



First Baptist Church

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*God, this world is not the accomplishment of only
one moment of your time.*

*Those rugged cliffs, thrust from the depths of the sea
filled with the evidence of the past
were not created in the blinking of an eye.*

The diamond's hardness did not come suddenly.

*This is the work of an infinite patience, the creation of
something of which its creator could be pleased.*

*And now, God, this infinite patience, this creative love,
is directed toward us, formed as we are from the very
elements of the world in which we live.*

*Your Creative Spirit is still at work — tireless, ceaseless
endlessly creating in our hearts the image of your likeness,
the only difference being the diamond had no choice
in whether it would be transformed into such beauty.*

—John Birch, Iona Worship Community

Our Worship of God

July 12, 2015

11:15 am

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

Greeting Carol McEntyre

Prelude Sixth Suite - Second Movement J. S. Bach
Matt Pierce, Cello

Scripture Reading Gil Ross

Genesis 1:6-8

God separated the waters from heaven - the second day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won-der-ful; the Lord God made them all.

Call to Worship (responsive)

O Lord, our Lord, the splendor of your name fills the earth.
Your glory is higher than the heavens.
We gather to praise you!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

O Lord, our Lord, the splendor of your name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.
We gather to celebrate your creative powers.

***"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
And God saw that it was good..."***

We gather to celebrate our God.

***We gather to worship our God!
All praise, honor, majesty and power
belongs to our Creating God! Amen.***

† Processional Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Powers of God

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters.)

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Special Music

Christine Bay, Alana Barragan-Scott, Hugh Emerson, Chuck Bay

Deep River

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Lord you give life to life!
From day one, your Spirit brooding over the deep, your wind rushing,
your breath filling.
As creatures of the earth we rejoice in life using our breath, our being
to raise this hymn of praise:

***Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant
greening the earth; its fruit—beauty and food!
Hallelujahs for generations of life
tumbling one after another.
Life creeping, swimming, flying, running,
below, above, upon, within.
All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks
praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!***

Knowing your power, knowing your love for us, we bring requests this
morning; we pray for all we know who are sick, in mind or body, or
who suffer from chronic conditions, especially we name these who are
in need of your comfort:

Moment of Silence

Bless these for whom we have prayed. Fill us, enliven us, to be
ambassadors of life abundant, breathing out your song in harmony,
singing to you, our Creator, whose glory shines through all the world.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Gil Ross

Genesis 1:9-19

And God saw that it was good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the
waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
11 Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit
trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. 12
The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of
every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And
there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from
the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and
let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was
so. 16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser
light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give
light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the
light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening
and there was morning, the fourth day.



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all things wise and won-der-ful; the Lord God made them all.

Worship Notes

*All you big things, bless the Lord
Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria
The Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain
Fat baobabs and shady mango trees
All eucalyptus and tamarind trees
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol [God] for ever and ever.*

*All you tiny things, bless the Lord
Busy black ants and hopping fleas
Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae
Flying locusts and water drops
Pollen dust and tsetse flies
Millet seeds and dried dagaa
Bless the Lord
Praise and extol [God] for ever and ever.*

African Canticle

Thank you to all our special musical guests this morning.

Special thanks to cellist and good friend, Matt Pierce, who is soon moving to Springfield. Our best to him for this transition and our thanks for his many years of beautiful music shared with First Baptist.

Announcements

Summer Book Club

First Baptist Teaching Team is sponsoring Summer Book Club. The Teaching Team is recommending 3 books for you to read this summer: *Introducing the Missional Church*, *A New Kind of Christian*, and *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*. The idea is for everyone to read at their own pace, over the summer and then, in the fall, we will have potluck book discussions about the readings. The church has ordered copies of the books, which are on sale on Sundays, in the Children's Building hallway, for just \$10 each.

Upcoming Concert

Prometheus: an American Vocal Consort presents *A Song of Joys* on Saturday, **July 18** at 7:30 pm at First Baptist. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 students with ID. Tickets are available in advance online at www.prometheusmusic.org or from the First Baptist Church office.

Prometheus Workshop

Saturday, July 18 1:00 - 3:30 pm at First Baptist. All members of the community, ages 13 and up, are welcome to join this unique community-wide choral experience. Sing alongside professional artists under the direction of Prometheus Artistic Director, R. Paul Crabb, enjoy master classes and special interest sessions led by the singers, and perform with Prometheus at the evening concert. The workshop fee is \$10 (includes free concert admission and workshop packet). Register in advance at www.prometheusmusic.org.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, July 12

- 9:15 am **Awakening Worship** Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am **Sunday Morning Small Groups** 2nd floor classrooms
- 11:15 am **Traditional Worship** Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **African Worship** Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 13

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- 9:00 am **Senior Yoga** Parlor
- 6:30 pm **Praise Band Rehearsal** Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 15

- 5:30 pm **Missions Meeting** 2nd Floor Classroom (E-2)

Friday, July 17

- 11:00 am **The Wardrobe Volunteers** The Wardrobe

Saturday, July 18

- 12:15 pm **Fellowship Adventures Macon Trip** meet at the church
- 1:00 pm **Prometheus Workshop** Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Prometheus: A Song of Joys concert** Sanctuary

Sunday, July 19

- Youth Camp Report during both worship services this morning.
- 9:15 am **Awakening Worship** Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am **Sunday Morning Small Groups** 2nd floor classrooms
- 11:15 am **Traditional Worship** Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm **African Worship** Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm **Youth Summer Series Begins** 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 fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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