

First
an instrument
of torture,

Then
an instrument
of love.

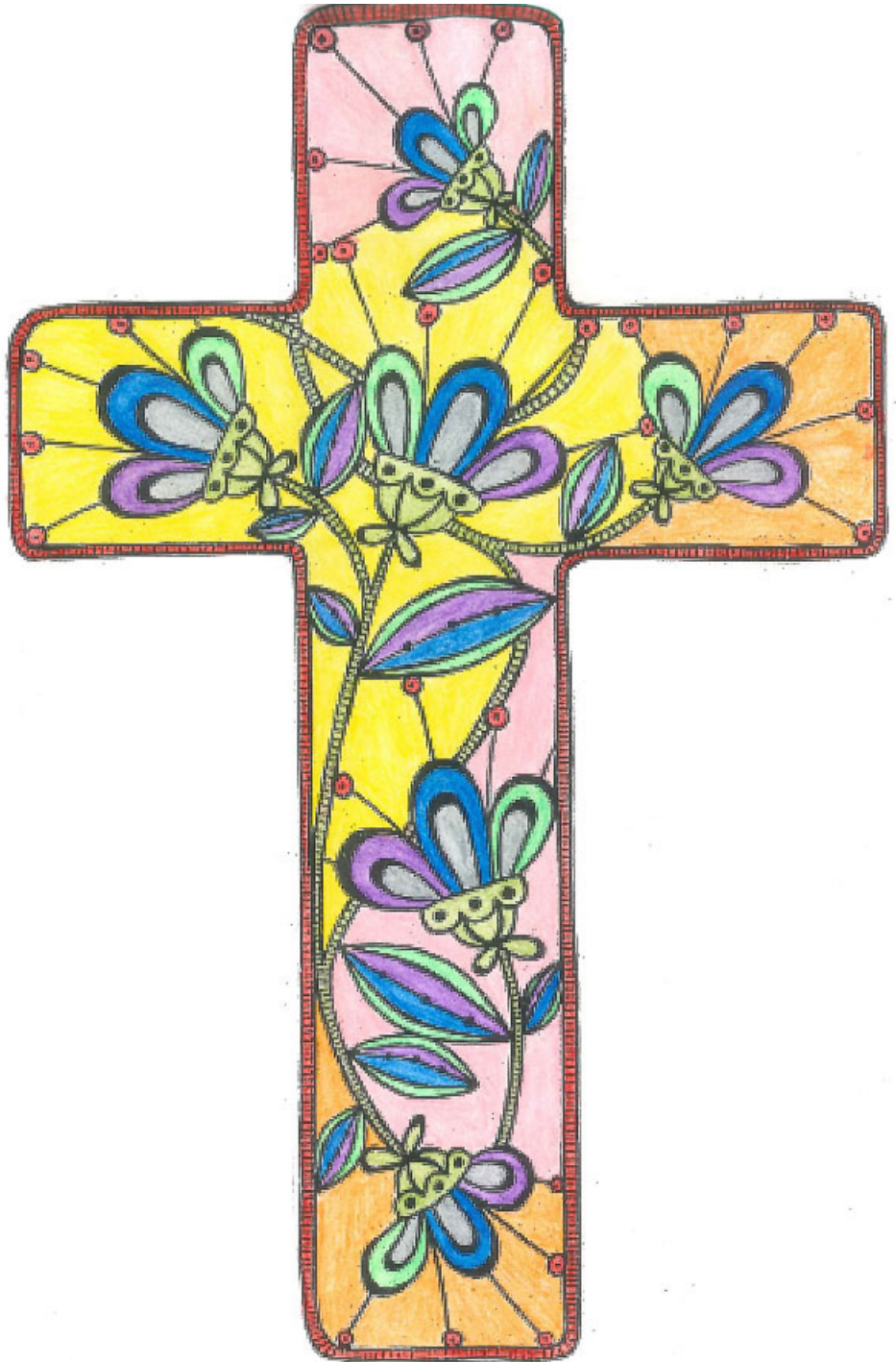
First
a place
of defeat,

Then
a place
of victory.

First
a symbol
of shame,

Then
a symbol
of glory.

There
is a horrific
type of
beauty
in
the
cross.



Order of Worship

February 14, 2016

9:15 am

The First Sunday of the Lenten Season
— *The Beauty of the Cross* —

Welcome and Announcements

Theme Interpretation

Call To Worship (responsive)

O God,
we trust in Your power,
even as it is often found in weakness;
in Your wisdom,
even as it is expressed in foolishness;
in Your wholeness,
even as it comes to us amid brokenness.

We do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength,
exercises of intellectual prowess,
or manifestations of miracles.

We come simply to worship You.

Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are,
that we might become Your saints,
Your body, Your children, Your church.

Amen.

Opening Our Hearts Through Song

Signature Of Divine

Song Of Acknowledgment

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Invitation To Pass The Peace Of Christ

Hearing God's Word

Lillian Hoell

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

The word of the cross is the wisdom of God to those who are saved.

Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment
over the presence of any wisdom at all
in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus.
Each year as we hear the story again, we wonder—
why did it have to happen?
It seems as though evil triumphed in this wretched deed.

Yet, when we know the outcome of the crucifixion,
we realize that it was an act of powerful and sacrificial love,
and that in the end, good did triumph over evil, life defeated death.

**And so, forgive us, O God,
when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world
that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty
as proof of your existence.**

**Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest
for achievement and power,
forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness.**

**Forgive our reluctance, O God,
to proclaim with our lips and our lives
and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders
such proclamation of our faith.**

Have mercy on us, O God, and strengthen us to do your will.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Movement to the Cross

In a spirit of prayer, worshipers are invited to come forward to the large
cross. As you pray you may: kneel at the cross in confession; light a

candle as a reminder that Christ's light will blot out all darkness; or simply
stand in prayer. Do not feel rushed. This is a time to confess and seek
forgiveness.

Song Of Sacrifice

The Wonderful Cross

Song Of God's Mercy

King Of My Heart

Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross

Message

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

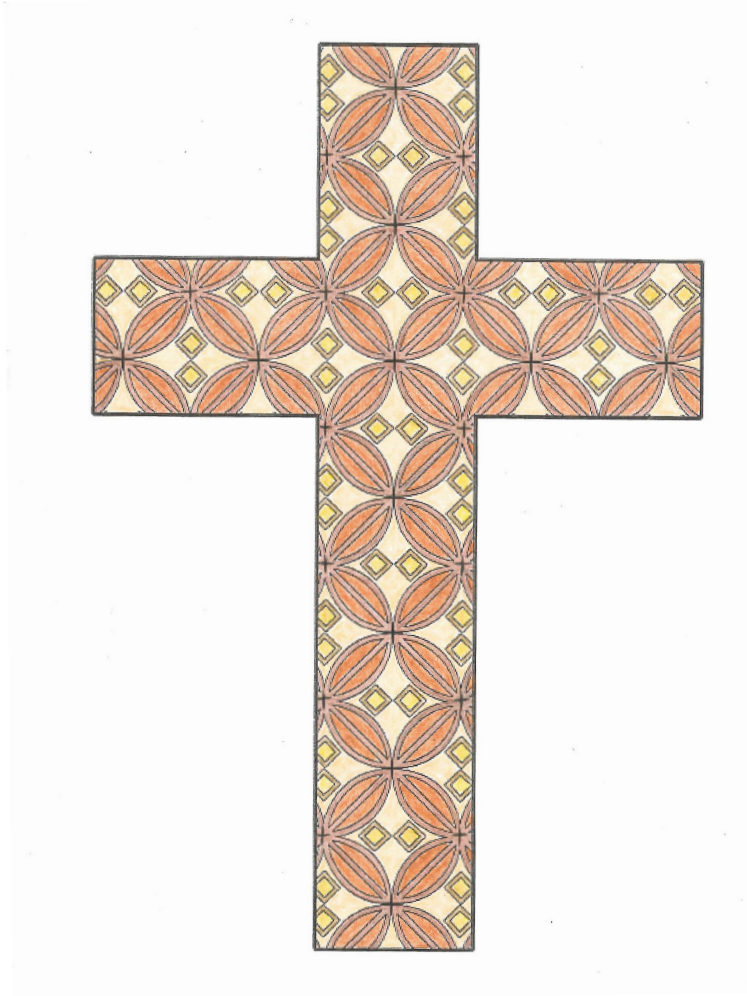
I Cling To The Cross

Benediction

Going To Serve

Worship Notes

As Part of our Lenten theme, The Beauty of the Cross, many First Baptist members and friends have colored a cross. Different samples of this work will be in our bulletins each week, while other artistic renditions may be found at various locations in our building.



Above: Anonymous
Cover: Jennifer Boeckman

Announcements

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is excited that Carol, Michael and Nate will be welcoming Marin Lian to McEntyre family. We have reviewed the Covenants that were provided by the church when Carol and Michael were called into ministry with us. We are thankful that the language was intentionally added at that time for the possibility of an adoption. The church will be providing Family Leave for Carol and Michael between February 17 and June 5.

Michael is back covering Sunday activities on March 20 and Carol resumes Sunday responsibilities on April 24. Part-time workweek schedules have been approved until June 5. As a congregation we are pleased to provide this bonding time to give the very best opportunity for the McEntyre family to be as one and find new patterns of living together.

Thank you, Charles Hunter, Personnel Committee Chair

Video Highlighting First Baptist

The Telling Team, one of First Baptist's ministry teams, is charged with promoting First Baptist in the community and encouraging people to visit our church. The Telling Team has contracted with Visionworks Marketing Group and Shelia Kausler to produce a short video about the church. Our hope is that the video can be used on the church website, on Facebook, on YouTube and perhaps in other ways to spread the word about First Baptist. Shelia Kausler, a member at First Baptist, will be filming in worship, in Sunday Morning Small Groups, and at other First Baptist functions, collecting footage for the video. Many of you have already signed a talent releasing giving us permission to use your smiling faces. However, if you do not wish to appear in the video please do not hesitate to let the church office know by sending an email to Madison Reynolds at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

Announcements

Youth Envelope Challenge

If you would like to help make sure that every student who wants to go to events like youth camp, fall retreat, and other ministry outings has the resources available to them to participate, check out the Youth Envelope Challenge located on the bulletin board in the Children's Building hallway during the month of February. All the money raised by this challenge will go directly to the Youth Scholarship Fund, which allows us to work with families who need assistance to make sure no student is left out because of financial constraints.

Last year, this fundraiser raised enough money to cover our scholarship needs for the entire year. Instead of coming to the church with multiple fundraisers throughout the year, we've made the process simple. Just choose an envelope (or several) from the board, place the amount of money on the outside in the envelope, and drop it in the offering. Your gifts go a long way in making our ministry possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Michael McEntyre

Associate Pastor for Youth, College and Young Adults, and Missions

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn is almost here! Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00 pm- 7:00 am through March 4. You can click on the Rotator on the church website (fbc-columbia.org) to sign up for volunteer slots. Guests will arrive at First Baptist on Sunday evening, February 21. Sign up today to help.

Announcements

Sock shower for Room at the Inn

The Diaconate Team is collecting new or gently used socks and other cold weather accessories to have available for guests when we host Room at the Inn February 21-March 4 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be collection boxes located outside the sanctuary and in the elevator lobby.

Flower Vase Collection

Have any extra vases taking up space under your kitchen sink? If so, the Diaconate Team would love to have them! We are in need of vessels to transport flowers to members who are either home bound or in the hospital after service on Sunday. There will be a collection box in the elevator lobby starting this Sunday, February 7th. If you have any questions please contact Rena Tratchel at rjtratchel@gmail.com.

Movie Night — March 12 at 5:30 pm

First Baptist presents a Movie Night for all ages! Gather in the Fellowship Hall for pizza prior to the movie. Popcorn will be provided during the movie. Adults will be watching and discussing "The Emperor's Club," a feel good movie about a dedicated teacher (Kevin Kline) who has spent his entire adult life inspiring his students and then comes to appreciate that his students taught him just as he taught them. The movie is rated PG-13 for some language and sexuality. We hope you'll stay for a brief discussion following the movie. Childcare will be available for infants and preschoolers. Noah and Abby Hartsfield, will be hanging out with the children on the 3rd Floor as they watch a movie of their own.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 14

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)
Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults
3rd Floor

Monday, February 15

9:00 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study
Parlor

Wednesday, February 17

5:30 pm Missions Meeting
Conference Room

6:00 pm Financial Peace University
Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Sanctuary

Week at a Glance

Thursday, February 18

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 19

11:00 am The Wardrobe Volunteers
The Wardrobe

5:30 pm Young Adult Gathering
Wyatt Home

7:00 pm Odyssey Concert
Sanctuary

Sunday, February 21

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble
Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)
Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults
3rd Floor



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9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience,
First Baptist Church offers Traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

Songs used:

Signature Of Divine (5263576); At The Cross (Love Ran Red) (7017786); The Wonderful Cross (3148435); King Of My Heart (6517128); The Old Rugged Cross (19722); I Cling To The Cross (4972789)

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

**First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA,
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.**

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv.
Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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