

BAPTISM

 Sunday


First Baptist Church
columbia

Our Worship of God

November 19, 2023

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

† Call to Worship (responsive)

Creator God, giver of life and light, we praise you.

**As you spoke to Jesus at his baptism, speak to us now
with your Word, your command, your delight.**

Beloved Christ, you call us to share in the
baptism of your death and resurrection.

In your baptism you draw all believers to you.

Draw us to you now, and make us one with you.

Holy Spirit, you who brooded over the waters of Creation, create us anew.

**Pour out your power upon us, fill us with your delight,
and transform us according to your grace. Amen.**

† Opening Song

Holy Water

† Passing the Peace of Christ

- *Washing and Cleansing* -

Scripture Reading

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Acts 22:16

And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Baptism

Litany for Baptism

God, You are always teaching us who we are

By your gifts, presence, and words to us.

For the baptism with water, a symbol of our new life,

We give thanks.

For baptism of your spirit, the gift of your presence in and among us,

We give thanks.

We accept these gifts as a sign of your love and regard,

As a sign of you being with us.

As symbols of your promises to us:

You cleanse, fill, and renew us.

Fill us anew each day

With water and fire.

Teach us to walk as New Creation,

New creatures, children of God:

Buried with Christ in death

Raised to newness of life. Amen.

- *Death and Resurrection* -

Scripture Reading

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Baptism

†Song of Renewal

Made New

- *New Creation* -

Scripture Reading

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

2 Corinthians 5:17

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Baptism

Missions Moment

Mark Thomas

†Song of Praise

Baptized

- Initiation Into the Community -

Scripture Reading

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Galatians 3:26-28

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Baptism

Sharing Our Gifts and Pledge Walk

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Song of Response

Find Your People

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, Litany from unfoldinglight.net

Holy Water, CCLI Song # 7136448 Andrew Bergthold | Ed Cash | Franni Cash | Martin Cash
| Scott Cash

Made New, CCLI Song # 7026321 Colby Wedgeworth | Josiah James | Lincoln Brewster

Baptized, CCLI Song # 7137684 Jonathan Smith | Tim Nichols | Zach Williams

Find Your People, Songwriters: Kevin Rhoads / Drew Holcomb.

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Week at a Glance

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*

Monday, November 20

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23

- OFFICES CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 24

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Sunday, November 26

- 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
- 10:15 am Reception for the McEntyre Family in the Fellowship Hall
- 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.



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. You can pledge at <https://fbc-columbia.org/giving/>



Reception for Pastors Carol and Michael McEntyre

On Sunday, November 26 during the 10:15 am 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.

During the reception, the Crafty Critters will be presenting a friendship quilt to the McEntyre family. If you have not had a chance to sign it, the quilt will be available this Sunday outside the worship areas.

Advent Preparations – November 28, 1-5:30 pm

Advent preparations will begin Tuesday, November 28, from 1-5:30 pm.

We will meet in the Sanctuary for directions. We will be putting up the trees and testing the lights, fluffing garland (bring gloves), making sure all the ornaments have hangers and much more. Come help and get in the festive spirit early.

ADVENT(ure) – November 29 at 6pm

Hey First Kids Families, when was the last time you kicked back, relaxed, and enjoyed a beautiful day by the pool? No matter your answer, we think it's long past time for another pool party. This Super Cool Pool Party is the perfect way to bring the fun of a summertime party to any season — even the middle of winter! While we can't provide sunshine or warm weather, this year's ADVENTure will give families the chance to have fun with a no-water-needed version of a classic pool party! With plenty of games, activities, delicious summer-inspired treats, and a fun winter-themed spin, this event is a great way to prepare for the Advent Season before the busyness of Christmas arrives!

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. The Advent devotionals will be available beginning November 26 in both worship services.

First Baptist 200th Anniversary Christmas Ornament!

Crafted from locally sourced, natural Missouri red oak or cherry, each ornament is laser-engraved by a talented local artisan. Add a reminder of our church family and anniversary celebration to your Christmas decor for \$7.00. You can purchase an ornament by using this QR code:



Help Support the VAC Family Holiday Program

It is that time of year again! With the holiday season right around the corner we hope you will help us support the good work of Voluntary Action Center's (VAC) holiday program this season. VAC is one of our longstanding local ministry partners. This non-profit exists to help low-income individuals and families bridge the gap between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County. Each year VAC coordinates the collection and distribution of food and gifts for approximately 4,000 people during the holiday season. This year, First Baptist is sponsoring 14 individuals across 3 families to help support this work.

On Sunday, November 19, Christmas "wishes" for individuals will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall between the worship spaces. You can get involved by choosing an item that you would like to purchase and donate, take the card, then return the purchased item to the church by December 3. Items must be brought in by the 3rd as they will be delivered to VAC on Monday, December 4 to be distributed to families. Please do not wrap items but do secure the card from the bulletin board to your gift.

If you do not have time to shop but still want to participate, you can make a monetary donation by December 3. Simply indicate "VAC Family Christmas" on your check or offering envelope. A few of our "shopping elves" will be making a trip to pick up last minute items. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Administration, Youth, and Missions, at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.

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!

Self-Study Committee Update

The first step of the self-study for the congregation is our survey. On December 10, at the end of each worship service, we will provide a hard-copy survey and a digital link of the survey to the congregation. We will also allocate a few minutes during the worship service for people to begin and then give 2 weeks for people to complete them. Our hope is that most people will use the online version, and our team will enter the data of those who turn in the hard copies.

Following the survey, the self-study team will host two conversations. Both will be preceded by combined worship at 10:15 am. On January 7 we will have a 10:15 am combined worship followed by a town hall to discuss our Vision and Values, and on February 4, we will have a 10:15 am combined worship followed by a town hall to discuss our church's hopes for our next Senior Pastor's skills, characteristics, and tasks.

All the insights we gather will be used to help the Senior Pastor Search Committee understand the current thinking and needs of the congregation when searching for our next Senior Pastor.

The Church Council approved the following schedule:

Dec 10: Administer the Self-Study Survey at the end of each service

Jan 7: 10:15 am combined worship followed by a Town Hall meeting

Feb 4: 10:15 am combined worship followed by a Town Hall meeting

March 3: 10:15 am combined worship followed by a Called Business Meeting to elect the Senior Pastor Search Committee

The Self-Study Committee is comprised of Charles Hunter, Julie Scroggs, Kim Moeller, Ronda Wahl, and Lynne Jensen Lampe.



Rev. Dr. Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Michael McEntyre, Pastor of Youth, Missions, and Administration

Rev. Brittany McDonald Null, Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

Jonathan Ray, Music Director-Traditional Worship,

Shelby Myers, Awakening Worship Praise Band Director,

Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist,

Noah Hartsfield, Handbell Director

Susan Goudie, Administrative Assistant,

Brenda Rice, Administrative Assistant for Web, Facilities and Arts,

Mike Ide, Custodian,

Marcy Douglas, Childcare Coordinator