrace her, flawed as she is.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

“To me who am but black cold charcoal
grant, O Lord,
that by the fire of Pentecost,
I may be set ablaze.”

+ St. John of Damascus

Veronica Dimae, *Pentecost*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday, May 24, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Sinfonia*

H. Purcell/arr. D. Wolff

Calvin Godfrey, Trumpet
Wyatt Martinez, Trumpet
Eric Salzwedel, Trombone
David Wulfeck, Trombone
Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Kyle Caudle

(Please read in unison.)

**Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved
upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost,
and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts
and minds with the message of salvation.
Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place,
stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness
that we may join with them to proclaim to the world
your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN 225: *On Pentecost They Gathered*

ST. THEODULPH

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

(Please read in unison.)

**God of new creation,
we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness.
By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth
and its creatures in abundance.
Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts.
We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need.
We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies.
We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others.
By the power of your Spirit, forgive us,
renew our hearts and free us from our sins
that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Williamson

Leader: In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit,
a seal of our redemption in Christ.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
we become dead to sin and alive in Christ.
May you be filled with the Holy Spirit
so that you may have hope of new life,
may grow in your knowledge of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and may experience the incomparable power of God
that raised Jesus from the dead.

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: *Hymn to the Holy Spirit*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire; while the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame. Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame! Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live. Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife. Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life. Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace, by Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release! Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rayce Lamb

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 226: *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Keep Church Weird*"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 271: *Christian People, Sing Together*

JUBILEE, alt.

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

Gary Stiffler

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

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *Joy in the Morning*

N. Sleeth

Sanctuary Choir

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy in the morning on that day. For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Every heart, every voice will then rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore. And the glory of the Lord will shine, and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love, sweet love everywhere. There'll be joy in the morning on that day. For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Every heart, every voice will then rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore. And the glory of the Lord will shine, and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored. There'll be love and forgiveness, there'll be peace and contentment, there'll be joy!

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

*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: *Toccata*

D. Gawthrop

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Karly Parker, Amelia Dellinger, Joe Smelcer

Deacon of the Week:

Gary Stiffler and Rayce Lamb

Greeters:

Will Abbot, Sam Lawrence

Safety Team:

Eric Flye, Terry Lefler, Chris Gambill

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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.





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.”

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

Welcoming Olivia Blake, Ministry & Communications Assistant!

The Personnel Committee is delighted to welcome Olivia Blake as our new Ministry & Communications Assistant! Olivia is no stranger to First Baptist. She joined our church in 2024, and has quickly found her place in leadership with our Young Adult Ministry Team and as the teacher of the Converge Sunday School Class. Olivia's work as Ministry & Communications Assistant will focus on serving as administrative support for the ministries of the church, including volunteer and staff support, oversight of our Realm database system, implementation of all regular communications in our newsletter, worship guide, website, and around the building, and general office assistance. Her 25 hours of work each week will mostly be spent at the front desk in the main office, Mondays through Thursdays. After some in-person training with Lena next week, Olivia will begin on June 1, and her new email will be olivia@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.

Deacon Recommendation Forms Due May 31

All active members of First Baptist on Fifth should have received 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!

May 31 | Pride Interest Meeting

Following worship on May 31, all are invited to the Commons for an interest meeting and chance to sign up for volunteer opportunities at WS Pride, June 13. Contact Mary with any questions.

Blessing Lena Withrow

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 and make sure it arrives before May 31.

Sunday Summer Choir

During the summer months the Sanctuary Choir will take a break from Wednesday night rehearsals and meet for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the choir room. The Sunday rehearsal is dedicated to preparing music just for the worship service that day at 11am. This summer schedule begins on June 7 and provides a great opportunity to sample the Sanctuary Choir without a long-term commitment! If you would like to join us on any Sunday during the summer, please contact David or Jake and we will have music ready for you!

June 7 | Youth v. Young Adults Kickball Game

On June 7th, the Youth will take on the Young Adults in an epic game of kickball. This event will take place after church from 12:30 PM-3:30 PM at Hanes Park. We will be honoring our recent high school graduates and enjoy a bit of friendly competition. There will be pizza, cake and refreshments provided. You won't want to miss this so sign up before May 31st!

June 14 | IAF Founding Assembly

The Missions committee invites you to join with hundreds of leaders for the IAF Founding Assembly to present our community power organization publicly and announce our inaugural campaigns on Education, Housing, and Mental Health. Read more and register at the link in your newsletter. Contact Kyle or Linda Jones with questions.

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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, May 24

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 25

Memorial Day- Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 26

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, May 27

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, May 28

8:00 am BJC Small Group (*Commons*)
9:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, May 29

SATURDAY, May 30

SUNDAY, May 31

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 Missions Committee (*Baraca*)
5:00 pm Churchwide Picnic (*offsite*)

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