



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

September 25, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

Jesus Loves Me

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Colleen Ostercamp, Organist

arr. Behnke

†Call to Worship (unison)

God, who can turn our worries into wings of joys and our sorrows into songs of thanks, let not our hearts be so troubled by the tragedies of this life's moment that we lose sight of the eternal life in Your Kingdom. Give comfort and solace to our brothers and sisters who suffer almost unbearable losses every second, minute, and hour in our nation and world. Strengthen our resolve to replace hatred with love, tension with trust, and selfishness with caring and community. Heal, O God, all our children so that those who hate and those who are hated, those who hurt and those who are hurt, may grow up in a world of peace, opportunity, and justice. Amen.

†Processional Hymn #353

For the Beauty of the Earth

Stanzas 1-4

(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.*

Scripture Reading

Deb Carr

Song of Solomon 1:1-4, 9-15

The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine, your anointing oils are fragrant, your name is perfume poured out; therefore the maidens love you. Draw me after you, let us make haste.

The king has brought me into his chambers. We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots. Your cheeks are comely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels. We will make you ornaments of gold, studded with silver. While the king was on his couch, my nard gave forth its fragrance. My beloved is to me a bag of myrrh that lies between my breasts. My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms in the vineyards of En-gedi.

Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly lovely.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer (responsive)

Carol McEntyre

We are committed to the spiritual, emotional and physical health of all people.

We seek to develop the wisdom, values and morality that promote our sexual well-being.

Sexuality is God's life-giving and life-fulfilling gift.

We celebrate our sexuality as central to our humanity and as integral to our spirituality.

We suffer because of the pain, brokenness, oppression and loss of meaning that too many experience about their sexuality.

We celebrate the goodness of creation, our bodies and our sexuality.

We suffer when this sacred gift is abused or exploited.

We celebrate sexuality that expresses love, justice, mutuality, commitment, consent and pleasure.

We suffer when our young people struggle in a culture that models sexuality without responsibility. They need to know there is a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

With God's help we will not leave anyone alone on this journey.

We suffer when our children are exploited, abused and molested.

O God, we thank you for the treasure of children in our midst: Watch over them as they learn and play; keep them safe from harm; fill them with wisdom; defend them from all evil; help us to meet their needs, and O God, hold us all in the palm of your loving hand.

We suffer with those who struggle to recover from the memories, pain and hurt of their own abuse.

We celebrate when the abundance of God's love and the support of loving friends, helps to heal wounds, reclaim trust and restore love.

We suffer when there is discrimination against anyone because of sex, gender, color, age, bodily condition, marital status or sexual orientation.

We celebrate when we are truth seeking, courageous and just.

As people of faith, we pledge to affirm the goodness of creation, our bodies, and our sexuality.

God rejoices when we celebrate our sexuality with holiness and integrity. May we lead lives full of understanding, respect and responsibility. Amen.

Hymn #27

Sacred the Body

Stanza 1 Solo; Stanzas 2-4 all



1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,



tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.



Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,



Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

Prayer for Our Children

Ed Rollins

Anthem

He's Got the Whole World

arr. Hayes

Pianists, Deb Carr and Colleen Ostercamp

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got all the world's children in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got peace for the nations in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Message

LeAnn Gardner

Prayer (Unison)

God, help us as we live in a dynamic, growing relationship with our children as they teach us while we teach them. May we be good stewards of this oh so brief time, in which we prepare to launch them into adulthood. May they not only see their own bodies as good, but help them to see all of humanity through a lens of dignity and respect. We pray they find intimate relationship with another human being as one of God's greatest gifts. May we be satisfied with the "micro victories" that we have throughout each day and week, which will amount to the currency that will enable us to send out equipped, healthy, humble and resilient people into a hurting world. Give us the grace to humbly accept that we are not perfect and that our children do not demand perfection, they desire authentic presence. We acknowledge that simply showing up with love and acceptance is an act of courage and we pray that you will give us the strength to be brave with our most precious of gifts. With God's help, may it be so. Amen.

†Hymn of Commitment #522

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Praise Him, Praise Him / Jesus Loves Me

arr. Held

†Benediction

Postlude

Worship Notes

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About our speaker...

Today’s speaker, LeAnn Gardner, LISW-CP, MDiv, is a licensed clinical social worker and an ordained minister. She received a Master of Social Work degree from Baylor University and a Master of Divinity from Truett Seminary. She began her career as a frontline Child Protective Services worker in Waco, Texas before serving in a local church as Associate Pastor.

She then taught Master's level social work students at Baylor for two years on campus, before moving home to Charleston, SC. In Charleston, she began working at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center as a therapist, conducting forensic interviews as well as helping children heal from their traumatic experiences through therapy. She continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member with the Garland School of Social Work at Baylor and has helped to pioneer their distance learning program.

Her passions include finding the intersection between faith and social work issues, particularly how people find resilience and healing through their faith after a traumatic event occurs. She also enjoys helping parents navigate 21st century issues with their children, with special attention to sexual development, using intuition as a protective factor; helping establish healthy communication patterns between parents and their children; and helping to mobilize a community of trusted adults to share in the privileged (and daunting) task of loving and rearing children. She is also the parent of two small children.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 25

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

6-8 pm College/Young Adult
SAFE Self-Defense

Meet at Hockman's ATA at 6pm

Monday, September 26

2-3:30 pm David Gifford's Bible Study
Conference Room

Tuesday, September 27

5:30-7:30 Church Council Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, September 28

6:15 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
3rd Floor Youth Suite

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 29

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship
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Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

Notes:

Announcements

It's a Celebration! To honor Colleen Ostercamp's 25 years as our organist, please plan to attend the recital on Saturday, October 8th at 1 p.m. followed by a tea; and the catered lunch following Traditional Worship on Sunday Oct. 9th. Please RSVP for the luncheon by noting it on the attendance sheet and placing it in the collection plate; by returning the RSVP if you received a printed invitation; or by calling or emailing the church no later than Thursday, Oct. 7th.

The Child Development Center at First Baptist is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday October 28. First Baptist families are invited to come out and join the fun. All children are welcome to come in costume, but please nothing scary, and no weapons. Two-Five year olds will party in the Fellowship Hall. Supervised activities will be provided on the 3rd floor for children in 1st grade and up.

Join us for Afternoon at the Farm, Sunday October 30, at Park and Marjorie Bay's farm right outside Columbia. It is a fun filled afternoon of hayrides, food, and Trunk n' Treat for children. Directions to the farm and other details will be published as the date approaches.

The Odyssey Chamber Music Series and First Baptist Church present
Chanticleer in Concert!



With its seamless blend of twelve male voices, Chanticleer is world-renowned as “an orchestra of voices,” and for its original interpretations of music from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music.

Plan now to attend!

Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.
Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased in the office
or on line at www.odysseymissouri.org.



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.

The flowers are given by Ray and Jane Smith.

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.

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 conference on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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 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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