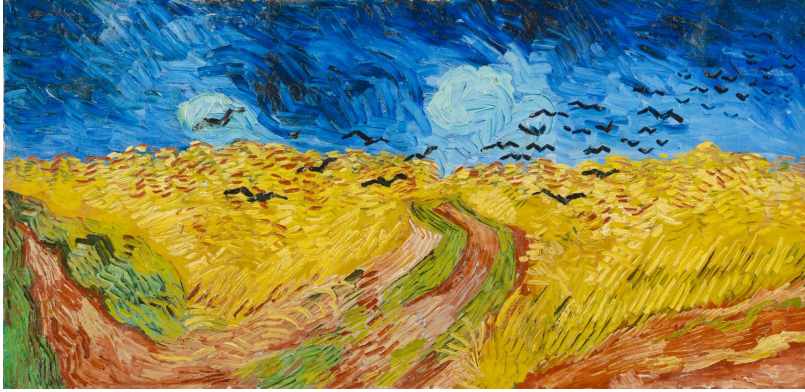




Vincent Van Gogh, *Wheatfield with Crows*

“Most people now are looking for a better place, which means that a lot of them will end up in a worse one... There is no “better place” than this, not in this world. And it is by the place we’ve got, and our love for it and our keeping of it, that this world is joined to Heaven.”

+ Wendell Berry, *Hannah Coulter*

“To be satisfied with little is difficult. To be satisfied with much is impossible.”

+ Wendell Berry, *The Art of Loading Brush*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 6, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Susan Welch, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: Anchor us, O God,
when the swirl of living threatens to undo our being.

All: God, make us truly alive.

Leader: Anchor us, O God,
when making our livelihood threatens to smother our liveliness.

All: God, make us truly alive.

Leader: Anchor us, O God,
when a driving pulse of technology threatens to drive us away from you.

All: God, make us truly alive.

Leader: Anchor us, O God,
when concern about money threatens to obscure our true security.

All: God, make us truly alive.

Leader: Anchor us, O God,
when we forget that you are our true home.

All: God, make us truly alive.

*HYMN 425: *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

INVITATION TO QUIET: *In God Alone*

J. Berthier

Sanctuary Choir

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God, my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

PSALM LESSON: Psalm 131

Linda Lewis

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MINISTRY OF SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wally Cox

Leader: Let us offer our confession to the One
who alone is our rest and our peace.

**All: Sustaining God, all creation looks to you,
for you are the source of every good and perfect gift.
Forgive us when we doubt your care and your provision.
Forgive us when our worries and concerns overwhelm our trust in you.
Forgive us for our small faith.**

**Gracious God,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too,
help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings.
Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you
until we find what we seek above all: your kingdom.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wally Cox

Leader: Isaiah wrote, "In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
Friends, by the generous mercy of God 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: *Come Home*

C. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals
He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come
home. You who are weary come home. Why should we tarry when Jesus is
pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His
mercies, mercies for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are
weary, come home. O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you
and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you
and for me. Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

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 77: *In Heavenly Love Abiding*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 6:25-34

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *"Practicing Our Faith: Household Economics"*

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 671: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

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

Linda Jones

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

Susan Welch, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Eli Steen, Silas McGee, Annabelle McGee

Deacon of the Week:

Linda Jones and Wally Cox

Greeters:

Youth

Safety Team:

Beth Sabbagh, Eric Flye, Dana Patrick,
Charlie Patrick, David Matthews

Streaming and Sound Team:

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 and designate it to the Benevolence Fund. Any cash offering received that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

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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 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

October 4

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

September 11 | First Films!

This Fall the Arts Ministry will offer films complementing the “Practicing Our Faith” sermon series. The film for September will explore “Household Economics” through the 1980’s classic “Places in the Heart”. Screening time is 6:30 pm on September 11 in Kelly Auditorium. Popcorn and refreshments are provided! Please join us!

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

September 15 | Devotional Classics Resume

The Tuesday Morning Devotional Classics group will begin a study of *The Listening Life* by Adam McHugh on September 15. This book calls us to a focused life, cultivating attentiveness in a world of distraction. The group meets in the Commons on Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:30 am and is led by David Williamson. All are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Pastor David.

September 15-16 | Adult Sabbath Retreat

The Adult Ministry Team invites you to an overnight sabbath retreat of rest and renewal at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC. The retreat will begin at noon on Tuesday, September 15, and conclude after lunch on Wednesday, September 16. Cost is \$75/person and includes lodging and meals. Both solo and couple rooms are available. Space is limited to 10 rooms. To RSVP or for more information, please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

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 consistent attendance, so please email Jake if you plan to ring with us this season, so he can assign bells accordingly. Our church loves the SPIRE Ringers, and Jake is excited for this new fall semester of music-making!

September 20 | Bread for the World Event

The Missions Committee invites youth and adults to a letter-writing event for Bread for the World from 12:30-2 pm on 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. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP or for more information, please email Pastor Kyle at kyle@firstonfifth.org.

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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, September 7

TUESDAY, September 8

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

WEDNESDAY, September 9

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
12:30 pm Communications Meeting (*Conference*)
5:30 pm Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, September 10

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

FRIDAY, September 11

6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, September 12

SUNDAY, September 13

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 Deacons Meeting (*Baraca*)

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!

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