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+ From First Baptist on Fifth's *Confession of Identity*

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Leader: Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind.
Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude as we practice our faith
that with our voices we may sing your praises,
and with our very lives we may joyfully glorify your holy name.

All: Amen.

*HYMN 58: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Williamson

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: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

D. Hakes

Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I
cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the
meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus
is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord
of all the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, Praise adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McClure

Leader: Since we have a great high priest, the Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God, Ruler of all nature, Lord of the nations,
let us approach with confidence our generous God
who welcomes us with mercy and forgiveness.

**All: Holy God, you have blessed us with this Beloved Community,
a precious and priceless gift of fellow travelers
in the practice of our faith.
Yet how often we have taken it for granted.
We confess our negligence to gather regularly
to bear full witness to the greater presence of your Spirit
at work within us and between us.
We confess our lukewarm devotion to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
We confess our blindness to signs and wonders all around us.
We confess our reluctance to hold all things in common
for the blessing and benefit of the community.
Forgive us, compassionate God; renew our devotion,
so that we might praise you with glad and generous hearts.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 1 Peter 2:24-25

Amy McClure

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray
like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd
and guardian of your souls.

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 66: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

RESIGNATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Practicing our Faith"

Emily Hull McGee

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 293: O for a Faith, a Living Faith**

ASHLEY

*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**

Roper Halverson

*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

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

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolyte and Crucifer:</u>	Amelia Dellinger, Nora Arredondo, Owen Dellinger
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Roper Halverson and Judy Eustice
<u>Greeters:</u>	Julie Hall and Dean Culler
<u>Safety Team:</u>	Amber Myers, Daniel Smelcer, Dana Patrick, Charlie Patrick
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Practicing Our Faith

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 twelve core Christian practices that have anchored the faith over centuries: honoring the body, hospitality, household economics, saying yes and saying no, keeping sabbath, testimony, discernment, shaping communities, forgiveness, healing, dying well, and singing our faith, 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 23 | Welcoming Paul Baxley, Guest Proclaimer

We are delighted to welcome back our friend, Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, as our guest proclaimer on Sunday, August 23! Paul serves as the Executive Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), our primary denominational partner through which we express our Baptist identity and practice. He’s also no stranger to this church, having spent formative growing up years here through his undergraduate studies at Wake Forest, and has returned to encourage us in significant seasons throughout our life together. Paul is claimed proudly by our members who’ve known and loved him longest: his parents, John and Nancy Baxley, as well as his aunt, Lise Cagle. Paul will preach for us in worship, and we’ll all enjoy a visit from his whole family as they travel to Winston-Salem for a visit. Welcome, Paul!

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.

August 20 | Downtown Walking Group Resumes

After taking a break this summer to beat the heat, the downtown walking group will resume this Thursday at 9:00 am. This group provides 3–3.5 miles of aerobic exercise, all while enjoying the fellowship of others and beautiful downtown scenery. You will experience the charm of West End homes, get acquainted with businesses downtown, and see places where our church contributes to mission projects. Contact Terry for more information (terrylefler@gmail.com).

August 30 | Youth Lunch & Games

Youth will gather in the Baraca Room following worship for a time of food, fellowship & fun games. Please bring your favorite game to share. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Kyle!

August 30 | Prayer Partner Care Package Event

All prayer partners and their families will gather in Kelly Auditorium immediately following worship for our annual care package packing event, where our prayer partners (all kids K-5 and their older adult prayer partner) join together to pack care packages for our college students and educators. Please RSVP in your newsletter. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Amy!

September 2 | HealthRHYTHMS with Dr. Beck

All throughout Forsyth County, you will find Dr. John Beck entering retirement communities, schools, the Intergenerational Center, and churches to lead a fantastic program called HealthRHYTHMS. A fun element is that it involves drums! This is a proven way for Active Retirees and Older Adults to engage in a healthy and creative activity. I know it sounds a little different, but I promise you it is FUN and you will laugh and talk about this event for years to come. Also, another fun fact is that Dr. Beck is the percussionist who plays for us on Sunday mornings at First on Fifth for big events like Lessons and Carols and Easter. We are delighted to host Dr. Beck on September 2 at 10:00 am. We will provide light snacks. This program is limited to the first 50 people who sign up, so sign up in your newsletter to claim your spot!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, August 16

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, August 17

Staff Retreat (offsite)

TUESDAY, August 18

Staff Retreat (offsite)

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

WEDNESDAY, August 19

5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, August 20

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

FRIDAY, August 21

SATURDAY, August 22

SUNDAY, August 23

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
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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 August are Toilet Paper and Paper Towels. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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