



“Why join a church? What is the benefit of church membership? It is about being a member of a body that has things in common, and that has futures in common toward which we are willing to work. Each member is invited to take sustained responsibility for the life and well-being of the whole. That responsibility must be widely held. ... The time is well over in our society when it could be assumed that the church is simply ‘there’ and can be counted on at our convenience. Now we know how fragile the church as a community is, and that it therefore takes attentiveness on the part of all its members. ...I think membership obligates us to each other.”

+ Walter Brueggemann

“The church is not a building or an institution. It can’t be contained within walls – even beautiful, exquisitely crafted walls. The church is the love of God working through the endurance, tenacity, and openness of God’s people. The church is the witness we agree to bear even when empires rise and fall.”

+ Debie Thomas

Hallelujah, Mike Moyers

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 25, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *Piano Sonata V, I. Allegro tranquillo*

S. Prokofiev

Anna Thornton, Piano

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: Let us sing a hymn in unison,
for we are not many, but one.

**All: Let us praise our God in harmony,
for we are not one, but many.**

Leader: Members are we, one of another:
the body of Christ, the people of God.

**All: Let our melody rise as if from one voice,
while the chorus resounds throughout all creation!**

*HYMN 349: *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Let this sanctuary resound with the good news of forgiveness,
for Jesus offers generous pardon to all who truly repent.
Let us pray:

**All: Reconciling God,
you have called us to the way of Love,
but we often allow fear to divide us from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your purifying light into our darkened hearts.
Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, removing every barrier
that separates us from God and one another.

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.)

FAMILY COVENANT

Amy McClure and Emily Hull McGee

Adaline Claire Bethune

Parents: Brian and Hannah Bethune

Gilchrist Roy Roberston

Parents: Austin and Sheri-Lyn Roberston

Leader: Children, for you, Christ was born into this world. For you, he taught
and healed, lived and loved the people around him. For you, he died on
Calvary, and for you, he was raised to new life. And little ones, you just
wiggle and play and wonder and know nothing of this, which thus
confirms the words of scripture, that “before we loved God,

All: God loved us!”

Leader: Amen!

ANTHEM: *Great and Glorious*

F.J. Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty, glorious in power eternal, mighty and
loving Father; praise Him for His greatness, praise Him for all His exceeding
greatness. Great and glorious, mighty in awful majesty, let all extol Him for
evermore. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God; glorious
and mighty, loving Father, glorious ever in majesty. Praise to Thy name, Thy holy
name forevermore. God is nigh to all that call truly upon Him; the Lord upholdeth
all who fall, and gently He upraiseth those who are bowed down. Great and
glorious, mighty and loving Father in power eternal. Great and glorious; call upon
Him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

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.

TESTIMONY: "Why Church Matters"

Chris Gambill

*HYMN 254: *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

CANONBURY

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Practicing Our Faith: Shaping Communities*"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 477: *We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Beth Sabbagh

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

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

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE: *Etude No. 1, L. 136*

C. Debussy

Anna Thornton, Piano

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Faye Strollo and Eva Robertson

Deacon of the Week:

Beth Sabbagh and Joani Hughes

Greeters:

Wally Cox and Alice Cox

Safety Team:

William Strollo, Terry Lefler, Eric Flye

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.



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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, 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!

November 1

Practicing Our Faith: Dying Well
Psalm 88, 23, 100 & Romans 8:35,38-39
All Saints Day
Communion Sunday

November 8

Practicing Our Faith: Forgiveness
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

First on Fifth Seeks Childcare Specialist

The Children’s Ministry Team is seeking a skilled Childcare Specialist to serve as part of our nursery ministry. This person will serve faithfully on Sunday mornings during Sunday school and worship, as well as during special services throughout the year. If you or anyone you may know might be interested, please visit <https://firstonfifth.org/employment/> to learn more about the role and the application process.

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.

October 25 | Children’s Ministry Fall Fellowship

All children and their families are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Fryes Creek Family Farm on Sunday, October 25, starting at 2:00 pm. This family farm has a variety of activities, food, and drink for your family’s enjoyment. Please RSVP in your newsletter to let us know you are interested in attending!

October 27 | Quarterly Church Conference, 6:00 pm

As is our custom, we will gather to do the regular business of the church at 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, there 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 5:30 pm, 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!

October 29 | The Gospel According to Dolly Parton

Everyone’s invited to join this special four-week study! Together we will delve into what we can learn about our faith from the Queen of Country herself, Dolly Parton. Each session will offer the opportunity to reflect on and discuss Scripture in conversation with one of Dolly’s beloved songs. We will meet on Zoom from 12- 1 p.m. on Thursdays beginning October 29. There’s no need to RSVP; just join us via the Zoom link in your newsletter. See Mary with any questions.

October 29 | Jesus Was a Migrant Film Screening

The Missions Committee at First on Fifth invites you to a screening of the film “Jesus Was a Migrant,” a documentary about borders, belief, and what we owe to each other. This event will take place in Kelly Auditorium on Thursday, October 29, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact kyle@firstonfifth.org

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, October 25

- 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*)
- 12:00 pm Called Deacons Meeting (*Kelly*)
- 2:00 pm Children's Ministry Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch Fellowship (*offsite*)

MONDAY, October 26

- 10:00 am Pastoral Care Ministry Team (*Conference*)

TUESDAY, October 27

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 9:30 am Older Adult Ministry Team (*offsite*)
- 6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference (*Kelly*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 28

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

THURSDAY, October 29

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
- 12:00 pm The Gospel According to Dolly Parton Study (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Jesus Was a Migrant Film Screening (*Kelly*)

FRIDAY, October 30

SATURDAY, October 31

SUNDAY, November 1

- 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*)
- 2:30 pm Messiah Rehearsal (*Kelly*)

OFFICE HOURS

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

Seeking Donations | Crisis Control

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

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