

"Don't judge each day by the harvest
you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

+ Robert Lewis Stevenson



Parable of the Sower,
Pieter Bruegel the Elder

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 12, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Cantilene du Soleil*

Jacob Hill, Organ

T. Pumfrey

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Caudle

Leader: O God, distant yet near,
we gather as witnesses to your promise
that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you.

**All: Be among us this day.
Hear the confessions of our mouths
and the yearnings of our hearts.**

Leader: Help us change the narrowness of our vision
and the pettiness of our living.

**All: Make us new again by your holy grace.
Plant seeds of good news deep in our hearts
that we may scatter them generously in this world you so love.**

Leader: Bestow on us the gift of your Spirit,
that our worship may resonate with integrity and energy,
ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives.

**All: We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence;
as we join with all creation to sing your praise!**

*HYMN 345: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO PRAYER: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

arr. F.M. Christiansen

Men's Chorus

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly; while the nearer waters flow, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart! Rise to all eternity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Kaylor

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: *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy*

HANOVER

1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re -
 2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
 3. The king-dom of God is chal - lenge and choice; be - lieve the good
 4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Je - sus be -

stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
 freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
 news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
 gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall

Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
 ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
 Christ to his cross, our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
 an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: The seeds of this new kingdom are within us and all around us.
Let us present to God the rocky ground of our lives so that through God's abundant grace and mercy we might be transformed into good soil.

**All: Patient, persistent, and planting God,
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.
We have not loved you with whole hearts.
We have preferred the ways of this world
and too often have chosen paths that lead to death.
We have missed the seeds of your new kingdom
sprouting right before our eyes.
Forgive us, Holy God.
In the mystery of your love, plant new life in us.
Sow the seeds of your gospel in our hearts until we bloom
and flourish with your passionate love for this world. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 8: 1-4, 11

Linda Stewart

Leader: Friends, share this good news far and wide:
there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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: O Be Joyful

F. Schubert / arr. W. Rodby

Men's Ensemble
Susan Welch, piano

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God. It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates, into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. Praise and glory be to the Father, Praise and glory be to his name, glory be to the Father Almighty. Let his name be praised forever. Glory to God and praise his name. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rayce Lamb

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "How to Be Human: Sow"

Rayce Lamb

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 688: Show Us How to Stand for Justice

PLEADING SAVIOR

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**

Meredith Parker

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

David Williamson

***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**

Rayce Lamb

POSTLUDE: *Three Pieces, III. Hyfrydol*

R. Vaughan Williams

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Meredith Parker and Linda Stewart

Greeters:

Beth Sabbagh and Kelly Baker

Safety Team:

Charlie Patrick, Dana Patrick, Terry Lefler

Streaming and Sound Team:

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

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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FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
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.

July 19

How To Be Human: Complicate
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

Summer Churchwide Sunday School Series

This year's summer Sunday School for all youth and adults will focus on "How to Read the Bible" and run through ALL Sundays in July. Megan Strollo, Kyle Caudle, Emily Hull McGee, and Mary Foskett will each lead one of the four Sundays of this study, running from July 5-26, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Kelly Auditorium. There will also be a Zoom option for those who would like to participate online.

August 9 | Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us Sunday, August 9 during worship as we bless and commission all of our students and educators for the new school year. Also, all of our rising 2nd graders will receive a new Bible during worship.

July 16 | YA Baking & Board Games Potluck

Young Adults are invited to a summer potluck on Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 PM at the Towles' home! Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship, board games, and learning how to bake one of Kim Towles' famous cookie recipes. We hope you'll join us for a fun and relaxing night together! RSVP in the newsletter.

July 24 | First on Fifth @ Dash!

Join your church family at the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game on Friday, July 24, at 6:30pm as they take on the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Tickets are \$10 each, kids 3 and under are free. Our seats are in the shade behind the 3rd base dugout and there'll be fireworks! To reserve your ticket, please RSVP in your newsletter. Contact Pastor Mary (mary@firstonfifth.org) if you have any questions.

July 26 | Walk, Connect & Enjoy Pizza Together!

Join the Safety Host Team immediately after worship on Sunday, July 26, for a fun walk to Cugino Forno! We'll gather on the front steps of the church and stroll downtown together to enjoy great fellowship, delicious wood-fired pizza, and a little movement as a church family.

July 29 | Quarterly Church Conference

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference on Tuesday, July 29, at 6:30pm by Zoom. See the newsletter that week for more info!

Mark Your Calendars!

- August 14 - First Films
- August 15 - Serve Together Missions Day
- August 17-18 - Staff Retreat
- August 20 - Downtown Walking Group Resumes
- August 30 - First Impressions
- August 30 - Prayer Partner Care Package Event
- October 2-4 - Youth Fall Beach Retreat
- October 4 - World Communion Sunday, Longest Table
- October 18 - CROP Walk
- October 27 - QCC
- November 1 - All Saints Sunday
- November 22 - Thanksgiving Pot-Luck

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, July 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*)

MONDAY, July 13

TUESDAY, July 14

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, July 15

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, July 16

FRIDAY, July 17

SATURDAY, July 18

SUNDAY, July 19

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 (*Conference*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for July are Salad Dressing, BBQ Sauce, and Hot Sauce. Please drop off donations in the first floor bins. Thank you!

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