



Our Worship of God

February 23, 2020

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

☞ **You're Enough Sermon Series** ☞

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

†Call to Worship (responsive)

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

†Opening Songs

Open Up the Heavens
Goodness of God

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sin,
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Kim Moeller

Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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."

†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 23

4:00 pm First Kids Choir

5:30 pm College & Young Adult Gathering

Children's Suite

Off-Site

Monday, February 24

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

1-3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Parlor

Office Commons

Tuesday, February 25

11:45 am-2:00 pm Crafty Critters

Conference Room

Wednesday, February 26

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary

Sunday, March 1

9:15 am Combined Worship

11:15 am Youth Planning Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Student Suite

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.

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 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.

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.

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. This is the final Sunday to give in the month of February.

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 Baptist Book Club – March 26

First Baptist Book Club is 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, email Brittany, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, at bnull@fbc-columbia.org. A new book will be selected at the end of each meeting.

Youth Planning Meeting – Sunday March 1 – 11:15 am

On Sunday March 1, following the Combined service and Small Group hour, there will be an important planning meeting for all youth, youth leaders, and parents of youth in the Student Suite. During our Rethinking Youth Ministry Workshop this past summer, the suggestion was made to invite parents to be a more integral part of the planning process for the semester. I thought this was a fantastic idea. I am asking youth, parents, and leaders to come on Sunday March 1 with ideas of activities, topics of studies, mission opportunities, outreach events, etc. as well as important family/personal calendar dates for us to consider. I will provide as many relevant dates and possible plans so we can create something shared and exciting for the life of our ministry. I hope you will plan to join us. Light lunch will be provided. We should be done by 1:00 pm. We should be done by 1:00 pm.



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 Group (Parlor) is discussing the book *The Color of Compromise* by Jamar Tisby, 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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