



Our Worship of God

January 7, 2018

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✻ Baptism of Our Lord Sunday ✻

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (Unison)

**Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own,
cleansing us from sin and giving us new life.**

**You made us members of your body, the church,
calling us to be your servants in the world.**

Renew in us the covenant you made in our baptism.

Continue the good work you have begun in us.

**Send us forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve with joy
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

†Opening Song

Control

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Rena Tratchel

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy God, we look for ourselves in all the wrong places –
success, power, conceit. We carve our names in the granite walls
of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone.
We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live
as if they have not changed us.
We need to hear your sure word, “do not fear.”
Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue
to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms.
In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step
of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

God’s words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any
foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news:
we are God’s people!

Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.

†Songs of Praise

Gracefully Broken
Lord I Need You

†Offertory Prayer

Offering

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Message

Carol McEntyre

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

As we remember Christ's baptism, as we recall his life and ministry, as we follow him through death into the resurrection of the new life, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, fill us with the bread of forgiveness
and with the cup of hope.

Flow through us like baptismal waters, so that we might become
a river of reconciliation.

Grant us your peace, so we might carry this gift to the world.

**Set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope
in our neighbors and communities.**

And when the river of time stops flowing,
when we gather as one around your Table,

**we will join our voices as your children, singing to God,
Christ, and Spirit, God in community, Holy in One.
Amen.**

The Bread Broken, the Cup Poured

For All That Has Been

We've built community, we've worshiped together,
we've served together, we've grown in faith.

For all that has been,

Thanks!

For all that will be,

Yes!

†Song of Response

Cornerstone

†Benediction (responsive)

Baptized, we will go to share God's love with others

We will welcome those the world rejects as our sisters and brothers.

Baptized, we will become the grace of our Lord Jesus.

We will share the waters of life with everyone we meet.

Baptized, we will become the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

We will be a community of justice, not judgment;

we will be a household of hope, not an exclusive club for just a few.

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 8

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

5:30-7 pm Serving Team Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, January 9

11:45 am – 2 pm Craft Critters

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Wednesday, January 10

5:30-7 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:7-15 pm The Calling for Youth

Youth Suite

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 13

3 pm Odyssey Chamber Music Series: Kids@Heart *Sanctuary*

Sunday, January 14

10:15 am Community Leader Forum

Fellowship Hall

4-4:50 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

4:30 pm Critical Conversations

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Announcements

Dreaming Together in 2018

Today and Sunday, January 14, 10:15 am Community Leader Forum: During the Sunday Morning Small Group Hour, we will hear from different community leaders about Columbia from their perspective. It is an opportunity to learn more about the community we are called to serve! Come hear from Columbia leaders including Jim Spain, newly appointed Interim Provost for at MU; and Stephanie Browning, Director of Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services.

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 am Combined Worship & Ministry Review: We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a ministry review. This will be an opportunity to learn about all the different ministries and to reflect on them. To ask questions like: what in congregational life is working well? What needs improvement? If we were going to drop something, what would it be?

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am Visioning Listening Session: Dr. Chris Gambill will lead us in a time of reflection on our past. This will be opportunity for you to share what the church means to you and when we have been at our best.

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am Combined Worship & Visioning Listening Session: We will come together for Combined Worship at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for a continental breakfast and a visioning session led by Dr. Chris Gambill in which we will reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we might use them in unique ways for ministry.

Church Business Meeting

A business meeting will be held on January 21 at 10:15 (during the Small Group hour) to discuss and approve the budget and the nomination of church leadership for 2018.

Critical Conversations in Troubled Times

Beginning in January, First Baptist will be partnering with Second Missionary Baptist Church and Broadway Christian Church to participate in a conversation about racism and how faith communities can help bring about grassroots change. The kickoff will be a potluck dinner on January 14 at 4:30 at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia. The meat will be provided. You are invited to bring a dish of food to share.

The conversation will revolve around reading and discussing “America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallis. We will meet monthly on a Sunday evening to talk about the book and learn from one another. The books are being provided by a grant, which Broadway received. To get your free book and join the conversation, RSVP to Janet Deneke at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org.

First Kids Music

First Kids Music will meet on Sunday, January 14 at 4 pm to begin preparing to sing in combined worship February 4, and during Easter worship on April first.

Financial Peace University

Starting this week, Financial Peace University will be offered on Wednesday evenings, January 10 through March 7, 2018 from 6-7:30 pm in the conference room. Amanda Jacobs will facilitate the class, which is based on videos and reading materials by Dave Ramsey. Please register by visiting <https://fpu.com/1053453>.

Odyssey Chamber Music Series

On Saturday, January 13 at 3 pm, the Odyssey series presents a children's concert, Kids@Heart: Tales Around the World. The event is in collaboration with the Mid-Missouri Area Music Teachers Association. Performers include students of Carrie Conklin, Janelle Lutz, Anne Manahan, and Ayako Tsuruta. The music begins at 3 pm but from 2-2:45 there will be an instrumental “petting zoo” for children.

Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia, please feel free to take one from the table in the children's wing.

Undecorating Party

You are invited to a Christmas undecorating party after worship today to help remove trees and other seasonal items from our worship spaces.

Worship Notes

Control (Somehow You Want Me) by Tenth Avenue North

Gracefully Broken CCLI Song # 7091509 Bryan Torwalt | Jonas Myrin | Katie Torwalt | Matt Redman | Tasha Cobbs

Lord I Need You CCLI Song # 5925687 Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) CCLI Song # 6428767 Joel Houston | Matt Crocker | Salomon Lighthelm

Cornerstone CCLI Song # 6158927 Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.



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:

1st- 5th 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 Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

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

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

NOTE: on January 7 and 14, Adult Small Groups combine in the parlor for Community Leader Forum

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