



Our Worship of God

January 14, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

†Prelude

See, Amid the Winter's Snow
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

setting by M. Culli

Call to Worship (responsive)

Gentle and patient

God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent

God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise

God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday

God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned

God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power

God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared

God, you are calling.

Willing or protected

God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.

May we come and see because,

God, you are calling.

†Opening Hymn 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Child Dedication

The Charge to the Parents

We come today to present Eden to the church and to dedicate her to God. Abby and Noah, in presenting your child for this holy purpose, do you promise, in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church, to teach her the gifts of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word, and example, to bring her up in the nurture, love, and instruction of Jesus, and to uphold her as she learns to live in and embrace the mystery and beauty of life?

We affirm that our child is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation. We make these promises to her this day with God's help.

The Charge to the Congregation

Family of faith, as Noah's and Abby's church, do you promise your love, care, and example to support and strengthen this family in keeping their promises?

We acknowledge God's abounding love already at work in Abby and Noah and pledge ourselves in covenant with God and their family to nurture them into the fullness of life. We covenant to surround Eden with God's love for the strengthening of their life together; to be for her a family in Christ whose love for her cannot be broken. We accept Eden into our loving care for shared responsibility in the growth toward fullness of life in Christ. May we tell her the good news of Christ that she may know herself loved of God and freely give of herself in love to others.

The Charge to the Children

Children, please stand where you are.

Will you promise to be a friend to Eden?

Children: we will

If she needs directions, will you show her the way?

Children: we will.

If she falls down, will you help to pick her up?

Children: we will.

Will you play with her and share with her the stories of Jesus?

Children: We will.

Will you help teach her that she belongs in this church family and in the family of God?

Children: We will.

Blessing of Eden

†Hymn 578

Come All Christians, Be Committed

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Chancel Choir

Noah Hartsfield, *conductor*

*My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It sounds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?*

*What if my joys and comforts die?
I know the truth is living;
What though the darkness round me close?
Still truth its light is giving.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes, the clouds grow dim,
I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.*

*The peace of Love makes fresh my heart,
A song of hope is springing,
All things are mine since truth I've found,
How can I keep from singing?*

Message

Come and See

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Hymn of Response 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

†Renewal of our Church Covenant (unison)

Caleb Cooke

**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.**

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

†Postlude

Our Great Savior
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. D. Gawthrop

Worship Notes

Call to Worship, ~ adapted from a call to worship by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on Consider Your Call. <http://www.consideryourcall.org/sites/default/files/CYC-Media/Toolbox/Materials/Worship-Toolbox.pdf>

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

Come All Christians, Be Committed, Words: Eva B. Lloyd, 1966. Music: Traditional American melody; The Sacred Harp, 1844; arr. James H. Wood, 1958.

Anthem: How Can I Keep from Singing, Robert Lowry, Arr. Michael Burkhardt

We Are Called to Be God's People, Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt. Music:

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 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
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 15

OFFICES CLOSED for MLK, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 21

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
& First Kids Sunday School
- 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



Annual Business Meeting - Sunday, January 21

10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

Join us Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Business Meeting. We will vote on the Nominating Committee report and elect our leadership for 2024. Then, we will hear a report from the finance committee and vote on the 2024 budget.

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.



Brunch Worship February 4

Our next Brunch Worship will be held on February 4. Immediately following Brunch Worship, the self-study Committee will present a summary of the Pastor Skills, Characteristics, and Tasks sections of the survey and conversations will focus on the skills and responsibilities of our next Senior Pastor.

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should severe snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service.

On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all scheduled church events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled. Depending on the severity of the weather, the office may remain open. Call ahead to verify.

Notification of cancelations will be made on the church Facebook page or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM), Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMUTV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

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Upcoming
speakers

14 JAN	Pastor Brittany McDonald Null
21 JAN	Brian Kaylor
28 JAN	CJ Duffie
4 FEB	Brunch Worship
11 FEB	Caleb Cooke, <i>Pastoral Resident</i>
18 FEB	Pastor Brittany McDonald Null
26 FEB	Greg Hunt, <i>Interim Pastor</i>

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HISTORY

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.



Sealing of the Time Capsule

Join us in the Church entrance lobby for the sealing of the Time Capsule on January 28 at 10:15am. This is the final event of our 200th Anniversary celebration. At this point we have mostly electronic media containing the Church's archives and a copy of the 869 page History Book that was published as part of the recognition of our 200 year history. If you have anything that you would like to contribute or suggest be included in the Capsule please contact Randy Wyatt (sterlingwyatt@icloud.com) or Ken Hammann (krhammann@gmail.com). The capsule is scheduled to be sealed for 50 years, to be opened on November 22, 2073. There will also be secondary storage of historical items that cannot fit in the Time Capsule on the 4th floor of the Education Building.



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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

Ella Pritchett, Student Intern