

"There is no end
to what a living world
will demand of you."
+ Octavia Butler

"There is a realm of time where the goal is not to
have but to be, not to own but to give, not to control
but to share, not to subdue but to be in accord."
+ Abraham Joshua Heschel

"Sabbath is not about time off or a break in routine.
It is not a mini-vacation to give us respite so we are
better prepared to go back to work. The Sabbath is
far more than a diversion; it is meant to be an
encounter with God's delight."
+ Dan Allender



The Siesta – Rest from Work (after Millet), Vincent Van Gogh

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 20, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Suite 2, II. Lullaby*

Jacob Hill, Organ

C. Hampton

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION

Mary Kaylor

(Please read in unison.)

**God of quiet places, God of the stormy seas,
we gather in your calming presence.
Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts.
Let us hear your eternal promise: "Be still and know that I am God."
And in our stillness, let us know within our whole selves
that you and you alone are our God. Amen.**

*HYMN 315: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

ANTHEM: *Hallelujah, Amen*

G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine, with cherubim
and seraphim harmonious join; and in songs divine harmonious join.
Hallelujah, amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Janet Falls

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyle Caudle

Leader: These covenant words convict us of how we have fallen short of God's true desire for our hurried lives. Let us approach our God in quietness and trust, so that our brokenness may be healed.

(A silence is kept.)

Let us pray:

**All: God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.
We have made idols of possessions and people.
Our schedules have been guided and governed
by the pursuit of profit and the desire always for more.
We confess the poverty of our lives even as we have grown wealthier.
We have rejected your generous gift of a sabbath rest.
Lord, have mercy, for we have broken your covenant,
and in doing so we have traded blessing for burden.
Forgive us, compassionate God, and restore the balance of our lives
that we may once again follow you, worship you, and serve you
with undivided hearts. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Psalm 86:5

Kyle Caudle

Leader: The psalmist wrote: "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you."
Friends, God has heard our cry for mercy
and through Jesus Christ has provided absolution for our sins.

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: Psalm 86

C. Nygard

Sanctuary Choir
Cyrus Bush, Soloist

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place; In your mercy, Lord, let me stay; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry; Hear my words when I call from the lowly place; I will pray, O Lord, lest I die; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. From the grave's descent You have taken me, When the men of the world have forsaken me. In my day of need and my time of grief, Hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief. In the morning, Lord, I will sing with a song that will rise from the holy place, And my praises, Lord, it will bring; In the morning, Lord, I will sing. Alleluia, Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 2:23-3:6

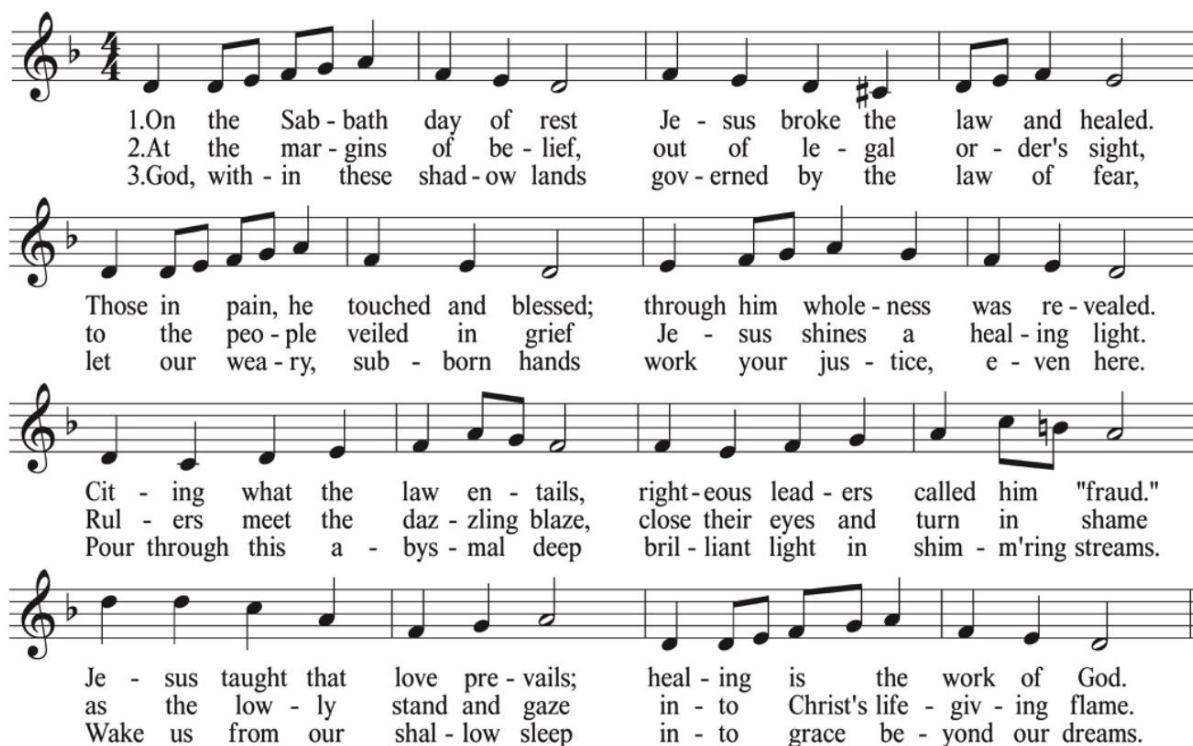
Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN: *On the Sabbath Day of Rest*

ABERYSTWYTH



1. On the Sab - bath day of rest Je - sus broke the law and healed.
2. At the mar - gins of be - lief, out of le - gal or - der's sight,
3. God, with - in these shad - ow lands gov - erned by the law of fear,

Those in pain, he touched and blessed; through him whole - ness was re - vealed.
to the peo - ple veiled in grief Je - sus shines a heal - ing light.
let our wea - ry, sub - born hands work your jus - tice, e - ven here.

Cit - ing what the law en - tails, right - eous lead - ers called him "fraud."
Rul - ers meet the daz - zling blaze, close their eyes and turn in shame
Pour through this a - bys - mal deep bril - liant light in shim - m'ring streams.

Je - sus taught that love pre - vails; heal - ing is the work of God.
as the low - ly stand and gaze in - to Christ's life - giv - ing flame.
Wake us from our shal - low sleep in - to grace be - yond our dreams.

SERMON: "Practicing Our Faith: Keeping Sabbath"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 383: *Near to the Heart of God*

McAFEE

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

Karen Lefler

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

David Williamson

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: *Comes Autumn Time*

L. Sowerby

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Owen Dellinger, Amelia Dellinger, Karly Parker

Deacon of the Week:

Karen Lefler and Janet Falls

Greeters:

Rob Norwood and Caleb Sabbagh

Safety Team:

Daniel Smelcer, Amber Myers, and Chris Gambill

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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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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 on 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 27

Practicing Our Faith: Testimony
Acts 4:1-21

October 4

Practicing Our Faith: Hospitality
Luke 14:7-21
Communion Sunday

October 11

Practicing Our Faith: Singing Our Lives
David Williamson, proclaimer

September 20 | Bread for the World Event

The Missions Committee invites youth and adults to a letter-writing event for Bread for the World in Kelly Auditorium following worship service today, Sunday, September 20. This event will teach you how to advocate for addressing hunger and will feature a presentation by Jason Blanton from Bread for the World. Pizza and salad will be provided. Thank you to all of those who signed up for this event!

September 21 | YA Mission Project for Pivot Ministry

Young Adults will gather in the Commons at 6:30 pm for a mission project benefiting our mission partner, Pivot Ministry. Together, we'll learn more about what Pivot does and write letters to graduates of their program. Feel free to bring your dinner and join us to help Pivot Ministry!

September 27 | Youth to Serve at the Dwelling

On Sunday, September 27, the youth will serve and worship at the Dwelling. Check-in at the Dwelling (502 N. Broad St.) begins at 10:15 am. Following worship, we'll then serve lunch to over 200 folks!! Parent pickup at 1:30 pm.

September 27 | Mochas with Mac - Doughnut Style!

Mochas with Mac is back! Kids in 2nd-5th grade are invited to a gathering with Pastor Amy Mac at Krispy Kreme (259 S. Stratford Rd.) on Sunday, September 27, from 3-4 pm. There is no cost to families. RSVP in your newsletter so we can best prepare!

October 1 | OA Lunch & Learn with World Relief

Join us for a lunch and learn in Kelly Auditorium as we welcome the good folks from World Relief, one of our very own mission partners here at First on Fifth. To help us best prepare for the lunch that day, please RSVP in your newsletter. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated, but not required. We hope you can join us!

October 4 | Joining Sunday

Taking the step to join a church can feel intimidating. We want to help make it a little less so with a "Joining Sunday." At the conclusion of worship on October 4, we invite our visiting friends who are at this place in their journey to take the step toward membership together. For more information, please contact Mary Kaylor at mary@firstonfifth.org.

October 25 | Building Dedication & Celebration

We're excited to celebrate the completion of our building project with a special Building Dedication and Celebration on Sunday, October 25, immediately following worship! We'll kick off the afternoon with a dedication in our new outdoor space, celebrating the many ways these spaces—including the pavilion, columbarium, playground, and more—will serve and bless our church community. Lunch will include a meat and a vegetarian option, so there's something for everyone to enjoy. We'll have games for all ages, meaningful tours, music, and opportunities for play and fellowship in our wonderful outdoor space. Please RSVP in your newsletter by October 19 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. We can't wait to celebrate this exciting milestone together!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, September 20

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 Bread for the World Event (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, September 21

6:30 pm YA Pivot Ministry Project (*Commons*)
6:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)

TUESDAY, September 22

7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, September 23

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
5:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
5:30 pm SPIRE Ringers Rehearsal (*Music Suite*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, September 24

10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)

FRIDAY, September 25

SATURDAY, September 26

SUNDAY, September 27

9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
9:30 am Sunday Bible Study: Adults, Youth, & Children (*in person*)
10:15 am Youth to Serve at the Dwelling (*offsite*)
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
12:15 pm Fellowship Ministry Team (*Conference*)
3:00 pm Mochas with Mac (*offsite*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gifts for September are Instant Grits and Oatmeal. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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