



First Baptist Church

columbia

*Christ rules the church.
The church, you see,
is not peripheral to the world;
the world is peripheral to the church.
The church is Christ's body,
in which he speaks and acts,
by which he fills everything
with his presence.*

—Ephesians 1:23

Our Worship of God

April 26, 2015

11:15 am

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

— The Fourth Sunday of Easter —

*“The church is composed of
equal parts mystery and mess.”*

—Eugene Peterson

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

The Rejoicing

Handel

Call to Worship (unison)

Ephesians 1:2-3, 5:8, 14

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us
in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Once you were
darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Therefore it is said, “Awake,
O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.”*

† Processional Hymn

God of Our Years
Sung to LOBE DEN HERREN

*God of our years, from our birth to our life’s culmination,
Hear now our praise and our anthems of glad celebration.*

*Through all our years, through all our joys and our tears,
You come in Christ’s revelation.*

*God of our past, You have led us in every endeavor.
You offer healing to bind what we thoughtlessly sever.
When, in our pain we cry for wholeness again,
You stand beside us forever.*

*God of today, even now You continue to lead us.
By word and deed, through Your church, You are present to feed us.
In Christ, our Friend, we know Your grace without end;
Show us where Your children need us.*

*God of the future and every new day’s generation,
Steadfast and true, You lead on to a bright destination.
Open our hearts! Open our minds for fresh starts!
Fill us with new inspiration.*

Text by Jane Parker Huber

† Litany for the Church (responsive)

Young and old, sons and daughters of God
all you who are the diverse creations
of God’s imagination and love,
join in praise and thanksgiving
as we worship the One who brings us together.

*We come to this place, bringing our varied stories,
our unique gifts, and our distinct calls to serve.*

We come together in partnership and mission,
knowing that we are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to serve others, to seek justice,

to offer the hope of the Resurrected Christ.

***We are called to be the body of Christ—
a community of believers, a household of faith,
a communion of saints, the people of the covenant.***

We are called to the one hope of our high calling—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.

***As members of the body of Christ,
we covenant together in this hour
to build on our sure foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord
and to seek the vision of Christ's hope for the world.***

*Litany written by Sharlande Sledge.
Found in her book, "Prayers and Litanies"*

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

*"To dwell in love with saints above,
Why, that will be glory.
To dwell below with saints I know—
Why, that's a different story."*

—Anonymous

Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation arr. Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone;*

*Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts and stay;
come, with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls always;
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls always.*

*Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run;
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

Scripture Reading

Jordan Kausler

Acts 19:23-30
About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for the Church (responsive)

Eternal God,
we thank you for calling us by name.
In you we live and move and grow.
We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world.
Remind us of our common foundation in Christ.
May we grow together in faith and in love,
until we attain that unity which is your will.
***Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.***

Send down your Spirit so that we may
know Jesus and bear witness to our life and unity in him.
May we know the mind of Christ
in order to speak God's wisdom everywhere.

Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation
in church and society.

***Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.***

We pray for all churches which are experiencing change—
growth or struggle, reconciliation or conflict.
Inspire and strengthen them in works of witness and service.

***Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.***

We pray for those who have no home, no land,
no food, no work, no medicine, no peace.
May we recognize and serve Christ
in the suffering and the needy.

***Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.***

We give thanks for our church and its people,
and gladly acknowledge all the
gifts you have given us.

Grant us your help and guidance and support.

***Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place. Amen.***

Inspired by 1 and 2 Corinthians.

From resources by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

† Hymn 689

The Church's One Foundation

(omit stanza four)

Message

Carol McEntyre

† Hymn of Commitment

A People for Our God
Sung to DIADEMATA

***Glory and praise to God, who caused the church to be.
A people bought by Calvary's blood, to live in unity:
One Christ, one cross, one call, binds each to each and all
As fellowship, as family; as people for our God.***

***Jesus, you loved the church and for her life you died;
To love each other is our charge from you the crucified:
So leaving all our strife; we claim your better life;
Your fellowship, your family; a people for our God.***

***Spirit of God descend and help this church to be
A church which prizes kindness and grace and shares your liberty:
Your gifts and fruit bestow that those you've sealed may know
A fellowship, a family; a people for our God.***

***Brothers and sisters come, the world awaits the sight
Of unlike people living in love; defying sin's dark night.
Our Lord has shown the way for us to be this day
That fellowship, that family; that people for our God.***

*Written by J. Daniel Day,
pastor of First Baptist Church from 1985-1996.*

† Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Alleluia

Mozart

† Benediction (unison)

Ephesians 3:20-21

***Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.***

Postlude

Announcements

CBF Global Missions

TODAY concludes our month of giving in support of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects. 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.

Columbia Handbell Ensemble

TODAY at 3:00 pm the Columbia Handbell Ensemble will present its 25th Anniversary Spring Concert. Please plan to attend this celebratory concert. We thank First Baptist for 25 years of collaboration and support! Following the concert, stay a while and join us for a 25th year reception.

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 continues this Tuesday, **April 28** at noon. **Please RSVP to the church office** (at churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org, or 573-442-1149) **by noon on Monday, April 27, to reserve a lunch order.**

Kitchen Item/Furniture Sale

The recent renovation has prompted a “spring cleaning” and there are many items that have been made available for sale to church members. Come by the church office anytime during office hours (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) through **April 29**, to peruse the items for sale! Please make your purchases in the main office. Items for sale include historic First Baptist Church monogrammed dish-ware, furniture and more!

Announcements

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.

Student Scholarships Available

Every year, First Baptist awards scholarships to individuals pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of former members of our First Baptist Church family. Graduating First Baptist high school seniors, college students and graduate students can receive an application online at www.fbc-columbia.org, or by calling the church office at 442-1149. Scholarships available are:

The Lionberger Scholarship Fund
The Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Luebbers Scholarship Fund

The deadline for returning the application to the church office is May 17.

Mark Your Calendars:

Church Wide Business Meeting and Breakfast Sunday, **May 17** at 10:15 am, in lieu of small group hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Combined Worship on Sunday, **May 24** at 11:15 am.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, April 26

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

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

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

3:00 pm Columbia Handbell Ensemble concert
Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

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

Monday, April 27

SPIRE DEADLINE

9:00 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 28

12:00 pm Book Study: The Gift of Years
Parlor

Week At-A-Glance

Wednesday, April 29

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Sanctuary

Sunday, May 3

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

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

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

2:00 pm UMC Women's Chorale Concert
Sanctuary

5:00 pm UMC Concert Chorale
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 Gil and Donna Ross for their 59th wedding anniversary and by Bob Russell in remembrance of Marilyn's birthday.



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