



First Baptist Church
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*The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."
Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."*

Our Worship of God

October 25, 2015

11:15 am

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

Greeting

Michael McEntyre

Prelude

St. Michael Antiphonies

Cooman

Call to Worship (responsive)

Lord Jesus,
Bartimaeus shouted when he heard you coming,
sprang up, cast away his cloak and ran to you,
asked you only for what he needed,
his sight.

*And when you restored him,
immediately, he followed you.*

We give thanks for the people
who hear and wait for us,
who do not flinch at our humanity,
who do not turn away from our vulnerability,
*who really see us with the eyes of love,
the different way of seeing.*

May we too see in a different way
not just the condition of people but their capabilities
not just what they need but what they can offer
not just as labels but as lovable and loving people.

*Help us to learn from those who know their need of God,
and to follow with their faith.*

†Processional Hymn 532

Be Thou My Vision

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

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

*God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our world,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when we will all dwell together
in communities of kindness and love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Restore our sight, that we may
find peace and love in the mercys
of our Savior. 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.*

Anthem

*Open my eyes and I shall see;
incline my heart and I shall desire;
order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of your commandments.*

O God, be my only Lord,

*and beside you let there be none else,
no other, none else with you.*

*Teach me to worship you
and serve you in all my undertakings
with truth of spirit, with honor of body,
with blessing of mouth,
with blessing of mouth
both in public and private.*

*Open my eyes and I shall see;
incline my heart and I shall desire;
order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of your commandments.
Amen.*

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, I am blind —
for I am afraid.

Lord, I am blind —
for I do not want to see.

You promise to heal the blind —
and that terrifies me.

I have seen the light —
and I want to close my eyes.

I ask you to bless me,
but I fear being made whole.

Meditation on Mark 10:46-52

Scripture Reading

Dave Bennett

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Silent Meditation

Refrain

Come and bring light to a peo - ple in dark - ness.

Come set us free from the chains we have made.

We are your peo - ple, the flock that you tend. Lord,

o - pen our eyes once a - gain.

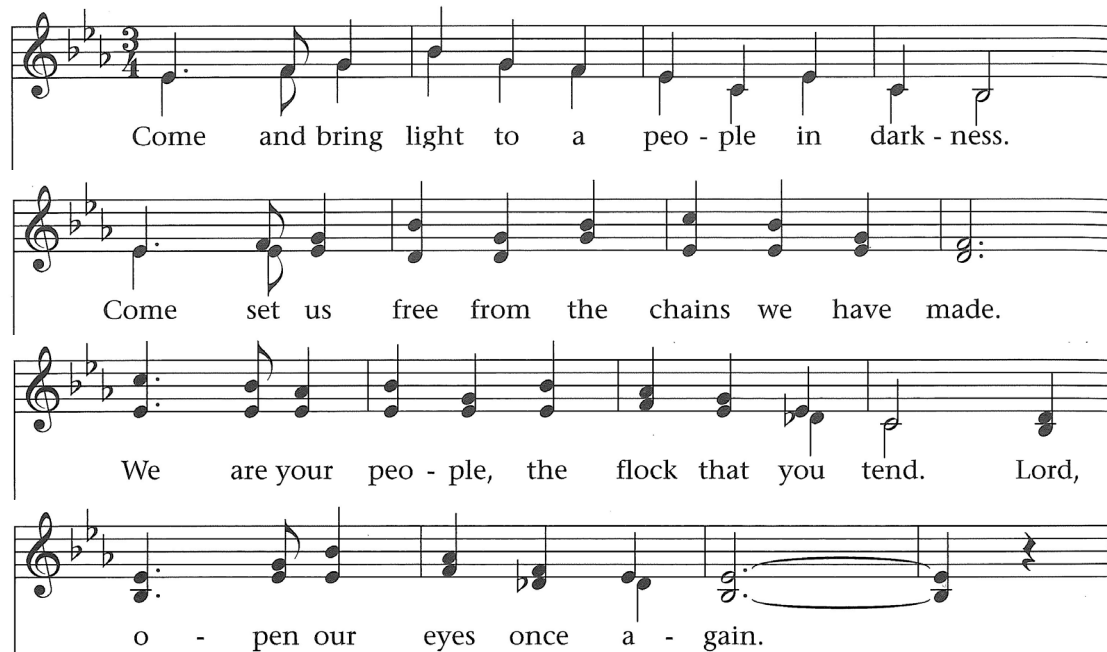
“Lord, let me see.”

Reading Two

Carol McEntyre

(As the text is slowly read again, focus on a word or phrase that attracts, touches, or even disturbs you. Meditate on the word or phrase you selected.)

Refrain



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Come set us free from the chains we have made.

We are your peo - ple, the flock that you tend. Lord,

o - pen our eyes once a - gain.

“Lord, let me see.”

Reading Three

Michael McEntyre

(As the text is read again, think about how the text connects to your life. How does it speak to what is happening at home, at work, in your leisure time, in our community, or in the world?)

Refrain

“Lord, let me see.”

Special Music

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Men’s Ensemble

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Hymn of Commitment 568

Take My Life

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Psalm Players — Deb Carr, piano

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

Prelude: The prelude this morning is a commissioned gift to Dr. JanEl Will, Colleen Ostercamp’s sister, from the choirs at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA (celebrating its 300th year). JanEl celebrates her 20th year as organist for that congregation.

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Announcements

Afternoon at the Farm

Join us for an afternoon of activities, fellowship, and terrific food
today, at 3:00 pm.

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*

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!

Announcements

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Be sure to set your clocks one hour back!

Dolls for Nicaragua - Missions

A doll making session is scheduled for Sunday, **November 1**, following Traditional Service, in the second floor conference room. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

Week At-A-Glance

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

Monday, October 26

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9:00 am Senior Yoga	Parlor

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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Friday, October 30

6:15 CDC and FBC Children's Halloween Party	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, November 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups	Fellowship Hall
11:15 am Traditional Worship	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	3rd Floor

The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Khaki Westerfield,
honoring daughter Carrie'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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