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# Practicing Presence

AN INVITATION  
TO PRAYER

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# *Our Worship of God*

*October 11, 2020*

*9:15 am*

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## **- Online Service -**

**Welcome**

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

Are you weary from the stresses of this week?

**Weariness and stress have been our constant companions.**

Let the love of God wash over you, relieving your stress and weariness.

**We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.**

Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.

**May we draw near to God's abundant love and peace as we practice hope in God's presence. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn 534

## Draw Me Nearer

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

*O, the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To thy precious, bleeding side.*

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*At this time, we invite you to light a candle at your place of worship as a reminder of God's presence with us.*

### **Theme Interpretation**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### **Scripture Reading**

Kale Monk

#### **Luke 11:1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## Intercessory Prayer

Sung Refrain:

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.  
(offer prayers of praise)

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
(offer prayer for situations that need God's presence)

*Refrain*

Give us this day our daily bread,  
(pray a short prayer for God's provision)

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
(pause for confession and forgiving others)

*Refrain*

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
(spend a few moments in silence to rest in God's Spirit, trusting God to lead you and protect you)

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

## Silent Meditation

*The prayer preceding all prayers is "May it be the real I who speaks.  
May it be the real Thou that I speak to." - C.S. Lewis*

## Sharing our Gifts

### Special Music

The Lord's Prayer  
Josh Engle, *vocalist*

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### Message

Pastor Carol McEntyre

### Hymn of Response 101

My Jesus I Love Thee

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

## Life of the Church

### Affirmation of Faith and Benediction (responsive)

Our God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name:

**We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things,  
Lord of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty,  
all truth and love.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

Give us this day our daily bread:

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for  
guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and  
prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in everlasting life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude**

Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Colleen Ostercamp, keyboard

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship*, from Ministry Matters.

*Draw Me Nearer*, Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875. Music: William H. Doane, 1875

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*, Words: William R. Featherstone, c. 1862. Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876.

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Thank you for worshipping 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.



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# Week at a Glance

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## Tuesday, October 13

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

## Wednesday, October 14

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

## Sunday, October 18

9:15 am Online Worship Service

*Stream the worship service by clicking "Watch Us Live" from  
link at the top of our website*

10:15 am Sunday Morning Bible Study and Small Groups

*Online Zoom Churchwide Bible Study*

10:30 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 am Outdoor Worship Service on the Front Lawn

4:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup>-5th Graders First Kids Gathering

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## First Kids Sunday Small Groups – Sundays in October

During October, First Kids will be kicking off *The Beatitudes* series in social-distanced style. Small gatherings will take place by age group in order to help maintain social distancing protocols and to best craft curriculum and experiences to each age groups' needs.

**First Kids Small Groups will take place on the Front Lawn of the church on Sundays from 4:00-4:50 pm. Each Sunday, a *different* age group will meet. The schedule is as follows:**

- **October 4 - Pre-K through Kindergarten**
- **October 11 - 1st and 2nd graders**
- **October 18 - 3rd through 5th graders**
- **October 25 - First Families Fall Party (all ages - details coming soon!)**

Children over two will be asked to wear a mask to the best of their ability while participating in First Kids events. If your child does not have a mask, one will be provided. Restrooms will be available, but we do encourage bathroom use before attending First Kids.

## New Worship Series

### *Practicing Presence: An Invitation to Prayer*

On October 11 we are beginning a worship series entitled *Practicing Presence: An Invitation to Prayer*. At its core, prayer is being in the presence of God. Through this series, we will be talking about and practicing different forms of prayer during online and outdoor worship. Prayer is a reminder to center ourselves in God's love and care. Prayer isn't withdrawing from the problems of the world. Instead, prayer equips us to face the challenges with power from on high.

## Prayer Guides and Boxes

As part of the *Practicing Presence* series, we are putting together a prayer box for each First Baptist family. The prayer box includes a booklet of prayers for personal use, a simple kit for making your own prayer beads, a finger labyrinth, and a candle. You may pick up your prayer box October 11 following in person worship or from 4:00-4:30 pm on October 11 by driving through the church parking lot.

## Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Beginning October 12, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and personal reflection on Mondays from 9 am-5 pm. One person or family at a time may sign up for a 30-minute time slot by contacting the church office at [churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org](mailto:churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org)

## Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

## Trunk or Treat - October 25 at 4:00 pm

Join us in the First Baptist Parking Lot for an inaugural (and hopefully only) social distanced Trunk-or-Treat! The pandemic has added a new layer to Halloween, and First Families wants to provide a fun and safe way for the young and young at heart to dress up and indulge on the much anticipated Halloween candy. In order to maintain social distancing, cars will be spaced throughout the parking lot to provide adequate distance and children will be asked to move in family units in between cars. For a new level of excitement, we are thrilled to introduce the Golden Pumpkin! The Golden Pumpkin will be awarded to the car that can most creatively deliver their candy from 6 feet away. We look forward to seeing your fun costumes and creative ways to minister to our families this season!

## Christian Mindfulness – Sunday Evenings Starting November 1

2020 is a bit different, but thanks to technology, we are still planning our annual Sheppard Lecture. Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm, Dr. Irene Kraegel is going to be with us via Zoom for 4 workshops called *Present to God: Christian Mindfulness Worship*. Dr. Irene Kraegel's book, *The Mindful Christian*, defines mindfulness in several different ways. One definition she gives is "Mindfulness is the act of showing up, of being present for the life that God has given us."

Grounded in Biblical theology, mindfulness theory, and clinical psychology, this series of four workshops, which Irene Kraegel will present, provides practical mindfulness experience that will equip participants to manage unpleasant emotions effectively and to fully engage with the life God has provided. The workshop is created to be down-to-earth in tone, engaging both the hearts and minds of participants - a great gift to people looking for mental health tools that can be applied within their journey of Christian discipleship.

Sessions include information-sharing, guided practice, and group discussion as appropriate. *The Mindful Christian* book is recommended (but not required) for participants as a workshop accompaniment. Each session will include time for connecting as a group at the beginning as well as debriefing at the end. Options will be given throughout for different types of engagement with the practices (including different physical positions).