

Our Worship of God

February 16, 2020

9:15 am

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

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

We have gathered in this place to worship,

because Jesus invites us to come!

We come as we are,

with our faith and our doubts,

with our successes and our failures,

because Jesus invites us to come!

We come with what we have,

bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

because Jesus invites us to come.

Let's worship God together.

†Opening Songs

Testify King of My Heart

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Litany for You're Enough (responsive)

God, our culture is always sending us messages that say we aren't enough.

Our economy is always trying to sell us something that will make us worthy.

When the whole truth, and the whole message of Christ is that the Community of God is right here, right now, And we have everything we need to live in it, to be fulfilled by Love.

Yes, there are things we want to do and have in this life, but none of them make us worthy of love.

Our dignity and belovedness are innate the love of God toward us is a given.

So much of the work we are here to do
is to learn to notice love How it's already abundant
already evident
Already the fabric of the universe
already shareable.

Our belovedness, and the resources that affords us are what we must wake up to,
So that we can silence the voices that shame and destroy, and be a people who walk in love.

Through all the noise we hear the voice of God saying: "You are loved.

You are love.

You love."

Grounded in Blessing

I am God's Beloved. I find my home in God. Blessing resides in me. I am enough.

Scripture Reading

Angel Kenison-Scott

Matthew 8:1-4

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

Question for Reflection

How have you experienced Jesus as a healer?

†Song of Praise

In Christ Alone

Question for Reflection

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the light?

Offertory Prayer

Offering Good Good Father

Message Carol McEntyre

Rediscovering Jesus

†Song of Response You Say

†Benediction (responsive)

May the God who fashioned the universe in love move freely among and within us.

May our lives embody the light of Christ and our togetherness bring forth a community of belovedness.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God who calls us good and proclaims we're enough.

Worship Notes

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Thank you for worshiping 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

Sunday, February 16

4:00 pm First Kids Choir Children's Suite 5:30 pm College & Young Adult Gathering Student Suite

Monday, February 17

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting Office Commons

Tuesday, February 18

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters Conference Room

Wednesday, February 19

5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm The Calling
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Office Commons
Student Suite
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

Thursday, February 20

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 21

6:30 pm LGBTQ+ Affirming Worship Service Sanctuary
7:15 pm Transgender & Christian w/ Austen Hartke Sanctuary

Saturday, February 22

10:00 am The Bible and Transgender Christian Fellowship Hall

Seminar with Austen Hartke

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 an information card 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.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions

This year's CBF Offering for Global Missions is especially timely considering our recent affirmation as an Encourager Church for CBF Field Personnel Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. During February, First Baptist members can support the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your support of the Offering for Global Missions will share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. 100% of your gifts to the Offering goes to funding the ministry of field personnel. Offering can be placed in one of the Global Missions envelopes in worship or indicated on the memo line of the check. Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. The church will send one check to CBF following the offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Faces of Beloved Community Exhibit

The photographs located in the elevator lobby illustrate the work and reach of CBF Global Missions over a period of time. Together, they paint a portrait of the ways CBF seeks to build beloved community over time and around the world.

First Kids Music Begins Today

First Kids Music begins today from 4:00-4:45 pm in the Kids Ministry Suite located on the third floor of our church. Kids will begin together in the Kids Ministry Suite before separating Pre-K and Kindergarten-5th grade. First Kids Music will perform on March 1 during 9:15 am Combined Worship as well as one additional time in the spring. Get those singing voices ready as we lift up a joyful noise to God.

First Baptist Book Club

Introducing the First Baptist Book Club - a gathering for readers every other month to discuss books centered around faith formation and spirituality. To kick things off, in connection with our Lenten theme, *Journey through Lent with Art*, the first book will be *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen. By connecting with Rembrandt's painting with the same name, Nouwen shares his story in a captivating way and captures the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. To register to be a part of this book club, email Brittany, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. A new book will be selected at the end of each meeting.

Christianity & Transgender Inclusion Event – February 21 & 22

Austen Hartke is a graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament and Hebrew Bible Studies, and author of *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*. An LGBTQ+ Affirming Worship Service will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 21, after which Hartke will share his coming out story and talk about the biblical stories that give him strength as an adult in a session called *Transgender and Christian: A Coming Out and Coming Home Story*. On Saturday, February 22, at 10:00 am, Hartke will lead *The Bible and Transgender Christian's Seminar* in a session that explores the biblical texts historically used to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community. Then he will dig into stories of biblical characters who didn't fit the mold when it came to gender expression. Childcare is available upon request.

Lenten Series

Our theme for the season is *Journey Through Lent with Art*. The series includes a different work of art, a famous painting or sculpture, for every Sunday of Lent through Easter. Our worship series are often left-brain focused, taking on heavy theological topics, and trying to understand them in a new way. However, this series is about right-brained spirituality: connecting with God on a heart level. If you have ever been moved by a piece of music, a movie, or a theatrical performance, then you know art has a way of communicating beyond where words can take us. This series seeks to provide space to experience our God who is beyond all words.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 26

Lent, the six-week period leading up to Easter begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Join us at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we begin our journey through Lent together.

Combined Worship – March 1

On March 1, we will gather at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall to begin our Lenten journey together. Small groups will follow during the 10:15 am Spiritual Formation hour.

Lenten Daily Reflection Email Option

During the season of Lent, you have the opportunity to receive daily Gospel reflections produced by the University Notre Dame on a different work of art for every day of Lent through Easter, with a brief meditation on each image. We begin each week's art meditations with an image from Notre Dame's campus and then moved into classical works, all illustrating the scene from the upcoming Sunday Gospel and message. To opt-in to this Lenten experience, email the church office at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.

Notes

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For Children During Worship:

<u>Birth-Kindergarteners</u> 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:

<u>Birth-Age 3 Childcare</u> 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 Group (Parlor) has begun an in-depth study of 1 Corinthians. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.
- -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.

Church Staff

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