

Christ Is.....

Alive





Our Worship of God

April 5, 2015

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand.)

— Easter Sunday —

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Prelude A Day of Celebration Childers
Chancel Bells and Youth

The Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1-12

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Procession of the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle, removed from our worship on Good Friday, is returned to the sanctuary as a symbol of Christ's resurrection.)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise

Sung to ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

From Darkness to Light

First Baptist Youth

† Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

† **Easter Litany (responsive)**

We are not eye-witnesses to an event,
as were Mary and the disciples;
we have not journeyed
through a dangerous city
to seek answers or consolation;
we have not seen angels
gathering at the rim of this day,
or wept in the garden this morning
because we could not find Him.

*But we are here to attest to a mystery so deep,
it is impossible to grasp.
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible
to ignore.*

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
take your places here today
in celebration and in awe.
What you are about to hear again,
has the capacity to change the world.
Your very presence attests to the rising up of life
from the tomb of despair,
and to the uncontrollable power of God.

It is Easter morning again:
and we will celebrate.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

† **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

† **Passing the Peace of Christ**

*As God has given us peace through Christ,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

Anthem

Christ Is Risen!

arr. Hopson

*Christ is risen, Christ is living, dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold him, nor the tomb where he was laid.
Do not look among the dead for one who lives forevermore;
tell the world that Christ is risen, make it known he goes before.*

*If the Lord had never risen, we'd have nothing to believe.
But his promise can be trusted: "You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam, so in Christ we live again.
Death has lost its sting and terror. Christ the Lord has come to reign.*

*Death has lost its old dominion, let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living, gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving life eternal, life profound.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

† Hymn of the Resurrection 234 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

† Offertory Sentence

Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy
Psalm Players

Message Carol McEntyre

Preparation for Communion arr. Lantz
Room at the Table
Vocal Ensemble

Emmaus Road Litany (responsive)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit walks with us.

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus,
with those who are disappointed, confused or frustrated —
with those trying to make sense of their world.

His Spirit consoles us.

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus as we talk and
try to understand our story
as you joined the disciples sharing their journey home.

His Spirit gives us understanding.

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus as we listen, ponder and pray as
Cleopas and his companion listened as the miles passed, as Jesus
explained the words of the prophets, as he met them in their
foolishness as they traveled towards their home.

His Spirit brings us joy.

So with Cleopas and his companion, with the disciples in Jerusalem
and those who have walked and talked on the way we say:

Jesus, we invite you to this table.

*Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is
nearly over.*

*Stay with us, Jesus, as we come to this table recognizing our
foolishness.*

At Emmaus Jesus went in with the disciples
and when he was at the table
he took bread, blessed it and broke it.

They knew Jesus not in the talking and listening, but at the moment of
breaking and sharing of bread they recognized him.

Observance of Holy Communion

† **Hymn of Commitment**

Day of Arising
Sung to BUNESSAN

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with His own.
When they invite Him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting
our invitation: stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us Your vision, set all heart burning
that all creation with You may rise.

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Boellman

Worship Notes

Visual Worship Enhancements: The theme for our Lenten journey, the six weeks prior to Easter, “The Way,” was built upon scripture passages related to Christ’s journey in ministry and life. The pathway you see hanging in the Chancel and leading to the cross was painted by Meridith Green. With the assistance of Brenda Rice, we have added each week to the path so that it seems that we are on a journey to the cross. Stepping stones along the path were constructed by Ash Wednesday worship participants. The starkness of the path relates to our thematic scripture, Isaiah 43:19, “I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Thus, the blue water running across the path.)

On Easter, we cover the pathway with new life, flowers of many shapes and sizes. The artistic “sunrise” (designed by Michael McEntyre and our youth) symbolizes the new dawn of Christ’s work and mission in our world.

Guest musicians this morning include Matt Fetterly, Nick Smith, Ryan Iadanza, and Erica Manzo. The timpani, a new addition to our music ministry thanks to Lisa Dobbs, are being played for the first time in worship.

Easter Lilies Given By:

Cheryl and Michael Brewer in memory of Paul and Alberta Dooley, who loved Easter, and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Deb Carr in memory of James and Margaret Carr, Betty Day, and Carl Breece.

Bill and Kathy Emerson in memory of their parents.

Kee and Diana Groshong in memory of Kee H and Susan E. Groshong, Floyd and Helen Reese, Geraldine Reese Martin, Ellen Martin Mottaz, Mrs. Dorothy Holliday.

Debbie Jacobs in memory of Kent and Barbara Toalson.

Besty and Bruce Odle for Frank and Virginia Strozier, Betsy's parents.

Gil and Donna Ross for family.

Mary Lou Spradling in memory and honor of friends and family.

Andy, Carrie, Brian and Becky Steere in memory of their mothers and grandmothers, Joyce Steere and Janet Grass.

Randy and Sherry Wyatt in memory of Sterling Wyatt.

Spring Flowers Given By:

Jim and Miriam Butt

Deb Carr in honor of Patricia Breece, Esther and Larry Rollins, and John and Ruth Carr.

Judy Elliott in honor of Brianne Wright and in honor of Betty Eads.

Bill and Kathy Emerson in memory of their parents.

Kee and Diana Groshong in honor of Reese. Susan, Natasha and Tommy Groshong,

Lisa Groshong and Trevor Harris.

Ken and Sue Hammann in memory of Paul and Leona Zorich, and Louis and Margaret Hammann.

Pam Humphreys in honor of Bill Krueger.

Debbie Jacobs in honor of David Jacobs and Amanda and Alexis Stone.

Suzy and Abby Lee in honor of Mary Lou Spradling.

Eli and Beth Marchbanks in memory of Sheila Marchbanks, who loved without limits.

Betsy and Bruce Odle for Mae Odle, Grandmother of Bruce Odle and for Clara Strozier, Betsy's aunt.

Gary and Colleen Ostercamp in honor of First Baptist musicians.

Margaret Pratt in memory of her husband Glenn Pratt and son Stephen Pratt.

Jim and Verna Rhodes in memory of their parents.

Bob Russell in memory of Marilyn.

Mary Lou Spradling in memory and honor of friends and family.

Andy, Carrie, Brian and Becky Steere in memory of their mothers and grandmothers, Joyce Steere and Janet Grass.

Khaki Westerfield in memory of her parents, Howard and Mary Kay Lang, and her husband Jim Westerfield.

Koge and Gerda Yasuda in memory of their daughter, Lisbeth Yasuda.

Announcements

CBF Global Missions

First Baptist will be collecting money to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects from **April 5- 26**. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes. Please give graciously.

The Gift of Years — A Discussion About Growing Older Gracefully

The Gift of Years book discussion will be co-facilitated by Bob Russell and Carol McEntyre begins this Tuesday, **April 7** at noon. **Please RSVP to the church office** (at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org, or 573-442-1149) **by noon on Monday, April 6, to reserve a lunch order.**

Eat, Pray, Sew

Eat, Pray, Sew will happen on Saturday, **April 11** at Broadway Christian Church, as part of a larger event that is taking place from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Contact Colleen Ostercamp for more information.

Laughter Sunday

To carry on the celebration of Easter, many Christian Churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity, which was to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as Holy Humor or Laughter Sunday. After the seriousness of the Lenten Season, the Greek Christians would lighten things up by telling jokes and amusing stories in worship. So, this Easter Season we are going to keep the celebration going by participating in Laughter Sunday. Come to church on **April 12** dressed in bright colors, with a joke or two to share during worship.

Announcements

Senior Recital

Friday, **April 10**, church member and former scholarship singer, Christina Casey, will present a vocal recital in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Christina is currently a vocal performance graduate student at LSU.

New Welcome Team

The Ushers, led by Randy Wyatt and the Greeter Ministry, led by Sue Hammann are joining forces to become the new Welcome Team. If you want to be involved in this essential new ministry, **April 12** at 12:15 pm in the parlor, following traditional worship, there will be a lunch, training and opportunity to sign up to serve.

Pulpit Swap

Sunday, **April 19** is the downtown church pulpit swap. Knute Jacobson, the Senior Pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church, will be our guest preacher here at First Baptist.

Serving the City is back on Saturday, April 25

The Serving Team is offering our First Baptist family the opportunity to get involved in supporting our community and ministry partners with a day of serving, Saturday, **April 25** from 9:00 am to noon.

Attention all graduates!

First Baptist Church would like to honor all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, **May 10**. Graduates will be recognized in both services and there will be a light brunch between services as well. We are asking that all graduates send your graduation information to the church no later than Sunday, April 26 so it may be featured in the Spire.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, April 5

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups
Various Classrooms, 2nd floor

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

5:00 pm African Worship
Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 6

9:00 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 7

12:00 pm Book Study: The Gift of Years
Parlor (RSVP for lunch through main office)

2:00 pm Communion Service
The Terrace

5:30 pm Worship Team Meeting
Parlor

Wednesday, April 8

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Sanctuary

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4:00 pm Youth Ensemble
Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship
Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adult Bible Study
Youth Suite

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

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:

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 library on the second floor.

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

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

To view the live webcast of either of our worship services, go to www.ustream.tv.
Search for [fbwebcast](#) (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Mary Lou Spradling,
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