

# *Our Worship of God*

*February 11, 2024*

*11:15 am*

*(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome**

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

**Prelude**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

arr. J. Raney

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

**†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 Hymn 52**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**†Passing the Peace of Christ**

**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.**

**†Hymn of Praise 242**

In the Garden

**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

**Anthem**

**Come and Find the Quiet Center**

arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

*Chancel Choir and Bells*

Vaysia Knust, *soloist*

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be*

*Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun*

CONGREGATION, PLEASE SING:

*In the spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care  
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare*

Message

*God Moments*

Caleb Cooke, *Pastoral Resident*

†Hymn of Response 562

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Life of the Church

†Benediction

Postlude

Postlude

arr. J. Raney

Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

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## Worship Notes

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

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt. Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle*, 1784.

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*In the Garden*, Words and Music: C. Austin Miles, 1912.

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*, Words: Charles Wesley, 1740, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William H. Monk, 1861.

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# Week at a Glance

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## 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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) by February 25, 2024.





