



Our Worship of God

May 26, 2019

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.

-Anne Lamott

- The Sixth Sunday of Easter-

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brittany McDonald Null

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,
"I will follow you wherever you go."

God, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

God, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

God, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.

†Opening Songs

The River
No Longer Slaves

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

Living God,
you sent your apostle to preach the gospel
to women gathered by a river,
in a secluded place of prayer.

**There a businesswoman named Lydia
was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth.**

You opened her heart in love,
and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel.

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,
fling wide the doors of our hearts this day
as we hear your word of life,
that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love.**

†Song of Praise

Build My Life

†Offertory Prayer

Offering

Psalm 46

Message

The Next Right Thing

Brittany McDonald Null

Moment of Reflection

*What is something you're thinking about pursuing
starting, quitting, making, finishing, or embracing?
If you don't see the clear path, the end game, or the five-year plan,
take heart. Be excessively gentle with yourself.*

What is the next right thing?

†Song of Response

Called Me Higher

†Benediction

O God, we are open.

When the decisions we are facing have become too much;

**Ease our fatigue with your presence and our hesitation
with your peace.**

When there is an issue that has tied us in knots;

Begin to untangle us.

O God, we are open.

Help us do the next right thing.

Worship Notes

Prayer For Illumination, Feasting on the Word, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.

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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

Week at a Glance

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

We would love to help you connect with our church. To learn more about First Baptist, fill out the information card that will be circulated on a clipboard during worship and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. You can also stop by the Connections table and pick up our newsletter, *The Spire*. Information about our Children's Ministry and some of our adult small groups can be found on the back of the bulletin.

First Kids Camp – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for First Kids Camp July 29-August 2! Our goal is to reach 70 kids, but we need your help! Kids Camp is about creating intentional time and space for kids from 3 years old to 6th grade to learn about the love of God revealed in Jesus. Whether you like working directly with kids or just helping in the background, we need you for First Kids Camp! We need help for Bible School 8:45 am-12 pm and during extended care 12:00 pm-5:30 pm. Let us know how you are interested in helping and we will find a place for you. Contact Lillian Hoell or Shelby Myers by emailing firstkidscamp@fbc-columbia.org

Summer Book Club

Everyone is invited to join our summer book club! Purchase one of the selected books about the Bible and read it over the summer. In the Fall, we will have small groups devoted to discussing each of them. Books are \$15 and can be purchased on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. The Books are *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Enns, and *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell.

Annual Church Picnic – June 9

On June 9 at 4 pm, First Baptist will be gathering for the Annual picnic at Twin Lakes Pavilion. All are invited for an afternoon of games, fishing, biking, walking, and of course the annual egg toss championship. Lee's fried chicken, drinks, and place settings will be provided. Please bring food for 12, according to the first letter of your last name: A-G: Veggies; H-S: Side Dishes; T-Z: Desserts.

This year we are changing our annual missions bake auction up a bit. In the past, we have encouraged the men in the church to bring a dessert item to auction at the church picnic in what was called the "Pepto-Bismol Challenge." After several years of participating in this event, the dishes that have been offered are anything but abysmal. As such, we've decided to retire the name "Pepto-Bismol Challenge" and open up this opportunity to all our church members. So if you have a talent for creating tasty treats, we hope you will enter your finest confectionery delight in the Missions' Auction on June 9th at the Church Picnic. All the proceeds benefit a special Missions project to be announced soon.

Pentecost Combined Worship – June 9

On June 9, at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will come together for combined worship to celebrate Pentecost. The 10:15 am Small Groups and First Kids Sunday School will meet as usual. There will be no 11:15 am worship.

The Annual Church Picnic will follow at Twin Lakes Park at 4pm.

First Baptist Adventurers – Dinner & A Show – June 23

The First Baptist Adventurers group is open to all: it's a group of people that get together to eat and do fun activities. The Adventurers group is going to see HAIRSPRAY, by the Columbia Entertainment Company on June 23 at 2:00 pm. We will meet for dinner after at CoMo Smoke and Fire BBQ. Please RSVP to the office by June 19. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.



For Children During Worship:

Birth-Kindergarteners can be checked in at the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

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

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

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

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

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

Adult Small Groups are located on the second floor:

- Discussion Class (in the Parlor) likes to take a deep dive into scripture.
- Faith Forum (Elevator Lobby Classroom) is a diverse group that likes to read the lesson for the day together, share information, and ask questions to learn from one another.
- Connections Group (office commons) is made up of younger adults. They spend time building community, sharing life, and often take on heady theological topics.

*The all-gender restroom is located in the Child Development Center Hallway outside the Sanctuary.

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