



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

August 30, 2015

11:15 am

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

Moses:

The Man Behind the Movies

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship (unison)

Gentle and patient
God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent
God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise
God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday
God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned
God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in a burning bush
God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared
God, you are calling.

Willing or protected
God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.
May we be diligent to listen.
God, you are calling.

†Processional Hymn 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

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

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

*We come before you today, O God,
torn among our many responsibilities,
the varied roles we play in our careers and relationships,
and the desires of our hearts.*

*So often we have identified ourselves too closely with our jobs
and responsibilities,
forgetting that we are much more in your sight.
Broaden our vision and our self-understanding.*

Forgive us where we have allowed ourselves to compromise our convictions on the altar of convenience.

Open our eyes to the ways we foolishly allow the ends to justify the means.

Forgive us for treating things like treasures and people like things. Make us sensitive to the people with whom we work and live. Call our priorities back into order. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live. Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

Lord, we pray that you will bless these backpacks and the children and youth who carry them as they begin yet another year of school. Give these students peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted,

and energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and to be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus and in the cafeteria. May they sense your loving care and we ask, O God, that you protect them each day of this school year.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, bless those in the ministry of teaching. As they embark on a new school year, grant them energy, passion, discipline, and endurance for their daily tasks. Infuse their classrooms with an atmosphere of care and mutual respect. May all their interactions with students be bathed in patience and understanding. Help their lessons to grow students in both knowledge and character. Help us to support the work these teachers do building up our community and our future.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we give you thanks for the ministry of the Child Development Center here at First Baptist. Lord bless the classrooms and the teachers and the students who fill this building each day. We thank you for all the crayons, paper plates, books, markers and construction paper that will be used to help these children learn. May this be a safe place filled with laughter, learning, joy and play.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed us, his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

Anthem

Promised Land

Arr. White

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Scripture Reading

Michelle Twitty

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.***†Hymn 574**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Message

Called Out

Carol McEntyre

Reading: "God said, 'Go...'"**†Hymn of Commitment**

Here I Am, Lord

*(see next page)***†Offertory Sentence****Offertory**

Sonata L79
Jordan Kausler, piano

Scarlatti

†Benediction (unison)

*Go out into the world to join God
in the work of love, of peace, of justice.
Take in the breath of life.
Take off your shoes.
Know that you are ever in the presence
of the Holy and Living God.
Go in peace. Amen.*

Postlude

Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,



My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My



light to them? Whom shall I send?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I Am, Lord



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?



I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)



I will go, Lord, if You lead me.



I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Worship Notes

Cover Art:

"The Burning Bush" by Shraga Weil

Call to Worship:

God, You Are Calling, by Joanie Thurman Williams, and posted on Consider Your Call consideryourcall.org

Benediction:

Inspired by Exodus 3, written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog, spaciousfaith.com

Special Thanks:

Thank you to Lisa Dobbs, for sharing her musical talents and for leading us in worship this morning.

Announcements

Widening Our Welcome

Sunday, September 6 at 10:15 am in the Parlor

Warren Sapp, an American Baptist Pastor and counselor, will be with us to talk about his experience of caring for LGBT persons in his clinical practice and his interpretation of scripture on the LGBT issue.

Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (dinner)

We will hear testimonies from First Baptist members, including Sarabeth Rhodes, Anne Bills and Nate Jones, about coming to terms with their sexual orientation and what it has been like to be Christian and gay. Come hear their stories! **Please make your dinner reservation (\$5/person) with the church office (573-442-1149) by Friday, September 4.** Childcare is available; please mention number of children when making your reservation.

Children's Ministry Interim

The Personnel Committee has begun the process of looking for a new Director of Children's Ministry. In the interim church members, Marilyn Zumwalt and Jane Hunter will be overseeing our Children's Ministry. You can help by taking extra time when you see visitors with children. Walk them to the nursery if they have infants or escort them to the 3rd floor where preschool and children's Sunday School meets at 10:15 am. And just as a reminder, children in first grade and above are encouraged to attend worship with their parents.

Announcements

Music Ministry Rehearsals Set to Resume

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Psalm Players Band will resume on Wednesday, **September 2**.

New singers, ringers, and instrumentalists are always welcome. Please contact Ed Rollins at rollins@fbc-columbia.org, or just find him on Sundays.

Ann Judson Christian Action Circle

The Ann Judson Christian Action Circle will meet on Thursday, **September 3** at 1:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

African Congregation - Revival

On Saturday, **September 5** at 5:00 pm our African congregation will be holding a revival in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist. Pastor Carol McEntyre will be preaching. All are welcome to attend. Watch for more information coming soon!

Announcements

Fellowship Adventures

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Yes, we are going to MARY POPPINS on Sunday, **September 13** at 2:00 pm at Columbia Entertainment Company!

Ticket prices are \$10 per person (all ages). We will go to dinner together, after the show, at Texas Longhorn Steak House.

Please contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, at **paulalou52@gmail.com** by August 31 so she can purchase tickets in advance. Also, let Paula know if you are a season ticket holder for Columbia Entertainment Company.

Night Under the Stars - Coming in September

On **September 27**, First Baptist will host Night Under the Stars, a fundraising event for Room at the Inn designed to help students better understand the effects of poverty in homelessness in our community. To make this event work, we need adult volunteers to: help prepare food, serve a meal, lead in our poverty simulation, serve as hosts, help with registration, serve as overnight leaders, help with set up and tear down, and more. You can sign up online on the church website or by emailing mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org. Mark your calendar today to help with this great event.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, August 30

- 9:15 am **Awakening Worship** *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:15 am **Sunday Morning Small Groups** *2nd floor classrooms*
- 11:15 am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*
- 12:30 pm **Fall Kick-Off** *Front Lawn*
- 5:00 pm **African Worship (in Swahili)** *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, August 31

- 9:00 am **Senior Yoga** *Parlor*
- 5:30 pm **Nominating Committee** *2nd Floor Conference Room*
- 6:30 pm **Praise Band Rehearsal** *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, September 2

- 5:30 pm **Psalm Players** *Sanctuary*
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Bells** *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** *Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 3

- 1:00 pm **Circle Meeting** *2nd Floor Conference Room*

Week At-A-Glance

Saturday, September 5

- 5:00 pm **African Worship- Revival** *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, September 6

- 9:15 am **Awakening Worship** *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:15 am **Widening Our Welcome Series** *Parlor*
Speaker: Warren Sapp
- 11:15 am **Traditional Worship** *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 pm **African Worship (in Swahili)** *Fellowship Hall*

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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