



But before we can start serving God with our bodies, our minds must change. They have to be made new, says Paul. Again, our deepest problem is our poverty of imagination. So, our transformation must begin with the renewal of our minds. And that is what the Christian story is about – offering a fresh lens through which we see ourselves, others and the world. In the process, Christianity is meant to shape a new identity within us by creating a new sense of we – a new community that defies our usual categories.

The church's mission, then, is not so much rooted in some future that we've yet to achieve as it is in remembering God's new creation, which Jesus embodied when he rose from the dead. Our mission is to be a new community that bears witness to the fact that in Christ there is a new identity.

The church is called to be a hopeful interruption in the death-bound reality of a broken world.

+ Emmanuel Katongole, *Mirror to the Church: Resurrecting Faith after Genocide in Rwanda*

Transfiguration, Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 23, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Five Pieces for Organ, No. 3, Intermezzo*

H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy McClure

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body.
Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name;
that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church,
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One who answers when we call,
the One who is our hope and the well-spring of all life.

**All: Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 103:8-13

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Friends, hear this very good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Since God has forgiven us,
let us in mutual affection forgive one another.
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 Love*

E. Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give Thee back
the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks
me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow
through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emily Hull McGee

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 255: *We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

Paul Baxley

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "A Transforming Demonstration"

Paul Baxley

HYMN OF RESPONSE 295: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

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**

Anna Harris

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**

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!

***BENEDICTION**

Paul Baxley

POSTLUDE: No. 1, Fanfare

H. Willan

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes and Crucifer:</u>	Nora Arredondo and Lucy Arredondo
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Anna Harris and Cyrus Bush
<u>Greeters:</u>	Will Abbott and Sam Lawrence
<u>Safety Team:</u>	Jeff Kessler, Day Pinto, Terry Lefler, Karen Brown
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Jeff Burchette, Judy Eustice, Julie Hall, Amber Myers, Meredith Parker

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Call to Worship is reprinted from *Service for the Lord's Day* (Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1) ©1984 Westminster Press.

The Prayer of Confession is reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, ©2012.

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.



501 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101 | 336.722.2558 | firstonfifth.org
BOLD LOVE. BOUNDLESS COMPASSION.



FIRST BAPTIST
ON FIFTH
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 30

Practicing Our Faith: Honoring the Body
Psalm 139:7-18

September 6

Practicing Our Faith: Household Economics
Matthew 6:25-34
Communion Sunday

September 13

Practicing Our Faith: Saying Yes and Saying No
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

September 20

Practicing Our Faith: Keeping Sabbath
Mark 2:23-3:6

September 27

Practicing Our Faith: Testimony
Acts 4:1-21

September 2 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume

After taking a summer break to allow for vacations and family time, the Sanctuary Choir will return to Wednesday night rehearsals beginning Wednesday, September 2. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you enjoyed sampling the Sanctuary Choir this summer and are interested in making it part of your regular ministry, please contact David or Jake. We'd love to welcome new and returning voices as we begin another season of worship through music!

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 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. 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, or contact Pastor Amy.

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 23

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 24

TUESDAY, August 25

8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, August 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)

THURSDAY, August 27

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

FRIDAY, August 28

SATURDAY, August 29

SUNDAY, August 30

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
9:15 am First Impressions (*Commons*)
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 Prayer Partner Care Package Event (*Kelly*)
12:00 pm Youth Lunch & Games (*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!

CHURCH STAFF

Sally Barbour
Accounting Manager
sally@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1103

Olivia Blake
Ministry & Communications Assistant
olivia@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1000

Rev. Kyle Caudle
Associate Pastor
Youth, Missions, Adults
kyle@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1005

Paige Hatcher
Childcare Specialist
paige@firstonfifth.org

Jacob Hill
Music Associate / Organist
jake@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1004

Christina Johnson
Childcare Specialist
christina@firstonfifth.org

Ryan Jones
Media Contractor
ryanjones@dogoodbrands.biz

Rev. Mary Kaylor
Associate Pastor
Newcomers, Young Adults, Community Engagement
mary@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1006

Gary Knight
Transitional Facilities Manager
facilities@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1102

Rev. Dr. Amy McClure
Associate Pastor
Children, Senior Adults, Pastoral Care
amy@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1002

Rev. Emily Hull McGee
Pastor
emily@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1001

Rev. David Williamson
Associate Pastor
Worship, Arts, Administration
david@firstonfifth.org | Ext. 1003

