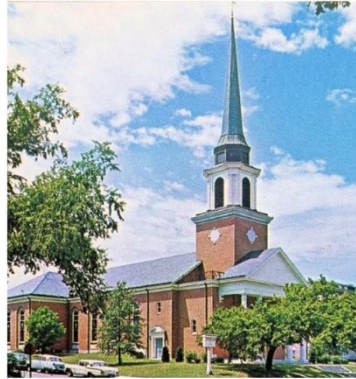
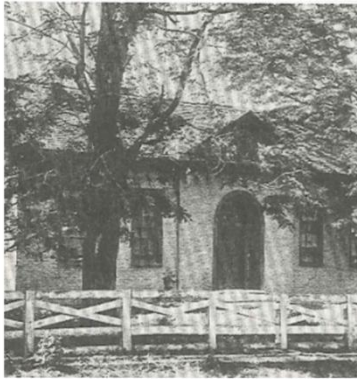
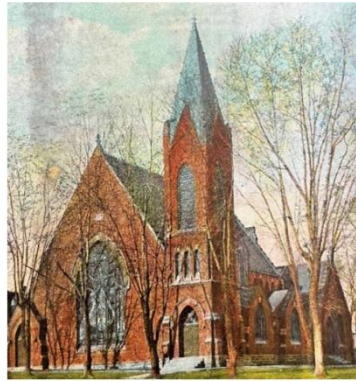
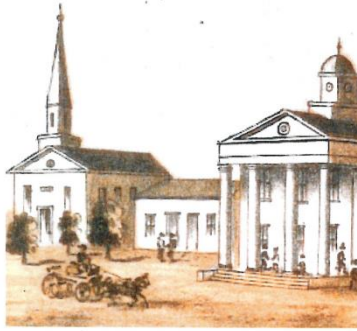


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200

years of First Baptist



Our Worship of God

November 12, 2023

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ 200 Year Anniversary ~

Welcome and Invocation

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor Michael McEntyre

We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**With our mouths we will make Your faithfulness known
through all generations.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

† Opening Hymn 78

O God Our Help in Ages Past

This hymn was sung at our 150th anniversary.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Joshua 3:5-6, 14-17

Then Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” To the priests Joshua said, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

By Faith

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells

Noah Hartsfield, Conductor

*By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.
We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Christ, our soles' reward,
'Til the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.
By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

O God, you are faithful.

Your goodness and love is worthy of praise.

From the beginning of creation, your presence has sparked a movement among your people.

You spoke the world into being and love into our lives.

All throughout time, you have called your people to trust in your goodness and make a way in the wilderness.

You called Joshua and the Israelites to cross the waters,

You called the disciples to leave their nets to follow Jesus,

You called the reformers to challenge the status quo,

You called our founders to make a home in Columbia,

You call us to continue in the way of love.

All throughout time, you have called.

All throughout time, you have been faithful.

Faithful God, as we look back over these past 200 years of ministry in Columbia,

We give you thanks.

For the faithful witness of a progressive Christianity,

For a deep belief that unity does not require uniformity,

For a commitment to a just and equitable world,

We give you thanks.

For First Baptist's commitment to Christian education,

We give you thanks.

For 200 years of Sunday School classes and small groups,

For the teachers and learners,

For the questions and wonderings,

For the Bible studies and book discussions,

For the laughter and learning,

we give you thanks.

For First Baptist's love of music,

We give you thanks.

For 200 years of worshipping through song,

For the people who have entered our halls to share their gifts,

For each note played and lyric sung,

For every hymn and song,

For the thousands of concerts, services, and recitals,

We give you thanks.

For the people of First Baptist, both known and unknown,

We give you thanks.

For our founders and early members, who followed your call
to start the first church in Columbia, Missouri,

And for the 200 years of people following.

For the faithful worshippers and honest doubters,

For the young and the young at heart,

For the challengers and the listeners,

For the deacons and the pastors,

For all who have been baptized or married here,

For all who found this place as a refuge.

For each and every person who has called First Baptist home,
even if only for a little while,

We give you thanks.

O God, for the past 200 years, you have been faithful.

For the past 200 years, you have called.

Give us the imagination to see 200 more,

Guide us as we follow your call. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Ken Hammann, *Church Treasurer*

†Song of Praise

Goodness of God

*Brian's sixth great grandfather was Allen McGuire,
the first called Pastor at First Baptist from 1867-1871.*

Joshua 4:4-7

“Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

Community We Gather

Sung to AURELIA (*The Churches One Foundation*)
written by Noah Hartsfield, *First Baptist Handbell Director*

*Community we gather;
Our prayers and songs we raise!
Two hundred years of service,
Of worship and of praise!
The work we have completed,
The work that's still undone;
Renew our call together,
Steadfast 'til 'Kindom' come.*

*To seek the mind and vision
Of God the three-in-one.
To follow as disciples,
Fulfill what Christ begun.
To serve, to pray, to worship,
To learn, to grow, to give;
To ever be a witness
To show how Christ would live.*

*Gods' gifts do not know gender,
Not race, not creed, not age!
They call us to discomfort,
To work too be the change.
To widen out our welcome;
To love, and to be loved.
Gods' grace and love and mercy
Are sent from up above.*

*Steadfast throughout the centuries
Gods' blessings have poured down!
You watch and call us forward;
The saints, they gather 'round.
To show Christ' love and wisdom
In unity we stand!
Diverse in thought and viewpoint,
Together in Gods' plan.*

*Community we gather;
Our prayers and songs we raise!
Two hundred years of service,
Of worship and of praise!
The work we have completed,
The work that's still undone;
Renew our call together,
Steadfast 'til 'Kindom' come.*

Message

*Two Centuries of
River Crossings & Rock Memorials*

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

Rena Tratchel, *Church Moderator*

**Because we have responded to Christ's call
to follow him as disciples
and because we find this calling
too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,
we covenant together to support and to
pray for one another without ceasing;
to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes,
and caring in all our dealings with one another;
to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves
and our life together,
mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.**

**Moreover, we covenant to give first priority
to our times of public worship and learning;
to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving,
faithful service and personal witness;
to live our lives in a manner worthy
of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith;
and to seek others' forgiveness
and God's when we fail to honor this covenant,
trusting God's Spirit to renew us
in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.**

†Song of Response

Beautiful Story

Life of the Church

†Benediction – A Charge to the Congregation (responsive)

*This benediction was written for the 175th Anniversary
by Dr. J. Daniel Day, Senior Pastor (1985-1996)*

From our humble origin in William Hardin's pioneer home,
To the elegance of this bright sanctuary.

'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far.

Through days of worry and of wonder,
through times of plenty and seasons of want,
Through valleys of grief and heights of accomplishments,

'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far.

So now we return to tasks as old as trust, to mandates as clear as generosity,
To tomorrows as bright and beckoning as God's promises.

And grace will lead us home.

We turn to one another with love, to our leaders in appreciation,
To our future with confidence, and most of all, to our Savior
Through whose power we can do all things needful.

And grace will lead us, and grace will lead us all;

God's grace will lead us all home. Amen.

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, based on Psalm 89:1 and 90:1-2

O God Our Help in Ages Past, Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Music: William Croft, 1708.

Litany for 200 Years written by Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

Goodness of God, CCLI Song # 7117726 Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

Beautiful Story, CCLI Song # 7081679 Andrew Holt | Mia Fieldes | Robert Marvin

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 12 – 200th Anniversary

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am 200th Anniversary Service in the Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Churchwide Photo in the Sanctuary, followed by luncheon at Stephens

Monday, November 13

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30-7:30 pm Chancel Bells
- 5:30 *The Calling* Dinner
- 6:00-7:15 *The Calling*

Thursday, November 16

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

Sunday, November 19

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm College Ministry, *The Gathering*

Announcements

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card at the welcome table, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect Room and a meal will be provided.



ADVENT(ure) – November 29th at 6pm

First Kids wants to invite all children in their families to this year's Advent(ure): Our Super Cool Pool Party! You LOVE pool parties, right? But in winter - nah, hard pass. So let's have a pool party, with all the pool noodles, pool toys, and pool antics, but without the water. Our Super Cool Pool Party is a family event leading up to the season of Advent. Children and their families can play games, eat from our ice cream bar, and fellowship with one another. Join us as we prepare for the Advent season with fellowship and fun!

Christmas Dinner - December 17 at 5pm

We invite you to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared for a lovely meal of turkey, ham, and beverages provided by the church, and excellent side dishes and desserts prepared by you and your First Baptist friends. To help ensure we have a variety of food, we encourage you to bring a side dish if your last name begins A-M and a dessert if your last name begins with N-Z. Young musicians will provide special entertainment and our Chaotic Christmas Pageant is back for another year of fun and laughter. Come feast and celebrate with us!

Advent and Hanging of the Green - December 3

Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, begins on December 3rd. During both Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 am and Traditional Worship at 11:15 am, we will take some time to Hang the Green. We will spend some time decorating the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for Advent during worship. This is always a special time in the life of our church.

Forward in Faith

Each November, as we begin our budget planning process for our next year of ministry, we ask our faith community to consider partnering with us by pledging their financial support. Our theme for this year's annual pledge drive is Forward in Faith. As we move into our 200th year of ministry, we wanted a theme that reflected the church's commitment to the future. Your pledge ensures that our unique progressive Christian voice will continue. On Sundays, November 12 and 19, there will be a time set aside for people to offer their pledges during the worship services.

Reception for Pastors Carol and Michael McEntyre

On Sunday, November 26 during the 10:15 Spiritual formation hour, the Church Council will be hosting a reception in honor of the McEntyre family to thank them for their many years of service and give space for our congregation to express gratitude for their ministry alongside us. The reception will take place in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments.



2023 Church Council

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Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director,
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Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director
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Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator