

Matthew 4:19



(+ Indicates those who are able, please stand)

~ Combined Worship ~

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Call to Worship (responsive)

"The light radiates through the darkness and no amount of darkness can extinguish it." As seekers of light we come, O God, rejoicing in Your light;

May our lives be a reflection of Your light for all to see.

As seekers of hope we come, O God, celebrating Your gift of hope;

May our lives be a reflection of Your hope for all to see.

As followers of Christ we come, O God, opening ourselves to Christ's call;

May Your call move us to be reflections of light and hope for all to see. Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and needs of all who find themselves in the dark places of the world;

The grieving, the sick, the abused and the forgotten. Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and dreams of all who have lost their purpose and vision;

The rejected, the fallen, the disappointed and the discouraged. Into this place of worship we bring the hopes and courage of all who serve and uplift others;

The leaders, the carers, the protectors and the teachers.

We praise You for the light that shatters the darkness, the hope that rises from the ashes, the life that returns from the grave,

In the name of Christ we do pray. Amen.

†Opening Songs

Awakening Praise Band

We Could Change the World Brother

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Michael McEntyre

+Prayer (responsive):

Lord Jesus, the one and only Christ, You called many people from many walks of life – to leave their own ways and follow you; to be your disciples; and to value people as something to seek, find and restore.

Lord Jesus, the one true leader of every church, we choose to stand as one church – your church – and to lift our focus from our differences and divides. We will leave our own ways and follow you together; support each other as we seek to be your disciples; and work together to focus on fishing once more.

For we must act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together before you – and each other, for the sake of our worship of you, and our love for each other.

Lord Jesus,

We ask for your Spirit's help with this

for we are quick to focus on ourselves, our labels and our differences rather than the same nets in our hands, and the same leader before us. Christ have mercy – in your precious name which unites us all. Amen.

Anthem

Gentle Voice

Dengler, Dengler

Lenan Reme, violin Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling. "Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to Me. I will give you rest. Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your anger and bring your worry." Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling "Come unto Me"? Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding. "You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest. Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow." Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"? Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words so rich in mercy. "You are my beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest."

Message

Carol McEntyre

Renewal of Our Church Covenant (unison)

Because we have responded to Christ's call to follow him as disciples and because we find this calling too difficult and too important to fulfill alone,

We covenant together to support and to pray for one another without ceasing; to be candid in our speech, kind in our attitudes, and caring in all our dealings with one another; to seek the mind and vision of Christ for ourselves and our life together, mindful that our unity does not require uniformity.

Moreover, we covenant to give first priority to our times of public worship and learning; to sustain our common mission by proportionate giving, faithful service and personal witness; to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel we profess and of this family of faith; and to seek each other's forgiveness and God's when we fail to honor this covenant, trusting God's Spirit to renew us in stronger faith, brighter hope and broader love.

+Hymn of Commitment

We Are Travelers on a Journey Sung to BEACH SPRING

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

+Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Special Music

Awakening Band

Benediction (unison):

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light! May God – Source, Word, and Spirit – Bless you with the radiance of love.

Worship Notes

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From the Nets of Our Labor (We Will Rise Up and Follow) text by Mary Louise Brindle. Music by John R. Kleinheksel Sr. sung to HAMILTON

The responsive prayer is from the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 22

4-4:50 pm Children's Music 6-8 pm College/Young Adult Kick-off

Monday, January 23

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga 1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 25

6:15-7:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 28

3 pm Odyssey Kids Concert 7 pm Unity Concert

Sunday, January 29

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group4-4:50 pm Children's Music6-8 pm College/Young Adult Kick-off

Sanctuary Lazer Lanes

Parlor Conference Room Conference Room

Youth Suite

All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Sanctuary Sanctuary

Conference Room Sanctuary Lazer Lanes

The Calling / Studio 1B

The Calling has returned to its regular meeting time and place in the Youth Suite from 6:15-7:15 pm each Wednesday. Youth are always welcome to bring their friends.

Sermon Discussion Group

We have resumed our small group discussion of recent sermons. The group meets every other Sunday in the conference room following Traditional Worship. The next meeting is January 29th.

Save the Date for Kids' Night Out

We have a great night planned at Jabberwocky Studios, located at 1308 Grand Avenue on Friday January 27th from 6-8 pm. We invite kiddos ages 4-12 to join us for a night of music and movement and lots of fun. You may drop your child(ren) off, or you can stay for the fun!

If parents want to have a night out, we are also offering child care for children ages birth to 3 at First Baptist Church, in the nursery, for the duration of this event. Pizza and juice will be provided for the kids in both locations. Jabberwocky Studios is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to build community among disparate segments of the Columbia community through the arts. They teach hip-hop, jazz, tap, ballet, African and Indian dance. Please RSVP to Children's Ministry Director, Yvette Chambers, at chambers@fbc-Columbia.org by January 24th

Laser Tag! Chili Cook-off! Cook-off for Kids!

On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 4-6 pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and games, and home-made chili, well-seasoned with your competitive spirit. There are sign-up sheets for the chili cook-off and the kids' cook-off at the entrances to the worship space.

We Gather Together Series

Fulfilling a long-time dream of having all ages studying the same topic for a time, on Sunday, January 29 we will begin a 5-week series on building up the church in worship. All Sunday morning small group sessions, including First Kids, as well as the sermons, will focus on this topic. If you aren't currently participating in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for this series.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm -7 am. Volunteers are needed – you may sign up by visiting <u>http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/get-involved.html</u>.

College / Young Adult Retreat Feb. 10-12th

Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our theme is "Sharing our Stories: the art of life-giving conversations." Wanda Kidd, Collegiate Ministries Specialist for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, is the featured speaker for the event. William Jewell College Praise Team will provide worship leadership. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia) to register.

My Notes



9:15 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.

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

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