



“God allows a mixed field, in other words, and whether we like it, approve of it, understand it or not, God asks us to tolerate a mixed field too – both in the church and in the world – only this is not even remotely a call to passivity. It is, instead, a call to strenuous activity (as any of you who have tried to love your enemies lately already know)... to bear good fruit.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor

Where Wild Things Grow, Steve Henderson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 19, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Concerto for Oboe, Mov. 2 Allegro non troppo*

W.A. Mozart

Annie Winkelman, Oboe

Lauren Winkelman, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION

Mary Kaylor

(Please read in unison.)

**Everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself,
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish desires may hinder us from knowing your will,
no weakness keep us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 332: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Rob Norwood

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One who searches us and knows us.

**All: Merciful God,
you love us, but we do not love you fully;
you call, but we do not always listen;
you seek us, but we prefer darkness and distance.
We are quick to judge our neighbors,
even as our own lives yield weeds,
rather than the fruit you desire.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our thoughts.
In the refining fire of your love
burn away all that hinders your kingdom,
and lead us in the way that leads to life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, in spite of our failures,
the God who searches and knows every heart
pursues us with an everlasting, unconditional love.
Hear this good news: 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: *I Will Be A Child of Peace*

arr. E. Hagenberg

Women's Chorus
Jacob Hill, Conductor
David Winkelman, Piano

O Holy Father,
I will be a child of peace and purity;
for well I know Thy hand will bless
the seeker after righteousness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

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 536: *Lord, You Call Us to Your Service

LAUDA ANIMA

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “*How to Be Human: Complicate*”

Emily Hull McGee

HYMN OF RESPONSE 376: *For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

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**

Joe Bircher

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

OFFERTORY: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

arr. B. Ellingboe

Women's Chorus
Jacob Hill, Conductor
Annie Winkelman, Oboe
David Winkelman, Piano

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though faroff hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing! It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the Truth. It liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Chorale Prelude on 'Gelobt sei Gott'*

H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Deacon of the Week:

Joe Bircher and Gary Stiffler

Greeters:

Nancy Nathan and Minerva Fox

Safety Team:

Beth Sabbagh, Caleb Sabbagh, Dean Culler, Nathan Towles

Streaming and Sound Team:

Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Jeff Burchette,
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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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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 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.

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!

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 Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30pm by Zoom. See the newsletter that week for more info!

August 15 | Serve Together

Mark your calendars for Serve Together on Saturday, August 15 from 9am to 1pm. Serve Together, hosted by the Missions Committee, is an annual day of service both on site at First on Fifth and in the community concluding with a lunch & learn from featured missions guests. Service opportunities available for school-age through older adults. This year will also include a Missions Fair featuring more than a dozen local mission partners. Recommended lunch donation of \$5 to offset costs. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

Mark Your Calendars!

August 14 - First Films

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 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*)

MONDAY, July 20

7:00 pm YA Ministry Team Meeting (*online*)

TUESDAY, July 21

5:00 pm Finance Committee (*Conference*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, July 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
5:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting (*onsite*)

THURSDAY, July 23

FRIDAY, July 24

6:30 pm Churchwide WS Dash Game (*offsite*)

SATURDAY, July 25

SUNDAY, July 26

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*)
12:00 pm Church Walk & Lunch (*offsite*)

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!

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