



Our Worship of God

October 29, 2023

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, give to God your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

†Opening Songs

House of the Lord
King of My Heart

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 149:1-3

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Worshiping God Through Song

How Can I Keep From Singing

Liturgy for Worship (responsive)

God our Creator,
 God our Teacher,
God our Friend,
 God our Love:

We are hungry for your goodness
 And thirsty for Living Water.

We set our intentions toward improving our skills,
 Growing our spirits;
Enlarging our body of knowledge,
 Growing our abilities;
Enhancing our servant leadership,
 Growing our understanding;
Strengthening our communities,
 Growing our capacity to love.

Let music flow through our bodies
 And praise bubble up on our lips.
Let humility be what we're known for
 And worship be our daily rhythm.
Let the love of Christ be our means and our ends
 And your presence be the true home of our hearts.

Giver of wisdom, helper and guide:
 We look to you.
Creator, Son, and Spirit:
 We wait for you. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:12,16

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Our Gifts

†Song of Praise

Gratitude

Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Song of Response

Creation Sings

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, from ministrymatters.com

House of the Lord, CCLI Song # 7168995 Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

King of My Heart, CCLI Song # 7046145 John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan

How Can I Keep From Singing, CCLI Song # 4524869 Mary Lynn Lightfoot | Robert Lowry

Gratitude, CCLI Song # 7158417 Benjamin Hastings | Brandon Lake | Dante Bowe

Creation Sings, CCLI Song # 7062633 David Leonard | Leslie Jordan

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 29

- 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 Fellowship Hall
- 3:00-7:30 pm Fall Fun Fest at Midway Golf & Games

Monday, October 30

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 31

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 5 -All Saints' Sunday

- 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
- 10:25 am Youth Parent Meeting in the Conference Room
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 pm *Jesus and John Wayne* Book Discussion in the Conference Room
- 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



Fall Fun Fest – This afternoon - October 29

Fall Fun Fest is back for another year at Midway Golf and Games. Join us Sunday, October 29 from 3:00-7:30 for food, fellowship, and fun. There will be an opportunity to play archery tag, mini-golf, and of course participate in our annual trunk-or-treat. The Gold Pumpkin is at play for the most creative trunk!

Jesus and John Wayne Book Discussion

Sunday, November 5 at 12:30 pm

Join Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke on November 5 at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room for a conversation about one of our summer reads, *Jesus and John Wayne*. In this brilliant book, author Kristin Kobes Du Mez argues that the 2016 election of Donald Trump was not an accident. Rather, Trump's rise to evangelical fame is a feature of a 75-year-long transformation of Jesus into a macho "spiritual badass." Feel free to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book; it will be a lively one. We will meet in the Conference Room and a meal will be provided. RSVP to ccooke@fbc-columbia.org by October 29.

All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 5, during both worship services, we will have a time of remembrance for All Saints' Day. This is a time to remember the lives of saints- any Christians who have gone before us. We will ring a bell in honor of those in our church family who died this past year. You will be given an opportunity to ring a bell in honor of your friends or family members, outside the church who have died in the past year. Through All Saints, we celebrate Jesus, who conquered death and the grave and anticipate heaven as a family reunion with all who have already passed on.

Important Youth Parent Meeting

Sunday, November 5 at 10:25 am in the Conference Room

I am asking all of our youth parents to join me in the Conference Room on Sunday, November 5 at 10:25 am for a meeting to discuss ongoing plans for our Student Ministry. I regret to choose a time that conflicts with our Small Groups, but given all of the activities as we move towards the 200th Celebration, this was the best option. During this meeting I will lay out the known plans for our Student Ministry as well as listen to your thoughts to take back and share with the Personnel Committee. I am grateful for your leadership and guidance through this transition period.

-Pastor Michael McEntyre

200th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service & Church Photo

We invite all First Baptist friends to join us in celebrating a momentous occasion - our 200th Anniversary! On November 12, at 11:15 am, we will come together for a special Anniversary Celebration Worship Service as we give thanks to God for 200 years of mission and ministry. Following the service, we will gather on the Sanctuary chancel and take a church-wide photo! All who worship with us will be invited to participate in the photo opportunity.

Self-Study Committee Update

First Baptist's Self-Study Committee is composed of Church Council members (Lynne Lampe and Julie Scroggs) and at-large church members (Kim Moeller, Ronda Wahl, and Charles Hunter). The purpose of this committee is to gather information and feedback from the congregation regarding First Baptist's values, needs of the church, and qualities desired in the next Pastor. The information gathered will be put into a report for the Pastor Search Committee to use to inform their search and create the Church Profile. The Self-Study Committee is meeting weekly to discuss the next steps regarding the best ways to gather your feedback. What you can expect from our committee are regular updates and announcements regarding a survey and town halls, which will occur this winter. Our goal is to complete the survey, town halls, and report by the end of February.

Interim Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

We wanted to update you on what's been happening with our search for an Interim Sr. Pastor. First, our committee has been hard at work crafting a job description for the Interim Sr. Pastor role. We've sent it out to our denominational partners. We're also gathering information about specific pastors who have served as interim pastors in our region. This will help us better understand who might be the best fit for our congregation. We've developed a set of questions we plan to use during the interview process with potential candidates. It's all about finding the right person who has the skills and shares our values and vision.

An important note: there's a national trend of fewer individuals available to serve as interim pastors. It seems that most of the candidates are either recently retired or planning to retire soon. In light of this, we're open to being flexible with some of the responsibilities and the number of days per week a candidate needs to be on-site. Our main goal is to find the best match for our church. Our hope is that we can have an interim pastor in place by the first quarter of 2024. We know this is an important step for our church, and we're committed to making it happen. If you have any questions or thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us on the committee. We're here to listen and work together to find the best interim pastor for our church.

-Stephen Hoell, Sherry Wyatt, Mary Beth Ming, Ross Kasmann, and Charles Hunter



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