



*Let Good things
Run Wild*





Our Worship of God

November 13, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Combined Worship *Let Good Things Run Wild*

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Historic Moment – Ken Hamman

Call to Worship (responsive)

Lord God of heaven and earth,
Creator of our world, and everything in it,
yet as close to us as our own breath – holy is Your name.

**In You we live and move and have our being;
we are Your own children,
the work of Your hands.**

We pray that Your Holy Spirit
would move among us as we worship,
**opening our eyes to Your presence,
opening our ears to Your Word.**

Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies;
may it be a pleasing offering to You.

We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

Song of Light

Be Thou My Vision

Passing the Peace of Christ

Blessing the Children

Yvette Chambers

Scripture Reading

Amanda Stone

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance

You Are God Alone

Song of Trust

To God Alone

Prayer (responsive)

O God, who made the world and everything in it,
we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.
For skeptics and believers, for clergy high and low;
For those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who search for life, come and listen:

And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

We are alive in the spirit.
We are saved through water.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

For we too are God's offspring.

For presidents and prime ministers, for bosses and wardens;
For those who set the course at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who wield power, come and listen:

And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

We do not fear what others fear.
We proclaim the hope that is in us.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

For we too are God's offspring.

For friends and lovers, for neighbors and strangers,
For those who eat bread at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who live in the world, come and listen:

And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

In God, we live and move and have our being.
From God, we have life and breath and all things.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

For we too are God's offspring.

For the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone,
For those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who suffer, come and listen:

And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

Our prayers are not rejected.
Our souls find refuge in the heart of God.
In truth, our God has heard us,
and love is not withheld.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

For we too are God's offspring.

For those we remember, for those long forgotten,
For all whose memory we cherish at home, at work, in the streets,
and in the pews,
For those who laugh and those who weep, come and listen:

And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

We are blessed by your presence.

We are filled with the Spirit.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

For we too are God's offspring.

God of heaven and earth, Companion in life, Spirit of truth,
to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts.

Amen.

Giving Video Presentation

Members of Our Student Ministry Group

Offering Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chancel Choir

arr. Pfautsh

Message

Abundant Community

Carol McEntyre

Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Sung to BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one,
now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone:
born with talents make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

Pledge Walk

Song of Commitment

Ever Be

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship is based on Acts 17:22-31

The responsive prayer, inspired by Psalm 66, is written by Margaret D. McGee, posted on **In the Courtyard**, www.inthecourtyard.com.

You Are God Alone by Phillips, Craig & Dean

To God Alone by Aaron Shust

Ever Be by Kalley Heiligenthal

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My Notes

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 13

**9:15 am Combined Worship, Business
Meeting, and Brunch**
Fellowship Hall

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group
Conference Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

**5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult
Bible Study**
*3rd Floor Youth Suite
Sanctuary*

Monday, November 14

1:30-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, November 16

10 am – noon Advent Decoration Prep
Conference Room

6:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Friday, November 18

10:30 am – Noon Eat Pray Sew
Conference Room

Sunday, November 20

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
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Speaking of Advent...

Here is an abbreviated calendar of events, from preparation for Advent through Christmas worship.

- ♦ Advent Prep – Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 am-12 noon, 2nd floor conference room
- ♦ Tree Set -up – Sunday, November 20 immediately following both services
- ♦ Advent Set-up – Monday, November 21, 10-12 and 6 pm-8pm.
Wednesday, November 23, 9am-12
- ♦ Hanging of the Green – Sunday, November 27 during worship services
- ♦ Annual Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm
- ♦ Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 11 pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 – 11:15 am

For full details, please see the November 9th Spire, and watch future bulletin announcements.

Voluntary Action Center Families

First Baptist Church will be participating in the VAC Holiday sponsor program this year. We have chosen to sponsor 3 families! Look for the FBC giving tree on the bulletin board outside the CDC hallway beginning Sunday, November 20th. Choose an item you would like to donate, sign your name on the list then go shopping! You can return your presents any time before December 11th. We are also accepting gifts of money and wrapping paper.

On Sunday, December 11th we will have a wrapping party from 10:15-11:15am in the fellowship hall.

Contact Janet Kieffer, jskieffer1969@gmail.com with any questions.



91:15 am Combined Worship Service

Next week we resume our regular worship schedule, with Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, and Traditional Worship at 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

The flowers are given by Michelle Twitty in memory of Marsha Randell.

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):

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

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

Community Small Group in the conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

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