

Our Worship of God

February 11, 2024

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Today, God shines forth!

Our God comes and will not keep silent!

Gather, you faithful ones. You're my covenant partners!

We've come, in person or online,

ready to stand together in the light of God's presence.

Even the heavens declare "God, in all places; God, worthy of our praise!"

Speak, Gracious God! We're ready to hear your truth.

†Gathering Songs

Make Room
Keep Me in the Moment

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Olivia Chang

Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” **8** Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Song of Praise

Transfiguration

Litany for Wonders

Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

Nothing is too wonderful for you.

You make wonders bloom from your hands,

And from your imagination spring amazing things.

Your wonders will never cease.

Your wonders will never cease.

Old women bear children.

Trees bear fruit out of season.

Rocks give forth springs of water.

Seas part.

Storms are stilled.

Sickness and disease are cured.

Whole nations are brought out of bondage.

Crowds are fed from your hand.

Dry bones are enlivened.

The dead are raised to life.

Your wonders will never cease.

Your wonders will never cease.

We enter your presence with thanksgiving,

And your courts with praise.

We give thanks to you,

We bless your name.

For you are good; your steadfast love endures forever,

and your faithfulness to all generations.

Sharing Our Gifts

Song of Preparation

Burning Heart of God

Message

God Moments

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†Song of Response

Psalm 84 (I'm Home)

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, <https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/2024/02/february-11-2024/>.

Make Room, CCLI Song # 7122057 | Evelyn Heideriqui | Josh Farro | Lucas Cortazio | Rebekah White.

Keep Me in the Moment, CCLI Song # 7133995 | Jeremy Camp | Jordan Sapp | Matthew West.

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Transfiguration, CCLI Song # 70472752 | Aodhan King | Brooke Ligertwood | Scott Ligertwood | Taya Gaukrodger.

Burning Heart of God, CCLI Song # 7200591 | Brian Elmquist | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher | Nate Moore

Psalms 84 (I'm Home), CCLI Song # 7177993 | Bryan Fowler | Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

6:00 pm First Kids Pancake Party

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 15

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

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Announcements

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.



Join Chancel Bells!

The Chancel Bells are starting up again for the new year on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group please let Handbell Director Noah Hartsfield know. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (nursery care is available) and open to friends and musicians of all abilities! Whether you are 10 years old or 110 years old; and regardless of whether you've ever rung a handbell - we have a spot for you! Can't read music, no problem! We can teach you and you are only responsible for two notes! If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please reach out to Noah at nhartsfield2010@gmail.com.



200th Anniversary Celebration History Book

We are publishing a hard-bound, archival-quality book to preserve and document our history. This book is 869 pages, including 26 color photos and the 2018 and 2023 churchwide photos. The book will be published early in 2024. Personal copies are available for \$85 each. You can order a book using the QR code. A sample copy is on display in the History Room. Please email Ken Hammann if you have questions about the book at krhammann@gmail.com.



First Kids Pancake Party - February 13

The Pancake Party is back for another year of celebrating Shrove Tuesday! Kids and their families are invited to the Fellowship Hall on February 13 for a Pancake Party at 6 pm. During our Pancake Party, kids will hear a little bit about what Lent is,

prepare for the season, and learn some faith activities your family can use all season long. The Youth will be making the pancakes and serving all the goods.

Lent 2024 - Wandering Heart

Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter. This season is often one of reflection and preparation. As our worship planning team was reflecting on a theme, we felt particularly drawn to Sanctified Art's series "Wandering Heart." Here is their description:

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We want to affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

At First Baptist, Lent will begin at 6 pm on February 14 in the Fellowship Hall for our Ash Wednesday service. As we begin the season, we will turn inward and tune our hearts to sing God's grace. The service will provide space to reflect on our intentions for the season and conclude with the imposition of ashes.

We will have a Lenten devotional available beginning February 4 that connects with our theme and can accompany us throughout the season. This Lent, as we wander, may we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

First Baptist Game Nights Start February 23

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us for the last Friday of each month at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to

modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.

Senior Pastor Search Committee Selection March 3

On January 16, 2024 the church council selected the following individuals to represent our seven teams; Congregational Care Team – Dolores Shearon, Teaching Team – Beth Marchbanks, Worship Team – Kimberly Moeller, Mission Team – Jonathan Ludwig, Telling Team –Noah Hartsfield, Racial Justice and Inclusion Team – Mychel Varner, Administrative Team – Charles Hunter. On March 3 the congregation will gather for combined worship in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Following worship we will move to the Fellowship Hall for the called business meeting to vote for the 7 at-large members to serve on the search committee. Our bylaws state that only church members may serve on the committee. Non-members may join the church by Sunday February 25, 2024 to be considered for the committee. To join the church, please talk to Pastor Brittany. You may nominate individuals in the church or you may nominate yourself by February 25, 2024. Nominations may be given to Pastor Brittany, placed in the offering plate or emailed to churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org by February 25, 2024.

Notes

