



Our Worship of God

January 28, 2024

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Caleb Cooke, Pastoral Resident

†Prelude

Great is the Lord
Colleen Ostercamp & Becki Forsee, piano

arr. Keveren

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Come to worship this day.
Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

Jesus will offer hope.

Come to worship this day believing in the power of God
through Jesus Christ.

Jesus will bring us healing.

Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

Jesus will teach us new ways to live. Amen.

†Opening Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Cheryl Brewer

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn

O God of Life, Your Healing Touch
Sung to ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7 ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

*O God of life, your healing touch brings wholeness and salvation!
In you, this world you love so much becomes a new creation.*

*Through Jesus Christ you blessed the poor, unleashed your gifts of healing.
You gave new sight, new strength, new life — to all, your love revealing.*

*O Christ, the loving healer still, you gather us for mission
To serve your people who are ill, whatever their condition.*

*You send us to the suffering with medicine and caring;
Now make our lives an offering to those who are despairing.*

*Lord, by your Spirit, may we hear the truth of others' stories.
May we respect their doubts and fears, their hopes and dreams, their worries.*

*And when their ways are not our own, Lord, give us understanding:
Our faith cannot be fully grown when we are too unbending.*

*How long, Lord, shall we serve the poor — a week, a month, a season?
We ask the question, hoping for a limit to our mission.*

*But open wide our hearts anew and show us, as we're giving,
Your life-long call to serving you in daily, generous living.*

Litany for the Kin-dom of God

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

God of peace and love,

Bring to us a new awareness of your kin-dom at work in the world.

Grant that we may see and understand the small and unassuming things,
which take patience and attention to notice:

A seed.

Yeast in bread

Treasure buried in a field

A net cast into water

A baby lying in a manger.

We acknowledge that we mostly miss the signs when they are not
flashy or earth-shaking,

But that your kin-dom is all around us.

We acknowledge that Christ came to exhibit neither wealth
nor political power,

But self-sacrificing love.

We acknowledge that the progress of the good work we do may be
imperceptible to us,

And that our success is in our obedience to you.

We welcome your kin-dom, in the world and in our hearts.

We seek your kin-dom, trusting that we will find it.

We anticipate your kin-dom,

Working toward peace

Providing for the poor

Healing the sick

Loving our enemies.

We trust in your love to provide for us in our seeking.

Whether your spirit comes to us as a wind or a whisper,

May we know your presence and be useful in your kin-dom work.

Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Anthem

Beautiful Savior
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Message

What is This?

CJ Duffie

†Hymn of Response 712

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Life of the Church

†Benediction

†Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

arr. Honoré

Worship Notes

Meet Our Guest Preacher, CJ Duffie

Cornbread fed and Spirit-led, **Christopher (CJ) Duffie** lives in the freedom of Christ. Discerning the call of God as a teenager, CJ has devoted his life to the study of religion and the Church. CJ's theological interest concentrates on the intersection of Liberation Theology, the lived Black experience and proclamation. His motivation for pursuing liberation in all areas of life is grounded in Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery".



CJ earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Faith International University, Tacoma, WA. In May, CJ earned a Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee Mission, KS. CJ is a postulant in the Diocese of West Missouri currently studying at Bishop Kemper School for Ministry in the Anglican Studies program. CJ is also the current president of the Union of Black Episcopalians Chapter of the Diocese of West Missouri.

CJ is married to the love of his life, Darren. CJ and Darren currently reside in the Kansas City Metro with their pet parakeets, Beverly, Xavier, II, Mary Ann, and St. John of Chrysostom. CJ is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, MO and an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporate. When CJ is not working or studying, enjoys spending time with his husband, reading, and grilling and smoking meats of all kinds.

Call to Worship, ~ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2279/worship-connection-january-28-2024>

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 28

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Time Capsule Sealing
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 29

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 30

- 1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 4

- 10:15 am Brunch Worship in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a presentation by the Pastoral Search Self-Study Committee

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.



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.

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. RSVP is required by February 6 to ensure we have all the necessary supplies. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/FKMpancakes> or email Pastor Brittany!

University Youth Camp - July 8-12

University is a week-long Christian summer camp for teenagers. Camp will be held July 8-12, 2024 on the campus of Maryville College just outside Knoxville, TN. Our group will travel sometime on the weekend before- details TBD. For more information about the camp or this year's theme, see the Unidiversity website: <https://www.university.org/>

The cost of the camp is \$300/person with the first deposit of \$50 due on February 4. Please note: scholarships are available. To pay the deposit, you can bring a check to the church office or pay online using the QR code:



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.

upcoming Events

FEB

4

BRUNCH WORSHIP
Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM

FEB

13

PANCAKE PARTY
Fellowship hall

6:00 PM

FEB

14

ASH WEDNESDAY
Fellowship hall

6:00 PM

FEB

23

FIRST BAPTIST GAME NIGHT
Parlor

6:00 PM

FEB

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**NEW INTERIM PASTOR, GREG HUNT
PREACHES IN BOTH SERVICES**

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**COMBINED WORSHIP &
PASTORAL SELF-STUDY
PRESENTATION**

10:15 AM



First Baptist Church
columbia, mo

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