



Our Worship of God

January 19, 2025

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Welcome

Jonathan Ray

†Prelude

Processional for a Joyful Day
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Raymond Haan

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather to worship God,

Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

Who gives Jesus to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

To seek justice, share power,

and live together in love and equality;

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

and whose presence, grace, and love

sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship God.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

†Opening Hymn 712

The Kin-dom of God is Justice and Joy

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Hebrew Bible Reading

Ella

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIRV)

The Lord says, “For the good of Zion I will not keep silent.

For Jerusalem’s benefit I will not remain quiet.

I will not keep silent until what I will do for them
shines like the sunrise.

I will not remain quiet until they are saved
and shine like a blazing torch.

Jerusalem, the nations will see
that I have made everything right for you.

All their kings will see your glory.

You will be called by a new name.

I myself will give it to you.

You will be like a glorious crown in my strong hand.

You will be like a royal crown in my powerful hand.

People will not call you Deserted anymore.

They will no longer name your land Empty.

Instead, you will be called One the Lord Delights In.

Your land will be named Married One.

That’s because the Lord will take delight in you.

And your land will be married.

As a young man marries a young woman,
so your Builder will marry you.

As a groom is happy with his bride,
so your God will be full of joy over you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 557

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Matthew 23:27-38

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful but inside are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of uncleanness. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape the judgment of hell? For this reason I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Prayer for Welcoming Prophets

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Prophetic God, Jesus told us:

Whoever welcomes us, welcomes Christ.

Whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes God.

In this, we embrace our Oneness with Christ, and with you.

We seek to extend the welcome of God that we receive

To all those in need,

To all those vulnerable,

To all those oppressed,

To all those traumatized,

To all those longing for liberation.

We know that it is often those on a society's margins

Who are most acquainted with its faults,

So we gather to attend to their stories,

To let them prophecy -

Even when their message is uncomfortable

Or disruptive

Or startling

Or convicting.

Even when our egos rise up in defense,

And our emotions resist their truth.

For the times we ignore marginalized voices

We confess.

For when we prioritize our comfort over justice

We confess.

For the times we tokenize or ostracize

We confess.

For we know that when we give even a cup of water to one of these siblings

You approve.

We know that when we demonstrate compassion and care

You approve.

We know that when we listen carefully and non-judgementally

You approve.

We know that when we challenge our established narratives

You approve.

May the words and life of Christ,

And the words and lives of the prophets among us,

Guide us into truth and wisdom,

And our society into righteousness.

Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Anthem

Just as I Am

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Choir

w/ Colleen Ostercamp

Carter Thiemann, soloist

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Message

Brian Kaylor

†Hymn of Response

God Has Spoken by the Prophets

1. God has spo - ken by the proph - ets, spo - ken the un - chang - ing Word;
 2. God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3. God is speak - ing by the Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain;

each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the One, the right - teous Lord!
 bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 in the age - long Word de - clar - ing God's own mes - sage, now as then.

'Mid the world's de - spir and tur - moil one firm an - chor hold - ing fast:
 spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God of God ere time was born;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:

God e - ter - nal reigns for - ev - er, God the first and God the last.
 Light of light, to earth de - scend - ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.
 God a - bides, the Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

Life of the Church

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

†Benediction

Brian Kaylor

†Postlude

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring
Colleen Ostercamp, *organ*

by Wayne Wold

Worship Notes

Brian Kaylor is editor & president of Word & Way, and author of several books on religion, politics, and communication. He graduated with an M.A. and Ph.D. in political communication from the University of Missouri.

Call to Worship, — from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

The Kin-dom of God is Justice and Joy, Words: Bryn Austin Rees, 1973. Music: William Croft, 1708.

Prayer for Welcoming Prophets, adapted from a litany by Fran Pratt

God Has Spoken by the Prophets, Words: George W. Briggs, 1952. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 19 – Guest Preacher - Brian Kaylor

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Youth & First Kids Sunday School

10:15 am Annual Business Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 20

OFFICES CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

Wednesday, January 22

6:00 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

Thursday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 26

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School

11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome 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 from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



Welcome Rev. Kristin McAtee!

Pastor Kristin's first day in the office will be January 21, 2025 and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 26. Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of our new Senior Pastor! We encourage you to send cards of warm welcome to the church that she can open on her first day.

The Name That Shapes Us: A New Sermon Series

Starting this Sunday, January 26, join us for our new sermon series, *The Name That Shapes Us*. Together, we will explore the powerful "I Am" statements of Jesus and discover how our identity flows from who God is. Each week, we will dive into one of these profound declarations, uncovering how our relationship with the Divine shapes who we are and the calling we live out in the world. This series is an invitation to reflect, grow, and be transformed by the truth of God's presence in our lives. Invite a friend, and join us, as we, along with Pastor Kristin, journey together into the name that shapes us all.

One Great Hour of Sharing:

Support for Southern California Wildfire Relief

For the month of February, we will collect funds to support relief efforts for those affected by the devastating wildfires in Southern California. These fires have claimed lives, destroyed homes and businesses, and displaced countless families.

Through ABCUSA's disaster relief fund, *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS), we can offer much-needed assistance to those in crisis. Every dollar given will go directly to relief efforts, helping provide shelter, care, and long-term support to communities in need.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Donations can be made through our church. Checks should include "One Great Hour" in the memo line. Let us join together in compassion and generosity, reflecting the love of Christ in this time of need.

For more information on the work of ABCUSA and OGHS, visit <http://abc-oghs.org/>



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