



Our Worship of God

October 18, 2015

11:15 am

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

— Widening Our Welcome —

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Prelude

Praise the Almighty

arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship (responsive)

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Introit

Christ Has Broken Down the Walls
Youth and Chancel Choir

Miller

*Christ has broken down the wall. Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall.*

*We're accepted as we are. We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are.*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.*

*We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.
Christ has broken down the wall.*

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Invocation

Carol McEntyre

†ProceSSIONAL Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Listening

To hear — really hear — amid the noise

to risk being open to another perspective
amid the impacted certainties
to be able to listen to impassioned pleas
while owning the cries that come from our own hearts.

To hear an argument that does not resonate
disagree, if that be our call,
without demeaning the bearer of the words.

Amid the colliding words
injured by the words
injuring with our words:

help us to hear
your
Words.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

Kim Siegenthaler

Genesis 2:18-25

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that

was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Acts 10: 28, 34

...and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.*

†Gospel Acclamation

We Are Called

Refrain

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is the vocal line in G major, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "We are called to act with jus-tice; we are called to". The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: "love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-". The third staff is the guitar accompaniment, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: "oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God." Chord symbols C, D, G, C, D, C, G are placed above the notes in the third staff.

Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called
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†Gospel Reading

Kim Siegenthaler

Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn

God Beyond Us, God Within Us Sung to HYMN TO JOY

*God beyond us, God within us, Holy God whose praise we sing:
When You call to faith and service take our lives as offering.
Time and culture, age and difference, add enrichment to the whole.
Called and challenged, we Your people seek a vision of Your goal.*

*In this time of changing patterns, new relationships, new hope,
Send a rainbow full of promise with its focus, depth, and scope.
In Your Word we find direction from the past, yet pressing on.
Christ, the One led by the Spirit, bids us face a new day's dawn.*

*Send us out to serve with justice so, forgiven and set free,
We can act with joy and healing with Your Spirit's energy.
Show us how to ease the suffering of our neighbors far and near.
Teach us how to work as partners where the need may next appear.*

*Called to lively praise and witness where we live and work and play,
May we offer love and learning, hope and nurture day by day.
Help us listen to each other, our communion to increase,
Giving substance, time, and talent to our dreams of faith and peace.*

God Beyond Us, God Within Us
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Message

Dr. David Gushee

†Hymn of Commitment

Called As Partners in Christ's Service



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

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†Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Every Eye is Different

Kantor

*Every eye is different, catching different light
cast from different angles, giving us our sight.
Seeing different colors paints the world we know,
in distinct or focused, as our eyes will show,
as our eyes will show.*

*Some see with their fingers, knowing differently
what those take for granted who use eyes to see.
Even with a scripture we all hold as true,
each one sees uniquely what it says to do,
what it says to do.*

*How are we to worship when our neighbor's
sight seems to be in error, while our own seems right?
Knowing God created every person's heart,
bearing God's own image is a worthy start,
is a worthy start.*

*Every mind is different, made uniquely good
bearing different lifetimes, not all understood.
Giving thanks for difference, seeing gifts in all,
is not wishful thinking, but a holy call,
but a holy call.*

Every Eye is Different

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†Benediction

Postlude

Sunday Adult Small Groups

As we get closer to the end of the Widening Our Welcome Sunday Small Group sessions, we want to draw attention to the adult small groups that meet at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings, beginning October 25.

- **The Community Small Group** (2nd Floor - Conference Room) The Community Small Group is an inter-generational group that focuses on supporting each other in christian living. We utilize a rotating facilitator model, so different members of the group take turns facilitating discussion each week. We welcome new members! In October and November we will be doing a 4 week study entitled "Who Is Jesus?", exploring the identity of Jesus from such view points as the names of Jesus, the voice of Jesus, the life of Jesus, and the peace of Jesus.
- **Discussion Class** (2nd Floor - Parlor) The Discussion Class takes a scripture-based approach to issues of interest to the group. Led primarily by Bob Russell and Khaki Westerfield, the class's format encourages discussion and sharing of divergent views. We would love to have new members! Our last October meeting will be devoted to the group's deciding what topics to discuss following the holiday season. In November, Khaki will lead discussions on how scripture comes to us, looking at various translations, misapplications, and understandings. In December, Bob will lead an Advent series. These topics are based loosely on the Smyth and Helwys curriculum; individual learning guides are available for you in the church office.
- **Faith Forum** (2nd Floor - classroom by elevator) The Faith Forum Class will be discussing church leadership qualities from the book of Timothy in November. Together the class reads the lesson and then the members discuss and share knowledge and experiences about the topic. The class is very diverse. They would welcome new members. The class does not have a set teacher but Charles Hunter helps facilitate discussion.

Guest Speaker — Dr. David Gushee

David P. Gushee
Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics
Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life
Mercer University, Atlanta & Macon, Georgia

Dr. David P. Gushee is Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University. Widely regarded as one of the leading moral voices in American Christianity, he is the author or editor of 20 books and hundreds of articles in his field, including *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust*, *Kingdom Ethics*, *The Sacredness of Human Life*, and, most recently, *Changing Our Mind*. Dr. Gushee has always accompanied his scholarly production with church work (First Baptist Church, Decatur), activism (human rights, creation care, LGBT acceptance), opinion writing (Washington Post, Huffington Post, Baptist News Global), board service (Public Religion Research, Sojourners), and domestic and global media consultation. He has lectured on every continent, with endowed lectures scheduled in New Zealand and Holland in 2015. Dr. Gushee has been married to Jeanie for 30 years. They are the parents of two daughters and a son, and the grandparents of a beautiful baby boy, Jonah. They reside in Atlanta.

As Distinguished University Professor, Dr. Gushee teaches at McAfee School of Theology and throughout Mercer University in his specialty, Christian ethics. As Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life, he organizes events and courses to advance quality conversations about major issues arising at the intersection of theology, ethics, and public policy. Beyond his work at Mercer, he currently serves as Senior Columnist for Baptist News Global. Dr. Gushee also serves on the board of directors of Sojourners and as Vice-Chair of the board of the Public Religion Research Institute. He is also a member on the Death Penalty Committee & Detainee Treatment Taskforce of the Constitution Project. He has most recently become a Faith Consultant for the Family Acceptance Project.

Dr. Gushee is a scholar, activist, and churchman. His research interests focus on the ethical teachings of Jesus Christ and the Christian theological-ethical tradition, together with its contemporary implications for Christian discipleship and public witness. He has published twenty books and many hundreds of essays, book chapters, articles, reviews, and opinion pieces. Probably his most widely noted books before Fall 2014 were *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust* (Fortress, 1994/Paragon House, 2003), *Kingdom Ethics* (IVP, 2003), *The Future*

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of Faith in American Politics (Baylor, 2008), a devotional work with his wife Jeanie called *Yours is the Day, Lord, Yours is the Night* (Thomas Nelson, 2012), and the broadly endorsed *Sacredness of Human Life* (Eerdmans, 2013), which interrogates what it has meant, and proposes what it should mean, to say that human life is sacred. It is his most ambitious and demanding scholarly project to date, and has been nominated for the prestigious Grawemeyer Award.

As an activist, Professor Gushee was the principal drafter of both the Evangelical Climate Initiative (2006) and the Evangelical Declaration against Torture (2007), both of which changed the conversation in church and society about their respective issues. He is regularly quoted in major national media of all types, including NPR, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Wall Street Journal, as an authority on the role of religion, especially evangelicals, in American public life, and as a voice for civility and dialogue across our cultural divides. He maintains an active voice on social media (twitter: @dpgushee).

Dr. Gushee's release of *Changing Our Mind* (Read the Spirit books) in late October 2014 added a new chapter to his scholarship and activism. In this book, Dr. Gushee makes a biblical case for a transformative rethinking of the LGBT issue and for the opening of all Christian hearts to full acceptance of so often marginalized and mistreated gay Christians in the life of the Church. Since the release of the book he has sought to embody his repentant commitment to serving the well-being of the LGBT community by joining the work of the Family Acceptance Project as their Faith Consultant, becoming a member of the advisory board of the Atlanta chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and accepting invitations for a busy lecture season on LGBT & Christianity issues in 2015.

Dr. Gushee, his beloved wife Jeanie, and their regal cat Noah live in Atlanta, Georgia, where they eagerly await visits from their grown children Holly (with her husband Jonathan), David, and Marie. An ordained Baptist minister, Dr. Gushee and his wife attend First Baptist Church in Decatur, where he teaches a weekly Sunday School class, as well as Holy Cross Catholic Church. David is a long-time Atlanta Braves fan and, at 53, still very much enjoys competing with his students and colleagues on the tennis court.

Announcements

College and Young Adult Ministry

On Sunday, **October 18** at 8:00 pm the College and Young Adult ministry will meet at the McEntyre's house for a bonfire. Contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org if you need more information or directions. Hope to see you there!

Afternoon at the Farm

Join us for an afternoon of activities, fellowship, and terrific food on
Sunday, October 25.

Schedule of Events:

3 pm Hayrides and Conversations

4:30 pm Trunk-or-Treat

Please bring a bag or two of your favorite Halloween Candy...place in trunk...and at 4:30 pm our kids will go trunk-or-treating!

5 pm Dinner

Meat, beverages and table service will be provided.

Bring a side dish to share!

Directions:

Go west on I-70 to the Midway Exit; take a right on Hwy 40; take a right on Route J; travel on J until you get to the water tower; make a hard right on Boothe Lane at the water tower. Go straight until this road bears left - the gate to the farm will then be on your right;
look for the balloons!

If you get lost, call Nick Kieffer:
573-489-7325



Announcements

Child Development Center Halloween Party

CDC is inviting families to join them for fun and games on Friday, **October 30** from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children may wear their costumes. Please, no scary costumes and no weapons! Supervision will be provided for children 1st grade and older, on the 3rd floor.

Fun Filled Halloween Concert for Kids (of all ages)

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble is presenting a *spooktacular* concert for kids of all ages on Saturday, **October 31** at 10 am in the First Baptist Church sanctuary. Kids are encouraged to come in costume, enjoy a ghost story, play some music and receive a few tricks or treats. It's all free and tons of fun!

Child Development Center's Email Auction Nov. 9-13

It's fall and time for a fresh start! You can begin this by looking for treasures at your home or business that can be donated to the CDC email auction.

If possible, please email a picture of your items to be included in the auction list. Please email items, or any questions, to Trudy Clevenger at momclev@rocketmail.com between October 21 - November 7.

Missions Lunch with Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheen

The Missions Team is hosting a luncheon for missionaries Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheen on **November 19** at 12:00 pm in the Parlor. All are invited to hear them speak about their ministry.

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 18

- 9:15 am Awakening Worship (Sheppard Lecture Session 1) *Fellowship Hall*
10:15 am Sheppard Lecture Session 2 (brunch) *Fellowship Hall*
11:15 am Traditional Worship (Sheppard Lecture Session 3) *Sanctuary*
4:00 pm Youth Ensemble *Sanctuary*
5:00 pm The Calling *3rd Floor*
5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili) *Fellowship Hall*
8:00 pm College and Young Adults: Bonfire *the McEntyre home*

Monday, October 19

- 9:00 am Senior Yoga *Parlor*

Tuesday, October 20

- 2:00 pm Communion Service *The Terrace*

Wednesday, October 21

- 5:30 pm Missions Team Meeting *2nd Floor Conference Room*
5:30 pm Psalm Players *Sanctuary*
6:30 pm Chancel Bells *Sanctuary*
7:30 pm Chancel Choir *Sanctuary*

Week At-A-Glance

Thursday, October 22

- 6:30 pm Conservatory Chamber Players Concert *Sanctuary*
6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, October 24

- meet at FBC for Fellowship Adventures - Paris Trip

Sunday, October 25

- 9:15 am Awakening Worship *Fellowship Hall*
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups *Various Classrooms*
11:15 am Traditional Worship *Sanctuary*
3:00 pm Afternoon at the Farm *Bay Farm*
5:00 pm African Worship (in Swahili) *Fellowship Hall*

The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Trish Blair,
in honor of Virginia Eden's birthday.

**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.**

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.

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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In Unity We Lift Our Song

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The Feast of Charity

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