



# *Our Worship of God*

*August 27, 2017*

*9:15 am*

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

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*“There is a way of ordering our mental life on more than one level at once. On one level we may be thinking, discussing, seeing, calculating, meeting all the demands of external affairs. But deep within, behind the scenes, at a profounder level, we may also be in prayer and adoration, song and worship and a gentle receptiveness to divine breathing.”*

*(Thomas Kelly)*

**Welcome**

Carol McEntyre

## **Invitation to Worship**

Creator God, be in my mind and my thoughts.

Lord Jesus Christ, be in my heart and my attitude.

Holy Spirit, be in my actions, my interactions and my understanding.

Amen.

## **Invocation (unison)**

**God of love,**

**plant us in the soil of your grace.**

**Nurture us with the strength of Christ,  
the vine of everlasting life.**

**Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit,  
which flows through us today and all days.**

**Abide in us,  
that we may abide in you  
and live in your love.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**†Opening Song**

Your Grace Finds Me

**Child Development Center Blessing**

Jess Wolfe, CDC Director

**Prayer for Students and Teachers (responsive)**

God, at the beginning of this new school year,

**hear our prayer for students and teachers.**

May each student be treated with dignity and respect,

**remembering that every child has a story to tell.**

Give teachers wisdom to be role models,

**remembering that children learn more from who we are  
than what we say.**

Give teachers strength to carry heavy loads with patience and good humor,

**remembering that Jesus also walked an extra mile.**

As a community we lift up our children and teachers to You, O Lord,

**remembering that You plan every divine lesson. Amen.**

**†Songs of God's Presence**

Word of Life  
God With Us

**Scripture Reading**

**John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers;

such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

**Discernment Prayer**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

The Earth Is Yours

**Message**

Paying Attention

Carol McEntyre

**†Song of Response**

Lead Me to the Cross

**†Benediction**

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# Week at a Glance

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## Sunday, August 27

12:15pm Fall Kick-Off

*Front Lawn*

## Monday, August 28

Staff Retreat (office is open)

*Offsite - Fulton*

## Tuesday, August 29

11:30 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

*E2*

## Wednesday, August 30

6:15 pm The Calling for Youth

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Youth Suite*

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

*Sanctuary*

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

*Sanctuary*

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*Sanctuary*

## Sunday, September 3

10:15pm Small Groups

*Various Classrooms*

**NOTE: Senior Yoga will not meet on August 28 or September 4 but will return to normal schedule in the parlor on Sept. 11.**

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# Worship Notes

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## Announcements

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### Sunday Morning Small Groups Kick-off, September 3 at 10:15

Our adult Sunday morning small groups are dedicated to studying scripture and building community among the adults of First Baptist. This summer, our small groups have been meeting together to study the Enneagram.

September 3, we will resume our normal Sunday morning schedule. If you haven't participated in a group in the past, this is a great time to join one.

**The Faith Forum Class** is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another. We try to put the lesson in the context of our personal lives and current events. The class does not have a teacher but all help with the learning. Charles Hunter helps guide the discussion. Anyone is welcome, any Sunday you want to stop in. We meet in E-2 by the elevator on the second floor.

**Young(ish) Adult Group** is made up of people who are single and married, with kids and without. We meet in the library outside the church offices on the second floor. We spend a lot of time building community, just getting to know each other and sharing life. The facilitator is Sherry Wyatt. Come join us!

**The Discussion Class** is beginning a study of God's covenants with humans. These lessons challenge us to live as the covenant people we are, reminding us of God's promise: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one" (Ezekiel 36:26). Join us for the journey. We meet in the Parlor on the second floor!

**The Women's Small Group** studies and discusses the sermon text for the day; the group is facilitated by Pastor Carol McEntyre. We try to create a space for women to develop deep friendships, share joys and concerns, support one another and study scripture together. Join us in the hospitality room off the Sanctuary.

## Mid-Week Small Group Opportunity

The Koinonia small group will begin on Thursday, September 7th, at 6 pm and meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Koinonia is a no prep group with a non-linear format. Feel free to come when you are can without worrying about catching up to the rest of the group. We will be watching and discussing the Nooma video series. There will be coffee and sweets; if you can, please bring a dollar or two to help with cost. Child Care will be available.

Koinonia (koy-nohn-éé-ah) is a transliterated form of the Greek word, κοινωνία, which means communion. It identifies the idealized state of fellowship and unity that should exist within the Body of Christ. Contact Noah Hartsfield at [nhartsfield2010@gmail.com](mailto:nhartsfield2010@gmail.com) or Abby Hartsfield at [arc7cd@gmail.com](mailto:arc7cd@gmail.com) for more information

## The Shack

Join us for a five-week study of The Shack! We will meet in Tuesday nights, September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parlor. We will watch the movie together in the first session. Child care will be available.

## Worship Series: Discernment

Speaking to God is one thing; learning to listen is discernment. The current sermon series is about knowing God's will and hearing God's voice. Here are the themes for the remaining weeks:

Sept. 3	What God's Guidance Is Not
Sept 10	How God Speaks
Sept. 17	Practicing Discernment

## The Calling

The Calling is for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The group meets throughout the school year each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:15 pm.

## College and Young Adult Ministries

Our weekly college Bible Study resumes on Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

## Webcasting for Awakening

Webcasting for Awakening: Several members of our church have been hard at work preparing the Fellowship Hall to be able to webcast the Awakening service each week. Once our system is in place, we will need volunteers to help run the webcast each week, as well as someone to organize and oversee the volunteer schedule. The system itself is not complicated and you don't have to be an expert to serve, just willing to come to a bit of training. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at [mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org) to find out more.

## Update Your Membership Data

Despite everyone's best efforts, contact information and family data simply becomes obsolete over time. Before leaving worship today, please check one of the entrances to our worship spaces for a data sheet with the information we currently have for you in Servant Keeper, and mark it with any changes. It will also be circulated at the Fall Kick-Off event. Especially be sure we have a current phone number so that Janet, our Administrative Assistant, can reach you for any clarifications.

We will also reach out to any members who worship with us in spirit, so that we can stay in touch.

You can always email your contact information to Janet at [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org), or call the church office at 442-1149 Monday-Friday, 8-noon and 1-5 pm.



## 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 in the Sanctuary.*

For Children During Worship:

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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

Youth (grades 6-12) and Adult Combined Small Groups meet in the Parlor on the second floor for a study of the Enneagram.

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### Church Staff

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