



Our Worship of God

April 7, 2024

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Second Sunday of Easter ~

Welcome

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus said,

“Follow me.”

Jesus said,

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Jesus said,

“Forgive seventy times seven.”

Jesus said,

“Feed my sheep.”

In response, we say:

“Here’s my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above.”

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

†Opening Songs

One Thing Remains
Reckless Love

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Sharing of Our Gifts

Caleb Cooke

†Song of Praise

I Am Loved

Message

Pastor Greg Hunt

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 sin, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Song of Communion

All Belong Here

Celebration of Holy Communion

†Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.**

**We believe in a God who cares for God's people—
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.**

**We believe in a God who took on flesh—
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.**

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service
and community.**

**And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less.
Amen.**

†Song of Response

Build My Life

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Worship Notes

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:

While we interpret the heart as love, it is also a symbol for endurance and patience. Peter gets to this point by maintaining goodwill and faith in the message of Jesus. He stumbled through the journey and at times caused more harm than good, but Christ was also patient with him.

"Here's my heart. Here are the things I care about so deeply. And you—someone who makes mistakes, doesn't follow directions, and sometimes even betrays me—you are so loved and trusted enough to keep this good work going even after I'm gone."

This is a message to all of us. It doesn't matter how poorly you may think of yourself or how others may view you. To Christ, you are beautifully and fearfully made. And Christ believes in you in spite of it all.

—from the artist's statement for "Feed My Sheep" by Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda

Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda has incorporated many Adinkra symbols from the Gyaman people of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire into her art. Learn more about their meanings and significance at adinkrasymbols.org.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 7

- 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 The Gathering in the College Ministry Room

Monday, April 8

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

- 10:30 am First Baptist Women’s Zoom Book Study
- 6:00 pm First Baptist Book Club in the Conference Room

Sunday, April 14

- 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 New Combined Class
 - Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding*
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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.



First Baptist Book Club - April 11

The First Baptist Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, April 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the large conference room upstairs. At this meeting, we will discuss Christena Cleveland's *God Is a Black Woman*. Light refreshments will be served, and the discussion will be lively! Join us to see how we can make our faith more empowering and inclusive—there's still plenty of time to buy and read the book. First Baptist Book Club participants are asked to purchase the book independently.

New Combined Class during Spiritual Formation Hour

Beginning April 14, there will be a combined class offered in the parlor during the Spiritual Formation hour called “Reclaiming Paul: Embracing a Progressive Understanding.” Led by Pastoral Resident Caleb Cooke, this class will redefine and reclaim important concepts in Paul’s letters such as mission, justice, grace, love, participation in Christ, and more. In this class, we will see that, above all, Paul seeks to transform the body of Christ into a justice-oriented, Spirit-filled people whose unity in Christ transcends earthly divisions through inclusion, not omission; in other words, Paul preaches *unity without uniformity*. The class will be discussion-based and a great opportunity to connect with folx you may not see very often.

ForColumbia 2024 – Register Today!

First Baptist is excited to announce that we will be partnering with ForColumbia again this year! ForColumbia was founded in 2015 to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community, side-by-side. They do this by organizing volunteers from churches throughout mid-Missouri to serve individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service. ForColumbia will be April 27 from 9am to 2pm. If this is not your first time serving with us, note, there are a couple of changes to this year's ForColumbia. Rather than having two work slots, the day of service will go from 9am to 2pm. Childcare will be provided the entire time. Registration is open!

Volunteer Small Groups:

- For Mount Celestial put “Kasman” in the small group prompt
- For Crafting for a Cause, put “Crafty Critters”
- For the Stone Bridge House, put “Robertson”
- For the project led by Shelby Myers, put “Myers”

A detailed description of projects will be sent in an email next week. If you have difficulty registering or for any questions, contact Pastor Brittany or Caleb Cooke.



New Sermon Series: *What God Wants to Know*

Have you or someone you know ever said something like, “When I get to heaven, I’m going to have some questions for God?” It’s only natural for us to be curious about matters of life here on earth and the life beyond. It’s understandable that a lot of attention is given to addressing these questions in sermons, podcasts, and books.

But consider this: The Bible offers us some striking examples of God flipping the script, so that instead of us putting questions to God, God puts questions to us. Beginning Sunday, April 7 and continuing through Sunday, May 19, we’re going to take a closer look at some of those biblical texts and ponder the questions God has for us. Check out the Spire for more details.

First Baptist Plant Exchange - April 20

The church will be having a plant exchange on April 20 from 9:30-11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All First Baptist family and friends are welcome! We will have donuts and coffee and plenty of plants and plant conversations. You do not have to consider yourself a “plant person” to attend. If you have a plant cutting or two to share that is great, if not come anyway! For more information about the plant exchange, contact Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org

First Baptist Game Night - Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us 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.

First Baptist Hiking Club - Sunday, April 28

Our next hike will be on Sunday, April 28 @ 2 pm at the Grindstone Nature Area. We will plan to hike the loop. This trail is relatively flat and is rated “easy,” just under 2 miles. Plan to spend about an hour. The parking lot address is 2011 Old 63 S, Columbia, MO 65201. There are restrooms at the lot. Bring your own water. If you would like to be added to the hiking group Facebook page, please email Andrea Weingartner at FBChikinggroup@yahoo.com.



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