



# First Baptist Church

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## *Our Worship of God*

*July 26, 2015*

*11:15 am*

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

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**Greeting**

Ed Rollins

**Prelude**

Prelude in G Major

Bober

Deb Carr, piano; Colleen Ostercamp, organ; JanEl Will, piano

**Opening Prayer (responsive)**

All-knowing God,

*We gather together with praise and thanksgiving  
for who You are,  
and for all that You have done for us.*

You know us better than we know ourselves—  
all our thoughts and actions—  
*and You love us anyway.*

No matter where we go or what we do,  
Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—  
gently leading and guiding and blessing.

*We praise You for Your love  
and Your faithful presence in our lives.*

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—  
examine our attitudes and actions,  
lay bare the things we need to confess,  
challenge us with Your Word,  
and guide us on to paths that lead to life.

*For we are Your people, called by Your name.  
Amen.*

†**Processional Hymn 20**

Joyful, Joyful

*(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.*

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**Old Testament Reading**

Nate Jones

Genesis 4: 3-16

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,  
4 and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the  
Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no  
regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 The Lord said to Cain,  
“Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will  
you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire  
is for you, but you must master it.”

8 Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in  
the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said  
to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s  
keeper?” 10 And the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood  
is crying out to me from the ground! 11 And now you are cursed from the ground,  
which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12  
When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a  
fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” 13 Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment  
is greater than I can bear! 14 Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I  
shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,  
and anyone who meets me may kill me.” 15 Then the Lord said to him, “Not so!  
Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the Lord put a mark on  
Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. 16 Then Cain went away  
from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love.  
Because of your great compassion, forgive us.  
*Free us from the guilt that weighs us down,  
from the sin that controls us.*

We have sinned against you,  
and done what is wrong in your eyes.  
*We are well aware of the wrong we do:  
the words we speak which wound,  
the unloving thoughts and actions  
which hurt others and ourselves.*

We know that these things distance us from you,  
and keep us from recognizing your life in us.  
*Forgive us.*

God, be mer - ci - ful to me,  
on your grace I rest my plea.

You desire complete honesty from us.  
We know that nothing can be hidden from you.  
And so we lay open our hearts to you now—  
*we lay before you those things for which we need your forgiveness,  
and those things from which we long to be set free.*  
*Gracious God, enter our hearts.*  
*Teach us what it means to have you at the center of our lives.*

God, we need your mercy and forgiveness.  
Only you can make us whole again;  
*only you can fill us with lasting joy,  
only you can transform our weakness into strength.*  
O God, look no longer on our past mistakes,  
but on the aspirations and longing of our hearts.

God, be mer - ci - ful to me,  
on your grace I rest my plea.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
open and receptive to your Spirit.

*Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
washed clean from bitter thoughts,  
from shame, guilt, envy and anger.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
free from anxiety about the past or the future,  
confident in the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
and in your gift of peace.

*Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
cleansed by your mercy, and made strong by your love.*

God, be mer - ci - ful to me,  
on your grace I rest my plea.

*Loving and merciful God,  
We long to be your disciples,  
to follow your path for our lives,  
and to share with others  
the good news of your love and mercy.*

**I Want Jesus to Walk With Me** arr. Larson  
Colleen Ostercamp and JanEl Will

**†Hymn 710** We Are Called to be God's People

**Message** Carol McEntyre

**†Hymn of Commitment 708** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**†Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory** Give Thanks arr. Keveren  
Deb Carr and Colleen Ostercamp

**†Benediction** Carol McEntyre

**†Postlude** Joyful, Joyful arr. Bock  
Deb Carr, Colleen Ostercamp, JanEl Will

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## Announcement

### Fellowship Adventures - August Adventure

First Baptist's own Anne Bills will be in the play "Rumors" by Neil Simon at Arrow Rock Lyceum Theater on **August 15**. Show time is at 2:00 pm. Group tickets for 10 or more adults are \$26.00. We would like to take a group! If you are interested in going, please contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, at paulalou52@gmail.com.

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## Announcement

### Fall Kick-Off — August 30

Join us for a picnic and fun on the lawn at 12:30 pm! Chicken and drinks will be provided; bring a side to share. There will be an inflatable slide, dunk tank, games, snow-cones, and more!

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## Week At-A-Glance

### Sunday, July 26

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** McEntyre Home

### Monday, July 27

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

### Sunday, August 2

**New Save-the-Dates Available**  
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  
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**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.

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*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.*

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Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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God, Be Merciful to Me (refrain)

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