



John August Swanson, *Washing of the Feet II*

“My body is what connects me to all of these other people. Wearing my skin is not a solitary practice but one that brings me into communion with all these other embodied souls. It is what we have most in common with one another. In Christian teaching, followers of Jesus are called to honor the bodies of our neighbors as we honor our own. In his expanded teaching by example, this includes leper bodies, possessed bodies, widow and orphan bodies, as well as foreign bodies and hostile bodies – none of which he shied away from. Read from the perspective of the body, his ministry was about encountering those whose flesh was discounted by the world in which they lived. What many of us miss, in our physical dis-ease, is that our bodies remain God’s best way of getting to us.”

+ Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 30, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*

Jacob Hill, Organ

J.S. Bach

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not practice deceit.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation,

**All: We lift our hands before you, O Lord;
and with our hands we offer you our very lives.**

*HYMN 22: *How Great Our God’s Majestic Name*

DUKE STREET

CALL TO PRAYER: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

G. Allen/arr. R. Ringwald

Sanctuary Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark,
through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised
Land; precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand,
bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have
dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land, Precious Lord, precious
Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my
dream of a world that is free, for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast
planned, precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

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 361: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

GORDON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Williamson

Leader: Trusting in the power of God not only to frame and fashion our bodies,
to form and fashion our world, but to mend and refashion our hearts,
let us say how it is with us.

**All: Holy God, like children long indulged,
we are quick to presume your pardon,
your sanction of the way we live.
We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing mere fragments
that remain only after our cravings have been met.
Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now.
Where we are distorted re-center and re-shape us,
knit us together again and again.
Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory
and find our place in your good purposes. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Isaiah 44:21-22

Nikki Byers

Leader: Friends, 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: *Canon of Praise*

arr. H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

All within me bless the Lord; all within me bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me, bless God's holy name. O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good. God the Lord is gracious, the same forever. As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own. Bless the Lord, O my soul; remember God's mercy, remember God's love. O bless the Lord, O my soul; O bless God's holy name.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalms 139:7-18

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Practicing Our Faith: Honoring the Body*"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness*

ALL SAINTS

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.



1. Love, who made me in your like - ness, to your im - age form - ing me;
2. Love, to whom my life was pre - cious, long be - fore I came to birth;
3. Love, for me, you came to suf - fer and, at last, were cru - ci - fied,
4. Love, my Life, my Truth, my Splen - dor, liv - ing Spir - it, Might - y Word,
5. Love, whose yoke is laid up - on me, lib - er - at - ing life and mind;

Love, who showed such gen - tle kind - ness when I fell, re - stor - ing me:
Love, for ev - er hu - man with us, born to share our life on earth:
Love, with you, I live for ev - er, joy is end - less at your side:
Love, by whose full self - sur - ren - der my heart's whole - ness is re - stored:
Love, whose grace has o - ver - come me, here is free - dom un - con - fined:

Love, I give my - self to be one with you, e - ter - nal - ly.

*PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE

Joani Hughes

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

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Allegretto*

G.F. Handel

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Silas McGee, Annabelle McGee, Liam McGee

Deacon of the Week:

Joani Hughes and Nikki Byers

Greeters:

Linda Merchant and Alice Cox

Safety Team:

Terry Lefler, Dean Culler, David Matthews

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 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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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!

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 | 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 - and it involves drums! This is a proven way for Active Retirees and Older Adults to engage in healthy, 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.

September 16 | SPIRE Ringer Rehearsals Resume

SPIRE Ringers will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm in the music suite on the 3rd floor. Whether you are a returning player or new ringer, we welcome 3rd graders and up to join us!! Handbell ensembles rely on careful planning and consistency in attendance, so please email Jake if you are planning to ring with us this season so I can assign bells accordingly. Our church loves the SPIRE Ringers, and I'm excited for this new fall semester of music making!

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 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*)

MONDAY, August 31

TUESDAY, September 1

10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)
6:00 pm Children's Ministry Team (*online*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, September 2

10:00 am Older Adults Healthy Rhythms (*Kelly*)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, September 3

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

FRIDAY, September 4

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

SATURDAY, September 5

SUNDAY, September 6

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*)
12:30 pm Community Engagement Ministry Team (*Conference*)

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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