



Traditional Eastern Orthodox icon

“The gospel is not a flashlight but a fire. It can warm and it can burn. The gospel is not a table knife but a sword. It can set free and it can divide. The gospel is not pablum. It is powerful stuff, powerful enough to challenge the most sacred human ties, but as frightening as it is, it is not finally to be feared. The peace of God is worth anything it takes to get there, and anyone knows that the absence of conflict is not peace. The good news is that in Christ God has given us someone worth fighting about, and someone with clout enough to end all our fighting, for his word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks a rock into pieces.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 21, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Prayer for Peace*

Jacob Hill, Organ

P. Fey

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *This Is My Father's World*

Sanctuary Choir

TERRA PATRIS

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24: 1-6

Kyle Caudle

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**All: For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**All: Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Stanzas 1-4: Congregation

Stanza 5: Choir

Stanza 6: Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Creator of this world and all its people,
we are grateful that all things are held in your hands.
You have not left us alone.
And we celebrate the work of your Spirit
encouraging people the world over to work for justice and peace,
to speak for the voiceless, and always to anticipate
that the best is yet to come.

All: Blessed be your name.

Leader: If, however, we have driven a wedge between piety and peacemaking,
erected a wall between prayer and politics,
associated the purposes of heaven with only the gentler things of earth—
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: If we have offered to false gods the devotion you alone deserve;
if we have dismissed the Gospel as irrelevant to the world —
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: If we have dumbed down your word and domesticated your Spirit
because we wanted an easier faith —
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: Whenever in our nations the poor are endangered,
the sick are neglected, prisoners are refused redemption,
and strangers among us are suspected —
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: Wherever in our world the lust for profit undermines the longing for peace;
or the greed for power overrides the need for fairness —
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: In the prison visitor and the mediator,
in vigils for peace and protests to protect the earth,
to all who fear for the future of their children,
to those who long for a different day —
God of Justice,

All: Forgive us and reveal yourself.

Leader: We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is our Justice and our Peace.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Philippians 4:4-7

Carlos Mir

Leader: Be at peace, my friends, for 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: *Like a River in My Soul*

T. Osiek

Sanctuary Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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 505: *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

MAITLAND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 10:24-39

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"How to Be Human: Friction"*

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 490: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

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

Judy Eustice

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

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: *Rigaudon*

A. Campra

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Judy Eustice and Carlos Mir

Greeters:

Sam Lawrence and Will Abbott

Safety Team:

Karen Brown and Terry Lefler

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Jeff Burchette,
Judy Eustice, Julie Hall, Amber Myers, Meredith Parker

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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

How To Be Human

Summer Worship at First Baptist on Fifth

One has only to scan the headlines to feel despair at all things human. The rise of AI, threats to our climate and our collective well-being, and widespread conflicts around the globe causes us to wonder: how can we stay human amidst all that hopes to divide, distract, or diminish humanity? This summer in worship, we'll listen to Jesus's guidance on human living through the Gospel of Matthew, trusting the God who enlivened us at creation to enliven us once again.

June 28

How To Be Human: Welcome
Matthew 10:40-42

July 5

How To Be Human: Rest
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Communion Sunday

July 12

How To Be Human: Sow
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Rayce Lamb, proclaimer

July 19

How To Be Human: Complexify
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

Children and Youth-Led Worship

August 2

How To Be Human: Discover
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Mary Kaylor, proclaimer
Communion Sunday

August 9

How To Be Human: Take Heart
Matthew 14:22-33
Blessing of the Backpacks

June 28 | Churchwide Independence Potluck Brunch

In lieu of Sunday school, please join us on Sunday, June 28 at 9:45am for a *potluck* brunch in Kelly Auditorium. We will enjoy fellowship, food, and singing as we celebrate and prepare for Independence Day. The church will provide drinks, a fruit tray, and a pastry platter. Please bring some yummy food to add to the table!

June 26 | Active Retirees Ice Cream Social

Join us at 2:00pm at TJ's Deli (5017 Country Club Rd., Winston Salem) for a sweet treat and fellowship. All you need to bring is money for your ice cream and yourself! RSVP in your Newsletter.

June 27 | YA Serve at Una Bendición

Join us on Saturday, June 27 at Una Bendición Community Center for a morning of service! We will meet at the center (3701 Crosland Rd.) at 8:30am to help set up for their food pantry distribution and assist with distribution that will begin at 9:30am. We should be done around lunch time. Please let Olivia (olivia@firstonfifth.org) know if you plan to be there!

June 28 | Children's Pool Party

All kids and parents (youth siblings too) are invited for a summer pool party at Roper's house. Please bring your own chair to sit by the pool, towel, sunscreen, drinks and any snacks or games you'd like to share with the group. Pizza will also be provided. RSVP in your newsletter!

June 30 | Youth Serve at Second Harvest

Youth (12 years and up) and Adult volunteers are invited to help prep and pack community meals that will be delivered to children, seniors, and neighbors living with disabilities. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 30, at Second Harvest Food Bank (3330 Shorefair Dr.) from 9am-1pm. To sign up, please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

July 2 | Active Retirees Lunch & Learn!

Join us for a lunch and learn in Kelly Auditorium as we hear from our own Beth Sabbagh, who works as an educator in our school district. She wears many hats, with one of those being a driver's education instructor. Beth will go over all the updated driving regulations for NC and how that impacts each of you. We will have breakfast for lunch! A suggested donation of \$5/person is appreciated, but not required. RSVP in your newsletter!

Looking ahead this summer!

In addition to all of the wonderful opportunities to stay involved and connected this June, we would like to highlight additional opportunities coming in July! Our Summer Churchwide Sunday school series will be back for ALL Sundays in July, with this year's theme, "How to Read the Bible." Additionally, Passport Camp for both our Children and Youth is just around the corner, with dates in the first full week of July. More details on these opportunities and more in your newsletter!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, June 21

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*)

MONDAY, June 22

5:30 pm Longest Table Task Force (*Conference*)

TUESDAY, June 23

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, June 24

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, June 25

9:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, June 26

2:00 pm Active Retirees Ice Cream Social (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, June 27

8:30 am YA Serve at Una Bendición (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, June 28

9:30 am Independence Day Brunch (*Kelly*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
4:00 pm Children's Pool Party (*offsite*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for June are Peanut Butter & Jelly. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

Seeking Donations | Una Bendición

The Missions Committee invites donations of cereal and bouillon cubes for Una Bendición, which connects Spanish-speaking families with community resources. Place donations by the Crisis Control bins. Thanks!

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