



RISK SOMETHING FOR GOD



MARK 8:34-35

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,
will save it.

Our Worship of God

January 24, 2016

11:15 am

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

— Risky Business —

Greeting Michael McEntyre

Prelude Arioso Bach

Call to Worship (unison) based on Matthew 13:1-9

*O God,
We gather together in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You,
eager to hear Your Word.*

*Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning
fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest
of good words and deeds.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and our Lord.
Amen.*

†Processional Hymn 379

For the Fruit of All Creation

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

†Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Michael McEntyre

Lord Jesus Christ,
we remember with gratitude those people
who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

Silence, for a time of reflection.

Above all we recognize how you have blessed our lives
with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has
miraculously and mysteriously grown.

*We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves
in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others;
the times when our personal agendas
become more important than yours;
the times when we have denied others
the opportunity to expand their faith
through our lack of interest or involvement;
the times when our lives become
so entangled with the values of the world
that we forget what you have said and done and promised.*

Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you,
our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted
and dry.

Bless and renew our lives, we pray,

*so that we may remain connected to you at all times and in all places,
strengthening our faith to expand and to bear the fruit of your mercy,
your love, your undying life. Amen.*

†Passing of the Peace

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

Anthem

Lord of the Dance

Carter/Hart

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on a Friday and they sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

Gospel Reading (responsive)

Nathan Little and Colleen Ostercamp

Mark 4:1-20

He went back to teaching by the sea. A crowd built up to such a great size that he had to get into an offshore boat, using the boat as a pulpit as the people pushed to the water's edge. He taught by using stories, many stories.

“Listen. What do you make of this?”

A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled among the weeds and nothing came of it. Some fell on good earth and came up with a flourish, producing a harvest exceeding his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

When they were off by themselves, those who were close to him, along with the Twelve, asked about the stories. He told them,

“You’ve been given insight into God’s kingdom — you know how it works. But to those who can’t see it yet, everything comes in stories, creating readiness, nudging them toward receptive insight. These are people— Whose eyes are open but don’t see a thing, Whose ears are open but don’t understand a word, Who avoid making an about-face and getting forgiven.”

Jesus continued,

“Do you see how this story works? All my stories work this way.

“The farmer plants the Word. Some people are like the seed that falls on the hardened soil of the road. No sooner do they hear the Word than Satan snatches away what has been planted in them.

“And some are like the seed that lands in the gravel. When they first hear the Word, they respond with great enthusiasm. But there is such shallow soil of character that when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds represents the ones who hear the kingdom news but are overwhelmed with worries about all the things they have to do and all the things they want to get. The stress strangles what they heard, and nothing comes of it.

“But the seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

Prayer (responsive)

The seed of Your kingdom is forever being sown into our lives, our world, O God.
But it doesn’t always take root.
Sometimes it fails to find a place to grow.

Silent Prayer

And so we pray...

For ourselves and others when life makes us hard and resistant like a well-trodden path where old habits, old systems and old patterns of thinking keep your message from growing;

For ourselves and others when we become so immersed in the short-lived, shallow, rock-hiding soil of the moment where Your life too easily gets blown away by the wind;

For ourselves and others when our fears, insecurities, desires and self-absorption tangle like thorns around Your grace and choke it into silence.

†Hymn 678

In the Bulb

Message

Carol McEntyre

†Offertory Prayer (unison)

*Maker of the fields, forests, and streams,
Your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the movement of your Spirit over our waters,
at our tables, and among our gatherings,
help us to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your gifts,
extend our table to the stranger,
and care for the land and water we share on this good earth,
through Jesus Christ, the fruitful vine,
our living water, and our bread of life. Amen.*

Offertory I Will Live so God Can Use Me Spiritual/
arr. Taylor

†Benediction Sung to ASH GROVE

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

Postlude

- **Prayer of Confession.** Written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. Inspired by Mark 4:26-35, Matthew 13:31-32.
 - **Lord of the Dance.** Words by Sydney Carter. 19th Century Shaker tune adapted by Sydney Carter. ©1963. Choral setting by Don Hart. ©1999 by Stainer & Bell Ltd. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-707314. Used by permission.
 - **Prayer.** "The Seed Of Your Kingdom" written by John van de Laar ©2008 Sacredise.
 - **Offertory Prayer.** Written by Ben Steward, and posted on the Web of Creation website.
 - **Benediction.** Words by Omer Westendorf, 1964, alt.
- *Thanks to Mary Beth Ming for her music leadership this morning.*

Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 24

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting
Youth Suite

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)
Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults
Meet at Lazer Lanes

Monday, January 25

9:00 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study
Parlor

Tuesday, January 26

5:30 pm Widening Our Welcome Celebration Dinner
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 27

6:00 pm Financial Peace University
Fellowship Hall

Week At-A-Glance

Wednesday, January 27, cont.

6:30 pm Chancel Bells
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Sanctuary

Thursday, January 28

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 29

5:30 pm Fellowship Adventures
dinner at Kobe

Sunday, January 31

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble
Sanctuary

5:00 - 7:00 pm The Calling
Pottery project (meet at First Baptist)

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili)
Fellowship Hall

7:30 - 9:30 pm College and Young Adults
Pottery project (meet at First Baptist)

Announcements

Student Ministry

There will be an important Youth Parent Meeting on **January 24** in the youth suite on the 3rd floor at **4:00 pm** following the Town Hall meeting. We will discuss the upcoming semester, our annual youth-led Easter Son-rise service, several activities, and our summer plans (including camp). Please make every effort to attend.

College and Young Adult Bible Study

On **January 24, we will meet at Lazer Lanes (8:00-10:00pm)** for bowling and laser tag. The cost is only \$5 for the night (including pizza). As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia or RSVP on our College/ Young Adult Facebook page. Looking forward to a great semester.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning **Monday, January 25 at 1:00 pm**, in the parlor, First Baptist will offer a 12-week overview of the Bible, our sacred Scriptures, as we have received them. This study will be taught by David Gifford, new First Baptist church member. We will consider the texts in their original oral as well as written settings with some discussion of the ancient world of the Bible. We will note the conversations occurring between the different writers & texts as they struggle to understand the God who claims them for His own people.

Announcements

Widening Our Welcome Dinner

On **Tuesday, January 26, at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to come and talk about Widening Our Welcome, to affirm the process, to reflect on the welcome statement that will be added to the First Baptist website and to discuss how we move forward as a church where all are welcomed and included in the body of Christ. Child care will be provided and dinner will be available for \$5.00 per person. Please make your reservations for dinner by contacting Madison Reynolds, Administrative Assistant, at churchinfo@fbc-columiba.org.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at First Baptist, will be offered Wednesday evenings beginning **January 27 from 6-7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The class lasts for 9 weeks. Class materials are \$102.30, which includes shipping. For more information or to sign up email Amanda Stone at Amanda@jacobsrealty.com or call her at 573-239-2777.

Fellowship Adventures

Fellowship Adventures: opportunities for the First Baptist family to gather for fun and fellowship! During January, our adventure will be dinner at Kobe's on **January 29 at 5:30 pm**. It is always fun to sit around a hot grill in the middle of winter and have food thrown at you! We need to have RSVP's by January 27 as tables are limited and we will need to reserve them ahead. Meal prices are \$16.00 and up, per person. Contact Paula Thomas, Fellowship Chair, at paulalou52@gmail.com with questions, and to RSVP.

Announcements

New Sunday Morning Small Group

We are kicking off a discussion/support group for young adults on **Sunday, January 31**. We will gather around the fireplace in the Fellowship Hall after the Awakening Service (approximately 9:50 am) and begin this new journey. Randy and Sherry Wyatt are looking forward to meeting with you, learning more about you and growing with you in life and in spirit.

Ann Judson Christian Action Circle Meeting

This group of women meet on the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. to talk about ways to promote mission work, hear from guest speakers and walk through life together. During the next two meetings (**February 4, and March 3**) we will join together in the 2nd floor conference room to roll bandages.

College/ Young Adult Retreat February 5-7

Join us for a spiritual retreat at the beautiful Windermere Conference Center. It's a space for college students and young adults to meet new people, renew focus, and draw closer to God. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia or RSVP on our College/ Young Adult Facebook page.

Volunteer Now for Room At The Inn

You don't have to wait until February to help with Room at the Inn- sign up today! Visit <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times and to find out how to help. All volunteers are asked to attend at least one training session before serving. Room at the Inn is a winter shelter designed to provide a warm place to sleep for those in need from 7:00pm- 7:00am through March 4th.

Announcements

Lenten Art Project

Prior to Ash Wednesday, we are making available a series of crosses for anyone interested in coloring. These crosses will be a part of our Lenten worship this year. Paper will be at the entrances to our worship spaces. Take one, or more, color them, and return by Sunday, February 7.

***Join us for our Ash Wednesday
Worship Service: February 10, 6:00 pm***

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Should snow, ice, or other inclement weather fall on the weekend, Sunday morning Awakening Worship and Small Groups will be canceled; we will join together in one combined 11:15 am worship service. On the weekdays, our policy is to cancel all events if Columbia Public Schools are canceled. Notification will be made on the church facebook page, or at these local media stations: KFRU (1400 AM), KPLA (101.5 FM) Zimmer Radio Groups, KOMU-TV8, and KMIZ-TV17. We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

You're Invited

Chandler Wyatt, Eagle Scout Court of Honor: You are cordially invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chandler Wyatt. Monday, January 25, 2016. 7pm at St Andrews Lutheran Church, 914 West Boulevard, S. Columbia Mo.

11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening worship 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 our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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