

"Grace After Meals," by John O'Donahue

We end this meal with grace
for the joy and nourishment of food,
the slowed time away from the world
to come into presence with each other
and sense the subtle lives behind our faces,
the different colors of our voices,
the edges of hungers we keep private,
the circle of love that unites us.
We pray the wise spirit who keeps us
to change the structures that make others hunger
and that after such grace we might now go forth
and impart dignity wherever we partake.

"Hospitality is central to the credibility of the gospel and
gives flesh to its content."

+ Christine Pohl, *Making Room: Recovering
Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*



The Best Feast, by Jan Richardson

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *St. Francis Suite, III. Earth Carol*

Jacob Hill, Organ

R. Purvis

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

**All: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: Let us gather at the table of the Lord,
a table that stretches around the world.
a table as long and as wide as the love of God.

**All: Let us gather in the spirit of Christ,
who greets us as host at this table.
All are welcome!**

*HYMN 246: *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joy Gambill

Leader: God of all nations and all peoples,
we confess our tendency to exclude those unlike us,
to limit the infinite reach of your grace,
to imagine the church with anything less than a world-wide communion.

All: Lord, forgive us for our narrow faith.

Leader: We confess our tendency
to be satisfied with a juvenile spirituality,
to avoid the hard work and discipline of discipleship,
to live in the center where faith comes easy,
and to avoid the edges where faith is deepened.

All: Lord, forgive us for our shallow faith.

Leader: We confess our tendency to insulate ourselves
from the call to bold love and boundless compassion,
to fear the purposes of God and God's grace to accomplish it,
to doubt the power of the good news we are called to proclaim.

All: Lord, forgive us for a timid faith.

Leader: O God, renew and change us, that we may be a living testimony
to all the nations of the world, including our own.

All: O Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chris Gambill

Leader: Friends, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let this good news be proclaimed throughout the world:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Let us share the sign of a forgiven people:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you.)

ANTHEM: *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

D. Gardiniere

Sanctuary Choir

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing. The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy McClure

THE LORD'S PRAYER

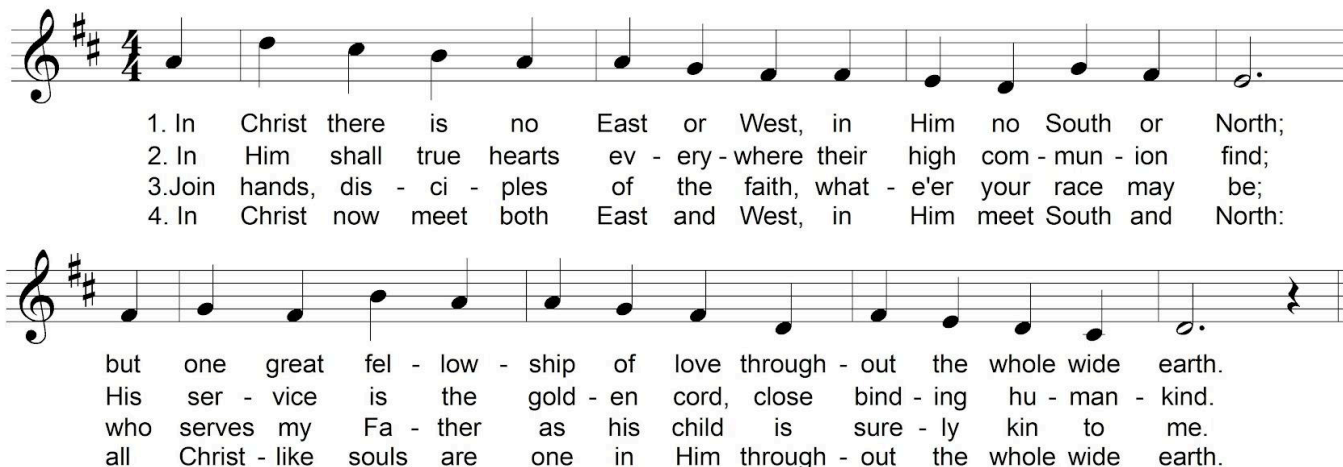
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

TESTIMONY: "Why Church Matters"

Russell and Sarah Talley

*HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - like souls are one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 14:7-21

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Practicing Our Faith: Hospitality*"

Emily Hull McGee

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 274: *As Grain on Scattered Hillsides*

MERLE'S TUNE

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

Steve Loftis

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: *Taiwanese Suite, I. Hills in the Springtime*

C. Chen

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes and Crucifer:

Elvie Cox, Slate Cox, Thayer Smelcer

Deacon of the Week:

Steve Loftis and Joy Gambill

Greeters:

Jim Tew and Sherry Tew

Safety Team:

Terry Lefler, Jeff Kessler

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.

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, 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 11

Practicing Our Faith: Singing Our Lives
David Williamson, proclaimer

October 18

Practicing Our Faith: Healing
John 5:1-9

October 25

Practicing Our Faith: Shaping Communities
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

October 4 | Longest Table

Today is the day for The Longest Table! Together with fellow downtown churches, we'll gather on 5th Street for an evening of food and fellowship. You can now sign up to be a part of this special gathering through the link in your newsletter. Also, keep inviting your friends and neighbors to fill our tables!

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!

October 9 | First Films!

The Arts Ministry Team continues this month with movies exploring the “Practicing Our Faith” sermon series. On October 9, we will screen “The Apostle”, a story of flawed faith and redemption in the working-class American South. Showtime is 6:30 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Popcorn and refreshments are provided. Please join us!

October 10 | YA Fellowship at Top Golf

Bring your best swing and join us at Top Golf in Greensboro on Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 am. We've reserved bays for play, and spots are limited, so RSVP in your newsletter to claim your spot!

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. 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!

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!

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 4

CBFNC Youth Beach Retreat

- 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*)
- 5:00 pm The Longest Table (*outside*)

MONDAY, October 5

- 6:30 pm Nominating Committee (*online*)
- 7:00 pm Community Engagement (*online*)

TUESDAY, October 6

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 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, October 7

- 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, October 8

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

FRIDAY, October 9

- 6:30 pm First Films (*Kelly*)

SATURDAY, October 10

- 10:30 am YA Fellowship at Top Golf (*offsite*)

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*)

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