

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.



Our Worship of God

February 21, 2016

9:15 am

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

Call to Worship (responsive)

God is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face
and the assurance of God's holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27 (responsive)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

Ed Rollins

though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my hearts says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

**Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

**Wait for the Lord;
be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?
A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.

Lexie Stone

Worship Notes

The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.
All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.
All things are wearisome; more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.
What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.
Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?
It has already been, in the ages before us.
The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance
of people yet to come by those who come after them.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Gospel Reading

Dr. Milton Horne

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 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. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

- **Cover Image:** 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.

- **Guest Pastor: Dr. Milton Horne**

Milton Horne is a professor of religion at William Jewell, where he has taught since 1986. He holds the DPhil in Theology (1990) from Oxford University, specializing in Hebrew Scriptures (Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes); and the MDiv (1983) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed his undergraduate BA in English (1979) at University of Missouri, Columbia, during which time he and his wife Karen lived in Harrisburg, Missouri, while he pastored the Harrisburg Baptist Church. Dr. Horne is a musician (pianist) and a Registered Piano Technician (Piano Technicians Guild). He and his wife, Karen, have raised two sons, Robert and Jared, and now have two grandchildren, August and Alice.

Dr. Horne's series of sermons here at First Baptist will explore the way that the thinking of Ecclesiastes prepares believers to appreciate the tragi-comedic (a literary genre that blends aspects of both tragic and comic forms) aspects of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The affirmation of the cross as both beautiful and horrific invites disciples to interpret the cross as more than mere contradiction and paradox, but as tragi-comedy. Lives of discipleship must themselves move beyond paradox in the ways that comedy grows from and interweaves around great tragi-comedic plots of our lives.

Week at a Glance

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

Monday, February 22

Spire Deadline (12:00 pm)

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Tuesday, February 23

5:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Thursday, February 25

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 28

9:15 am Awakening Worship

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Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

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Announcements

Volunteer Now for Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn arrives today! 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. Sign up today to help!

Awakening worshippers...your help is needed. If you are available immediately following worship, for about 15 minutes, we will be transforming our worship space so that Room at the Inn can move in this afternoon. Thanks!

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.

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. 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](mailto:Madison.Reynolds@churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org).

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" (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.



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:

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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