



Celebration, John August Swanson

“The act of singing together is deeply and indelibly human. When we sing, words are given greater range and power than when we speak. Something is shared in singing that goes beyond the words alone. Among Christians, this something has taken shape over many centuries in a practice that expresses our deepest yearning and dearest joy: the practice of singing our lives.”

+ Don Saliers, “Singing Our Lives”

“It is not you that sings, it is the church that is singing, and you, as a member... may share in its song. Thus all singing together that is right must serve to widen our spiritual horizon, make us see our little company as a member of the great Christian church on earth, and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing, be it feeble or good, to the song of the church.”

+ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Processional*

Jacob Hill, Organ

D. Johnson

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CHORAL INTROIT: *Come to Zion*

arr. B Bumgarner

Sanctuary Choir

Come to Zion, sin-sick souls in sorrow bound. Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found. Shout Halleluia! Halleluia! Praise resounds o'er land and sea. All who may come and share the glories of this Jubilee!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4

Amy McClure

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;;

All: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

All: His marvelous works among all the peoples.

Leader: For great is the Lord!

All: And greatly to be praised!

*HYMN 307: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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PSALM LESSON: Psalm 150

David Winkelman

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Festival of Praise*

M. Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

Jacob Hill and Susan Welch, Piano

O come and sing unto the Lord, shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Come before His presence with blessing in your heart; O come and sing unto the Lord. In His hand are the deep places of the earth, the heights of the hills and the sea. He is our God and we are His people, O come before Him in song. O come and sing unto the Lord, shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Come before His presence with blessing in your heart; O come and sing unto the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

Mary Kaylor

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION: *Only Trust Him*

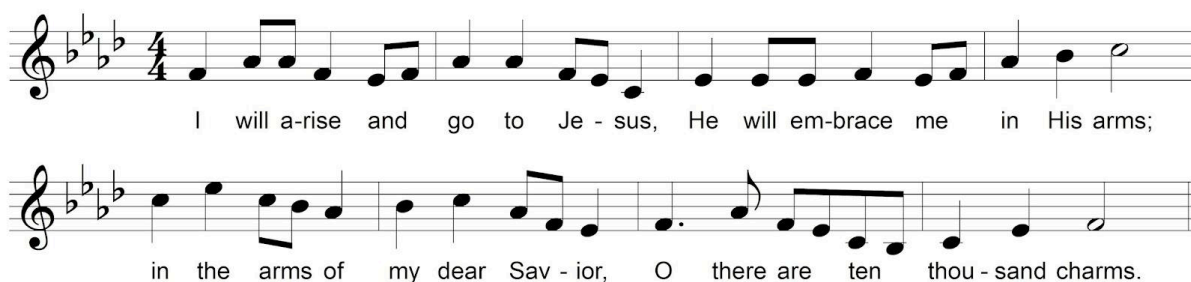
J. Stockton

Sanctuary Choir

Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord, and He will surely give you rest by trusting in His word. Only trust, only trust Him, only trust Him now; He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sandra Talton



Leader: O high and exalted One, we stand in awe
of your majesty and your mystery.
Overwhelmed by your holiness,
we are confronted with our sinfulness.
Yet you still welcome us into your presence,
and love us with steadfast love,
so that we may approach you without fear,
trusting your goodness and your grace.

RESPONSE

Leader: Forgiving God, you know when we stray from your ways.
And with Isaiah we lament, "Woe is me, for I am lost"
We confess our unclean lips for we have spoken without thinking.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
But with you there is forgiveness.

RESPONSE

Leader: You made us to be like you.
And even though that image is tarnished,
you still love us as a parent loves.
You still recognize the divine image you planted deep within us.
So we seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
We draw upon your promises,
and we ask once again simply for mercy,
fully confident that we will never be turned away.

RESPONSE

A SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Leader: Friends, by the generous grace 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.)

TESTIMONY: "Why Church Matters"

Lee Anne Stiffler

*HYMN 592: *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

ENDLESS SONG

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

Roper Halverson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Practicing Our Faith: Singing Our Lives*"

David Williamson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 309: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

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

Carlos Mir

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

Kyle Caudle

*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: *Jubilate Deo*

T. Pumfrey

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:

Carlos Mir and Roper Halverson

Greeters:

Jim Tew and Julie Hall

Safety Team:

Amber Myers and Karen Brown

Streaming and Sound Team:

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.





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 on twelve core Christian practices that have anchored the faith over centuries, 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!

October 18

Practicing Our Faith: Healing

John 5:1-9

October 25

Practicing Our Faith: Shaping Communities

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

November 1

Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well

Psalms 88, 23, 100 & Romans 8:35, 38-39

All Saints Day

Communion Sunday

November 8

Practicing Our Faith: Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

November 15

Practicing Our Faith: Discernment

Galatians 5:16-26

November 22

A Rule of Life

Matthew 25:31-46

Christ the King Sunday

October 27 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00pm

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church for our Quarterly Church Conference (QCC) on Tuesday night, October 27, 2026, at 6:00pm in Kelly Auditorium and on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. The congregation will hear a presentation from the Finance Committee regarding the proposed 2027 Ministry Funding Plan. Among other agenda items will be recommendations from the Membership Task Force, a joint committee report about changes to staff job descriptions, the proposed 2027 Leadership slate, and regular committee and team updates. Supper will be served at 5:30pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. RSVP in your newsletter for dinner. All reports and the finalized agenda will be emailed closer to the date. Join us!

November 22 | Building Dedication & Celebration

At long last, the time has come to celebrate the opening of our back lot and dedication of the new space it will provide! On Sunday evening, November 22, come early (4:30pm) for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner and bazaar to share in a sunset blessing and fellowship under the pavilion. Time together that night will unfold as we tour new spaces outside, enjoy a refreshed first floor, and share in fellowship and gratitude for all of God's good gifts. Join us!

New Church Cookbook - Buy Yours Today!

Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and months of hard work, our new church cookbook is ready for you to enjoy! Delicious recipes range from Cheerwine Punch to Ambrosia Salad to Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya to Grandma's Fudge. Copies are \$20 each, and we anticipate they'll be ready for pickup in the church office by the end of October. To reserve your copy, click the link in your newsletter! Payment is due upon pickup.

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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October 18 | CROP Walk

First on Fifth Youth are helping to raise awareness and fight hunger by participating in CROP Walk on Sunday, October 18. Our fundraising goal for 2026 is \$3,000. Help us fight hunger by donating to CROP Walk at the link in your newsletter or by making a check to **CWS/CROP**. If you would like to walk with us, the walk begins at Corpening Plaza at 2:30 pm. Please contact kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

October 24 | Chicken Stew & Bonfire Fellowship

The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to join in an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun around the bonfire on Saturday, October 24th, starting at 7:00 pm! We will serve chicken stew, vegetable soup, tea, and lemonade. This will be a potluck-style gathering, so you are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP in your newsletter by October 10 so we can prepare enough food. For questions or concerns, please contact Nathan Mitchell. We look forward to enjoying a wonderful fall evening with you!

October 25 | Children's Ministry to Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch

All children and their families are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Fries Creek Family Farm on Sunday, October 25, starting at 2:00pm. Admission is free and includes things like a bounce house, basketball, pumpkin bowling, slides, and more! If you'd like to do the corn maze, apple cannon, and the hayride, the cost is \$15/person. If you'd like to do only one of those activities, the cost is \$6 for each activity. Ages 4 and under are free for the corn maze. This family farm will also have items for sale like apple cider, hot chocolate, ice cream, and more. Food trucks will be on site as well. Please RSVP in your newsletter to let us know you are interested in attending!

October 29 | The Gospel According to Dolly Parton

Beginning Thursday, October 29, Pastor Mary will lead a four week study of scripture illuminated by some of Dolly's beloved hit songs. Dolly has a lot to teach us about the gospel! We will meet via Zoom from 12-1 pm each Thursday through November 19. Contact Mary with any questions.

November 16 | Special Program with Lunch!

Please join us on Monday, November 16, at 11:30 for lunch, followed by a special program from Randell Jones, an award-winning author and storyteller. To learn more about Randell, you can visit his website at <https://www.randelljones.com>.

Call for Advent Devotional Writers!

The Adult Ministry Team is putting together a 2026 Advent Devotional Guide, and we need writers to make this happen! For this guide, we will incorporate the practice of testimony by asking writers to include personal experiences that go with assigned scriptures. Please email Joy Gambill (gambilljm@wfu.edu) or Kyle Caudle (kyle@firstonfifth.org) if you are interested.

Orders Due for Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, to decorate the Sanctuary this December, please pick up a form and return it with your payment to the church office by November 1! The cost is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

Mark Your Calendars!

November 3 – Sanctuary open for prayer on Election Day

November 22 – First Impressions, Building Dedication, & Thanksgiving Potluck

November 29 – Advent 1: Hanging of the Green

December 4 – Young Adult Christmas Dinner Party

December 6 – Advent 2 & Messiah Performance

December 9 – Older Adult Christmas Party

December 13 – Advent 3: Lessons & Carols &

Churchwide Open House at the Hulls

December 18 – Tanglewood Lights

December 20 – Advent 4

December 21 – Longest Night

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5pm

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

The gift for October is Canned Meats. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, October 11

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*)

MONDAY, October 12

6:00 pm Leadership Council (*Commons*)

TUESDAY, October 13

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

WEDNESDAY, October 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Conference*)
12:30 pm Communications 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, October 15

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

FRIDAY, October 16

SATURDAY, October 17

SUNDAY, October 18

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*)
12:15 pm Missions Committee (*Baraca*)
12:15 pm New Member Ministry Team (*Conference*)
2:30 pm CROP Walk (*offsite*)

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

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