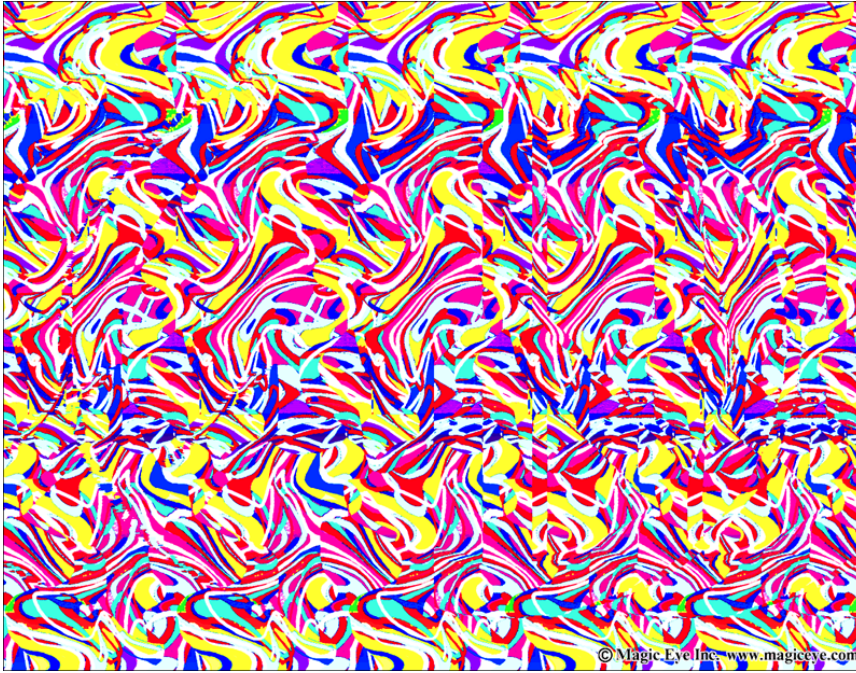




“The parables envision God in every nook and cranny of daily life, from kneading dough to plowing fields. Jesus transforms human life not by scaring the hell out of people, but by helping them see the heaven close at hand.”

+ Talitha J. Arnold

Magic Eye, Inc.

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 2, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105: 1-5

Bethany Leggett

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**All: We will give thanks to the Lord and call on his name;
for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

*HYMN 312: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Hull

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.

ANTHEM: *Seek First the Kingdom*

M. McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.
Child of the Father, we are all his children. It is his pleasure to give his kingdom.
Wait upon the Lord. Set your mind on that which is above! For where your
treasure is, there will your heart be. For I am the kingdom and the power, and I
am the Father, I am your Father. Seek first the Kingdom and all these things
shall be added unto you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: The kingdom awaits all who seek God with a whole heart.
In single-minded devotion, let us confess our sins.

**All: Compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have failed to love you, and you alone.
We confess our divided hearts.
We pursue material things, never having enough,
while the hidden wealth of your kingdom is all around us,
awaiting our discovery as both gift and grace.
Forgive us, and open our eyes and hearts
to a kingdom beyond our wildest imaginations. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Friends, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
the kingdom of God has been opened to us.
With hearts made right with God and neighbor,
we are forgiven and empowered to live lives of justice, peace, and joy.

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.)

*HYMN 467: We Are One in Christ

THAXTED

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Mary Kaylor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “How to Be Human: Discover”

Mary Kaylor

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 395: Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

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

Joy Gambill

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

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

Mary Kaylor

POSTLUDE

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Joy Gambill and Bethany Leggett
<u>Greeters:</u>	Youth
<u>Safety Team:</u>	Rick Matthews
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Jeff Burchette, Judy Eustice, Julie Hall, Amber Myers, Meredith Parker

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

At the conclusion of the worship service today, you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the Benevolence Fund. This fund provides confidential financial assistance for individuals in times of crisis and is made possible by designated contributions. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Baptist Church, designated to the Benevolence Fund. Any cash offering received that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us for the first time today, 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 in 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.

August 9

How To Be Human: Take Heart

Matthew 14:22-33

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 5 | Older Adults Breakfast Fellowship

Join us for breakfast at Carriage House on Wednesday, August 5, at 9:30am. This is one of our favorite brunch/breakfast spots, and you do not want to miss out on this fellowship! Please RSVP in your newsletter to let us know if you plan to come.

August 8 | Children's Pool Party

All kids and parents (youth siblings too) are invited for an end-of-summer pool party (on a SATURDAY NIGHT) 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 so we can plan accordingly.

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.

August 9 | YA Biscuits & Banter

All Young Adults and their families are invited to join us for lunch at Krankies immediately after worship on Sunday, August 9! We'll share delicious food, easy conversation, and plenty of laughter as we enjoy time together before the busyness of fall begins and our college students head back for a new academic year. Pull up a chair, grab a biscuit, and come be part of the fellowship!

Practicing Our Faith

Fall Worship at First Baptist on Fifth

Dorothy Bass calls Christian practices "shared patterns of activity in and through which life together takes shape over time in response to and in the light of God as known in Jesus Christ. Woven together, they form a way of life." Using her book *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* as a guide, our worship this fall will center on twelve core Christian practices that have anchored the faith over centuries, alongside scriptural stories and wisdom for living them out. Further resources throughout the fall will enhance our exploration. In a full and fractured cultural landscape, may this season of sharing Christian practices ground us for the living of our days!

August 14 | First Films!

This summer we will test the conventions of the film musical with three independent features that use music to drive the narrative. Join us in Kelly for the final of three unique unresolved love stories, *Cyrano* (2021). Popcorn and refreshments provided.

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.

August 30 | First Impressions

All new or prospective members to First Baptist are invited to join in our First Impressions class. First Impressions provides 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 August 30 from 9:15-10:30 AM in the Commons. Please RSVP to Mary at mary@firstonfifth.org.

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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 2

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*)
2:00 pm Youth Pool Party (*offsite*)

MONDAY, August 3

7:00 pm Community Engagement Team (*online*)

TUESDAY, August 4

10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 5

9:30 am Older Adults Breakfast Fellowship (*offsite*)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
2:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, August 6

FRIDAY, August 7

7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

SATURDAY, August 8

4:00 pm Children's Pool Party (*offsite*)

SUNDAY, August 9

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 YA Biscuits & Banter (*offsite*)
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting (*Baraca*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for August are Toilet Paper and Paper Towels. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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