



Practicing Presence

AN INVITATION
TO PRAYER

Our Worship of God

October 18, 2020

9:15 am

- Online Service -

Welcome

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Call to Worship (unison)

**Compassionate One, when we tread a path to your door
we find it open and welcoming.**

**When we make requests of you, even the most difficult,
selfish or presumptuous,**

you give according to your grace and goodness.

Forgive what is twisted or dangerous in us

when we make our requests and demands.

Restore us with the surprise of your willingness.

Teach us how to pray.

Meet with us now, Welcoming One,

as we seek to practice presence. Amen.

Opening Song

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day

We're gathered in Your Name

Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire

Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here

You're the reason we're singing

*Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise*

*Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes*

*Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

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

Luke 11:5-13

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Practicing Presence: Meditation on the Names of God

Pastor Carol McEntyre

*Comforter God**The Creator of Beauty**Binder of Wounds**Everlasting One**The All-Compassionate**Companion of the Lonely**Great God our Hope**Strength of our Life**Radiant and Glorious God*

Song of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival
You have no equal*

*Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Message

Carol McEntyre

*You heard the cry of our hearts
And You came down
Freely You gave us Your love
Showing us how*

*Make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and
May Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark*

*All that we do without love
It means nothing
Grant us the courage to give
As You're calling*

*Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love, as You love
Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love, as You love
(As only You can love, oh God)
May we love, as You love
May we love, as You love*

Sharing Our Gifts

Life of the Church

†Benediction (responsive)

Oh God, teach us how to live attentively to you.

Teach us how to pray.

For by our attention to you,

We learn how to be in the world.

May we become people who live prayerfully,

Each thought and action a reflection of your love.

Amen.

Worship Notes

Open Up the Heavens, by Andi Rozier, James McDonald, Meredith Andrews, and Stuart Garrard.
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What a Beautiful Name, by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood. CCLI #7068424

Open Up, by the Brilliance

Benediction by Fran Pratt

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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.

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, October 20

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

Wednesday, October 21

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:00 pm The Calling on the Lawn

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Sunday, October 25

9:15 am Online Worship Service with the Awakening Team

*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 with Chancel Musicians

4:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat on the Parking Lot

Announcements

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.

- **October 18 - 3rd through 5th graders**
- **October 25 - First Families Trunk or Treat**

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.

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, 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!

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

The Sanctuary is now 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 or phone 573-442-1149.

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!

Christian Mindfulness – Sunday Evenings Starting November 1

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*. 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. You do not need to register. The link will be sent out each Thursday before a session.