

“Life is tragic simply because the earth turns and the sun inexorably rises and sets, and one day, for each of us, the sun will go down for the last, last time. Perhaps the whole root of our trouble, the human trouble, is that we will sacrifice all the beauty of our lives, will imprison ourselves in totems, taboos, crosses, blood sacrifices, steeples, mosques, races, armies, flags, nations, in order to deny the fact of death, which is the only fact we have.”

+ James Baldwin

“The last words of Gerard Manley Hopkins, a poet and priest who died of typhoid at the age of forty-five, are striking: “I am so happy. I am so happy. I loved my life.” How desperately we, the living, want to believe in this possibility: that death could be filled with promise, that the pain of leaving and separation could be, if not a foretaste of joy, then at least not meaningless. Forget religion. Even atheists want to die well, or want those they love to die well, which has to mean more than simply a quiet resignation to complete annihilation. That is merely a polite nihilism. No, to die well, even for the religious, is to accept not only our own terror and sadness but the terrible holes we leave in the lives of others; at the same time, to die well, even for the atheist, is to believe that there is some way of dying into life rather than simply away from it, some form of survival that love makes possible.”

+ Christian Wiman



Ira Thomas, *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE: *There Is a Happy Land*

G. Shearing

Jacob Hill, Organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Jones

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
sing for joy, all upright in heart.

**All: Let heaven blaze in gladness this day;
let us join with the saints of all times and places to worship the living God.**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**All: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kyle Caudle

Leader: As we share the peace of Christ on this All Saints Sunday,
we do so mindful of those who have passed from the violence
of this world into the eternal peace of heaven.
The sign of peace that we offer to one another today
bears witness to the eternal peace that is promised in the life to come.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share these words of peace with those around you.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 88

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: Dying Well: Lament

Emily Hull McGee

INTERLUDE: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. M.L. Thompson

Chancel Ringers Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 23

Emily Hull McGee

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

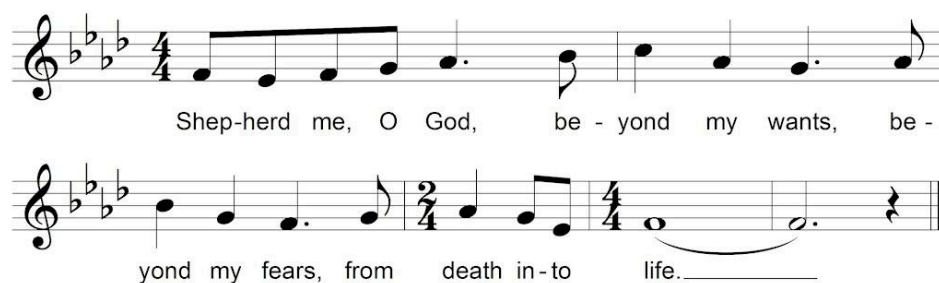
All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: Dying Well: Comfort

Emily Hull McGee

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: Psalm 100

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: Dying Well: Thanksgiving

Emily Hull McGee

ANTHEM: *Set Me As a Seal*

R. Clausen

Sanctuary Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can floods drown it.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Eternal God, help us this day to remember the unseen cloud
of witnesses who surround us: those who in every age and generation
witnessed to their faith in life and in death;

**All: Those who by their selfless courage and humility set before us
what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ;**

Leader: Those whom we have loved and who have gone to be with you forever,
whose names are written on our hearts. We remember:

(As each name is read, please respond with the words, "Thanks be to God".)

Geraldine Mitchell

Dale Allen

Betty Scales

Dot Austin

Hilda Scarborough

Jay Joyce

Leader: Lord, now let these servants depart in peace according to your word.

All: And let your perpetual light shine upon them both now and forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:35, 38-39

Emily Hull McGee

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: Dying Well: Hope

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN 545: *In the Bulb*

PROMISE

*During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary
and light one of the candles on the chancel railing in memory of a loved one.*

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 630: *Look You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*

EVANGELINE

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 Stewart

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. In a moment, offering plates will be passed for you to share your financial contribution to support the ministries of First Baptist Church. 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

TESTIMONY: Why I Give

Wally Cox

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: *Sortie in C*

M. Ellis

Jacob Hill, Organ

*Those who are able will please stand.

BENEVOLENCE FUND

At the conclusion of today's worship service, 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 that is not designated in an envelope will be allocated to the Benevolence Fund.

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SERVING TODAY

<u>Acolytes:</u>	Nora Arredondo, Lucy Arredondo, Lorelei Clark
<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Linda Stewart and Linda Jones
<u>Greeters:</u>	Youth
<u>Safety Team:</u>	Charlie Patrick, Dana Patrick, Chris Gambill
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	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. Restrooms are available on either side of the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary and on every level in the back half of our building. 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 Everywhere app to your smartphone. Make sure you are connected to the firstonfifth-guest WIFI network. Password: boldandboundless. Select the main channel on the app, and ensure the sound is unmuted in the bottom left corner.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026

Church Members

Geraldine Mitchell - November 5, 2025

Dale Allen - December 10, 2025

Betty Scales - February 14, 2026

Dot Austin - May 6, 2026

Hilda Scarborough - August 16, 2026

Jay Joyce - August 25, 2026

Friends and Family

Elizabeth Loftis - mother of Steve Loftis

Grant Lynch, Jr - son of Grant Lynch

Diane Herring - daughter of Grant Lynch

Charles Martin - grandfather of Julie Hall

Frankie Dickenson - mother of Pam Whitaker

Imogene Frye - mother of Debbie Adams

Alice Hall - mother of Jeannie Kiger

Charlie Carter - father of John Carter

Brenda Reavis - sister of Sheila Thomason

Katy Corriher - sister of Tony Steelman

Pamela Maloney - mother of Mary Maloney

Seth Moskowitz - husband of Mary Ann Grozinger

Terry Powell - father of Jeremy Powell

Dathne Barbour - mother of Amanda Harris

Mary Towles - mother of Chris Towles

Mary Fahrforth - grandmother of Kim Towles

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026

LIFE TOGETHER BUILDING FUND

In Memory of:

Dale & Diane Messick by Kevin & Laura Messick

Dale Allen by Susan Utsey, Hoyt & Mary Beard,
Beth Stainback, Janet Williams, JoAnn & Douglas

Burrow, Mary Brown, Patsy Stamey, Carlos Mir,
Elmer & Betty Hayashi

Gerri Mitchell by Hoyt & Mary Beard

Joni Wells by Joan & Randy Boyles

Bill & Betty Scales by David Matthews, Janet Falls,
Janet Williams

Betty Scales by Carlos Mir

Dot Austin by Carlos Mir

Hilda Scarborough by Carlos Mir

Jay Joyce by Carlos Mir

In Honor of:

Rob Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback

John & Alice Norwood by Beth & Gene Stainback

Alex Norwood & Matt Dyson by Beth & Gene
Stainback

Gary & Jill Knight by Dennis & Sylvia Knight

Emily Hull McGee by Krista & Rhodes Woolly

Friendship class leaders by Anonymous

Mary Foskett & Scott Hudgins by Kenneth Lamb

BENEVOLENCE FUND

In Memory of:

Irvin & Martha Brown by Michael Brown

Cora C. Straughan by Megan Straughan

Hilda Scarborough by Janet Williams, Brenda

Edmond, Gloria Martin, Bucky, Beth & Chapman
Scarborough

In Honor of:

FBC Staff by Barry & Linda Lewis

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of:

Kay Corriher by Grady & Jolene Simmons

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of:

Joni Wells by Benny & Mary Ann Bowes

Joni Wells by Donna & Tom Woody

Hilda Scarborough by Mary & Hoyt Beard

Dolly Parton by Linda Merchant

MISSIONS FUND

In Memory of:

Dathne B. Barbour by Linda Merchant

Mary Towles by Linda Merchant

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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 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

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 **today!** The cost is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

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.

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!

November 15 | Called Church Conference

Below is the summary of the 2027 Ministry Funding Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee and Deacons as presented at the conference on October 27. This plan will be presented for church vote on November 15, 2026, at the end of worship. Detailed copies are available in the church office.

2027 Ministry Funding Plan Summary	
Missions & Outreach	\$127,133
Personnel	\$750,635
Facilities	\$200,700
Ministries & Operations	\$117,830
TOTAL	\$1,196,298
Less designated & endowed fund offsets	-\$101,500
MINISTRIES TO BE FUNDED	\$1,094,798

The church will also vote on the following deacon nominees to serve from 2027-2029. These are presented by the Nominating Committee as recommended by membership.

Chris Gambill	Dana Patrick
Joseph Jones	Lynn Rhoades
Kelly King	Susan Smelcer
Linda Merchant	Steve Smith

November 13 | First Films

This month the Arts Ministry offers a final film exploring the “Practicing Our Faith” sermon series. On November 13, we will screen *Shadowlands*, a look at the life of C.S. Lewis as he discovers the profound truth that “a heart awakened to great love is also opened to great pain.” Showtime is 6:30 pm in Kelly Auditorium. Popcorn and refreshments are provided. Please join us!

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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*)

MONDAY, November 2

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

TUESDAY, November 3

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Commons*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes Ministry (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference*)
- 6:00 pm Children's MT (*online*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, November 4

- 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, November 5

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Group (*offsite*)
- 12:00 pm The Gospel According to Dolly Parton Study (*online*)

FRIDAY, November 6

- 7:00 pm Board Game Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

SATURDAY, November 7

SUNDAY, November 8

- 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 | Crisis Control

The gift for November is Baking Items. Please drop off donations in the first-floor bins. Thank you!

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