

If my own experience is to be trusted, then God does not call us once but many times. There are calls to faith and calls to ordination, but in between there are calls to particular communities and calls to particular tasks within them... but we are not meant to hear them all by ourselves. It was part of God's genius to incorporate us as one body, so that our ears have other ears. Other eyes, minds, hearts, and voices to help us interpret what we have heard.

~ Barbara Brown Taylor

Our Worship of God

February 17, 2019

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

✧ **The Ordination of Brittany McDonald Null** ✧

Greeting

Pastor Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Lauda Anima
Psalm Players Band

arr. Bulla

Call to Worship (responsive)

Bryce Null

We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate,
and respond to the call of God.

**We have come to acknowledge God's gifts in each other and in the
invitation of one among us to serve.**

We have come to reaffirm our own callings,
to remember God's call to each of us.

**God be with us so that our lips speak words of grace and hope,
our feet move swiftly to assist the helpless,
our hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice,
our hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care,
and our spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected.
God be with us.**

Invocation

Rev. Robert W. Russell

†Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Congregational, Chancel Bells, Chancel Choir
Jess Wolfe, trumpet

(Congregation will join in singing the final stanza. See text below.
Please remain seated until the final stanza.)

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore thee!*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Anne Bills

Acts 6:1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Recommendation of the Ordination Committee

Charles Hunter

†Songs

Awakening Praise Band

Christ Be All Around Me
Called Me Higher

Testimony of the Candidate

Brittany McDonald Null

Offertory Sentence (unison)

Let us with gladness present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Lord, You Call Us

Haugen/arr. Burkhardt

*Lord, You call us, as Your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in Your sight.
Give us faith to trust You boldly and to love You steadfastly.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.*

*Lord, You call us, as disciples, walking on Your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior, You are with us every day.
Give us wisdom; give us courage as You teach us patiently.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.*

*Lord, You send us to the harvest in Your Great Commission's call,
Reaching out to all the nations, bringing life and hope to all.
Give us boldness and compassion; bless us with Your eyes to see.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.*

*Lord, You call us to new ventures by a pathway yet unknown.
Though we cannot see the ending, we will follow You alone,
knowing that your hand is guiding, and You love us faithfully.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.*

*Lord, You call us, as Your people, joined in faith we sing Your praise:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Alleluias to you raise.
Hold us in Your gracious power, blessed Holy Trinity,
that rejoicing we will ever faithful to our callings be.*

The Laying on of Hands

*Everyone is invited to share a word, prayer,
or gesture of blessing with Brittany.*

Litany of Ordination (responsive)

Michael McEntyre

And it shall come to pass in those days that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

The old will dream dreams and the young will see visions. Even on my servants, both male and female, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

Candidate for Ordination: Here am I. Send me.

God has called and this one has answered.

Thanks be to God!

God calls us to the grand and lowly task of servant work; and God calls us each to the particular task toward which we have been equipped and inspired.

We have heard the Voice that commissions us all. We give thanks to the God who makes us co-laborers.

Today we celebrate the calling of Brittany McDonald Null. What shall be said to her?

We recognize and affirm your gifts. We thank God for your obedience. We charge you to hold fast to your calling, to root yourself firmly in the Spirit and the Word of God. Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with

those who rejoice. Bear your witness bravely and tenderly, preach and teach with tolerance and gentleness and discipline. Pray without ceasing.

Candidate: I commit myself to the calling of my God. I renew my vows of love and obedience to God. With thanksgiving I ask you to encourage me, challenge me, strengthen me, and pray for me.

These things we will do.

Let us uphold one another in fervent love that we may be faithful to our Lord. Let us press toward the mark of the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Ordination Prayer

†Ordination Vows and Blessing (responsive)

Carol McEntyre

Brittany, you have listened for the voice of God in sacred places, particularly within your own heart and soul and mind.

The delight we take in your presence is a reflection of God's joy over you.

Like the Hebrew Samuel, you awakened to an unexpected call. You recognized the voice as God's and responded.

We believe the story of your call is an expression of God's continuous revelation in your life.

Brittany, do you accept this affirmation of First Baptist Church? Will you say "yes" to God's gifts in you? Will you follow Christ in proclaiming the good news in word and sacrament, teaching faith, caring for people, announcing God's renewing hope to all, and dedicating yourself to be God's minister under the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

Candidate for Ordination: I will by God's grace.

Do you, members of this community of grace, affirm Brittany's ministry? Will you challenge her to grow in grace with you? Will you remind her of her limits and God's unlimitedness? Will you live out your own calling to discipleship alongside hers?

We will by God's grace.

Brittany, may you continue to know God's generous love and care of you even as you offer yourself as an instrument of God's love and care to others.

May you be surprised by God's light when you need the illumination of divine guidance.

May the passion you feel for your calling give wholeness and life to your vocation.

Above all, know that no matter where your call may lead you, our prayers will surround you, Christ's peace will go with you, and God's love will sustain you. This is our assurance and hope. Thanks be to God.

†Hymn of Commitment

Here I Am, Lord

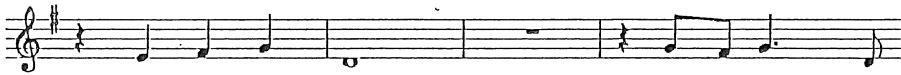
Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
will pro-vide. Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

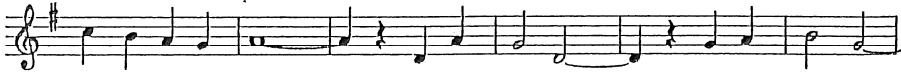


light to them? Whom shall I send?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Presentation of Ordination Certificate and Gifts

Khaki Westerfield, First Baptist Church Moderator

Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

†Benediction

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Burkhardt

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 17

4:00 pm First Kids Music

Sanctuary

Monday, February 18

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:00 pm Staff meeting

Library

5:30 pm Serving Team Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, February 19

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

E2

5:30 pm Teaching Team Meeting

Library

Wednesday, February 20

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6-7:15 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Announcements

\$50 For 50

In celebration of the 50th year of quality preschool education, the Child Development Center is asking church members to donate \$50 during the month of February to help replenish their scholarship fund. This fund provides educational experiences for disadvantaged youth, contributes to their technology initiative which will enhance the overall program and safety, and for new tricycles to replace broken ones. Donations can be made to the Child Development Center and left at the CDC office, church office, or left in the offering plates during Sunday service.

CBF Offering for Global Missions – February 2019

During the month of February, First Baptist members will have the opportunity to 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 missions funding, including the work of our very own Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen. Your gifts 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.

Room at the Inn, First Baptist – February 17-March 3

There has been an increased need for beds at Room at the Inn this year. They are trying to accommodate as many guests as possible, but have an increased need for volunteers as a result. If you are available to assist with the check-in shift (arrive at 6 pm), please consider helping them. First Baptist will host Room at the Inn from Sunday, February 17 to Sunday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall, but you don't have to wait until then to help. You can sign up for a volunteer spot with RATI today by going to <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org>.

In addition, First Baptist is also specifically asking for volunteers to serve outside the CDC entrance each morning and afternoon during dropoff and pickup to greet CDC parents and kids and direct any guests for RATI around to the front of the building for check-in or assistance. Sign up for this opportunity can only be done by contacting the church directly. You can call the office at 573-442-1149 or find the sign up link on our website at www.fbc-columbia.org

Lent Sermon Series – February 24

Did God Kill Jesus? Understanding the Cross

Throughout history, Christians have contended that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, humans are reconciled to God. The cross has been considered a focal point of that reconciliation. In theological terms, this is called the atonement. The word atonement literally means at-one-ment. Atonement is the process by which God makes humanity one with God; it is the process of reconciliation. So, Christians agree that through Jesus we are reconciled to God but exactly how that act of God actually works- its mechanics- has never been agreed on in Christian history.

So, this sermon series is going to be a serious theological study of the cross and atonement. I think you will find it informative, fascinating and hopefully it will deepen your appreciation for what Christ did for us. At the same time, because of how weighty the series is, we are going to offer some small group opportunities to unpack what we are learning about:

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Henry Imler*

February 24-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am in the library

Understanding the Cross

Facilitated by: *Kim Siegenthaler*

March 17-April 21

Sundays at 10:15 am in the parlor

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.



11:15 am Combined Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

***The sanctuary flowers are given by the church office staff
in honor of***

✧ Brittany McDonald Null ✧

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 years old 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

Connections Group in the second floor library.

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