



Our Worship of God

November 6, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

*We come convinced of many things
but trusting very few.
Holy God of limitless surprises,
meet us here
in this place
as we touch that which we cannot see
that which we have not dared to hope.*

Prelude

The Rejoicing

Callahan

Call to Worship (responsive)

For the gift of faith which sees beyond the present moment and looks to an eternity,

we thank you.

For the gift of faith small as a mustard seed, which has power within its simplicity,


we thank you.

For the gift of faith bestowed on those who would simply come, hearts open in humility,


we thank you. Amen.

†Proclamation Hymn


Faith Is the Victory



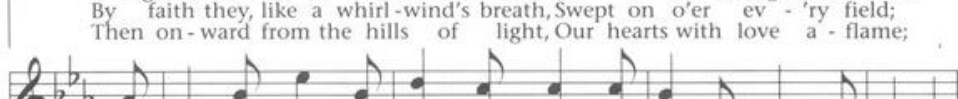
1. En-camped a-long the hills of light, Ye Chris-tian sol-diers, rise,
2. His ban-ner o-ver us is love, Our sword the Word of God;
3. To him who o-ver-comes the foe White rai-ment shall be giv'n;



And press the bat-tle ere the night Shall veil the glow-ing skies.
We tread the road the saints a-bove With shouts of tri-umph trod.
Be-fore the an-gels he shall know His name con-fessed in heav'n.



A- gainst the foe in vales be-low, Let all our strength be hurled;
By faith they, like a whirl-wind's breath, Swept on o'er ev-'ry field;
Then on-ward from the hills of light, Our hearts with love a-flame;



Faith is the vic-to-ry, we know, That o-ver-comes the world.
The faith by which they con-quered death Is still our shin-ing shield.
We'll van-quish all the hosts of night, In Je-sus' con-q'ring name.



Faith is the vic-to-ry! Faith is the vic-to-ry!
Faith is the vic-to-ry! Faith is the vic-to-ry!



Oh, glo-ri-ous vic-to-ry That o-ver-comes the world.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Missions Moment

Rev. Muriel Johnson

Prayer for Our Nation (Unison)

Merciful and loving God, as we prepare for this week's elections, send the light of your Spirit into the hearts of all in our nation. Bring peace and hope wherever there is confusion, discord and apathy. Awaken in us a strong desire to work for the common good of all peoples, especially the most vulnerable in our world. Enable us to differ and to dialogue with reverence and respect for one another. Pour out on us a spirit of wisdom and discernment to help us choose government officials who will lead our country in the path of truth, justice, and peace. We pray this in the name of the Risen Christ, who is always with us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Janet Deneke

Hebrews 11:1-7

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† Hymn

Faith Begins by Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en-dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma-tures by reach-ing out, stretch-ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,
tak - ing risks and press-ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom-ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar-ing strug-gles, liv - ing prayer, bind-ing up the bro - ken parts;
pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust-ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

† Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Sinfonia #15

J.S. Bach

Message

“Now Faith”

Rev. Muriel Johnson

Preparation for Communion

This Gift Is Free

Chancel Choir

*Come to the waters all who are thirsty.
O come and drink. This gift is free.
Come to the table all who are hungry.
O come and feast. This gift is free.
Come to the tree of life laden with fruit for you.
O come and taste. This gift is free.
Come to the banquet hall. A place is set for you.
O come and sit awhile. This gift is free.
Why do you buy food which cannot feed the soul?
Or labor on for that which will not make you whole?
Come unto me and taste the food I give.
Come unto me so that your soul may live.*

*Come to the waters all who are thirsty.
O come and drink. This gift is free.
Come to the table all who are hungry.
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Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared

†Hymn of Commitment

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Sung to Azmon

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

†Benediction

Postlude

My Notes...

Worship Notes

The Invitation to Worship was written by Katherine Hawker for the Evangelical United Church of Christ, posted on Liturgies Outside, <http://liturgyoutside.net/CPr14.html>.

The Call to Worship was written by John Birch, posted on his Faith and Worship website, <http://www.faithandworship.com>.

Today's reader, Janet Deneke, is a lifelong Mid-Missourian. She worked in IT at Mizzou for a number of years before giving 10 years of service as a United Methodist Pastor. She briefly returned to the University in International Programs, then retired and came to work for this church as the Administrative Assistant.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 6

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

3rd Floor

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult

Bible Study

3rd Floor Youth Suite

Monday, November 7

1:30-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

5:30-6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Conference Room

Wednesday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 13

9:15 am Combined Worship, Business Meeting, and Brunch

Fellowship Hall

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

3rd Floor

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult

Bible Study

3rd Floor Youth Suite

Sanctuary

Announcements

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Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Next Sunday, November 13

Awakening and traditional worship services will join together on November 13th at the 9:15 am hour, utilizing elements from both services. Brunch and business meeting will follow worship, also in the Fellowship Hall. First Kids (children's Sunday School) will meet at 10:15 as usual.

First Baptist Adventures

Our next outing is to the Museum of Art and Archaeology at Mizzou North. To accommodate those who work through the week, this trip will be on Saturday, November 12, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. We will meet at Mizzou North, and afterwards we will enjoy dinner at Cheddar's. Please RSVP to the church office via phone (442-11149) or email (churchinfo@fbc-columbia.org) by November 10th if you plan to come.

Reserve Your Spot for the Ski Trip

Turn in your \$50 deposit (per person) now to ensure you have a spot for the First Baptist ski trip March 26 – April 1, 2017. For this Spring Break adventure to Winter Park CO, we plan to leave Sunday afternoon to drive to Ottumwa IA to catch the California Zephyr (Amtrak) to Fraser CO. Our group will stay in at the beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch in a 7-bedroom cabin that sleeps 25.

The Ranch has a variety of free activities available for all ages (including a heated pool with climbing wall and slide, sledding and tubing, and ice skating) as well as a shuttle that will take us to the slopes each morning and pick us up at the end of the day. Winter Park offers incredible trails for everyone from beginners to experts and offers ski school (additional cost) for newbies. You can turn in your deposit between now and Nov 20th.

We are estimating the cost for travel, lodging, lift tickets, equipment rentals, and some meals to be:

\$600 for ages 13 and up

\$500 for 12 and below

\$400 for non-skiers

(meals while traveling, cost of skiing, and dinners out are not included in the estimate).

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Support the American Baptist World Mission Offering

Through November, every dollar you give has the potential to be QUADRUPLED!

First Baptist Church is proud to partner with American Baptist Churches-USA to support missions work and relief efforts around the world.

Throughout the first four weeks of November, our congregation will have the opportunity to support these efforts by giving financially to the World Mission Offering.

First Baptist will match the first \$1000 given, dollar for dollar. Because of a matching grant given to the American Baptist, the World Mission Offering will double the total amount of money First Baptist can raise. That means if you give \$25, the World Mission Offering will receive \$100. If we are able to give as much as we did last year, that will be over \$8000 raised for ABC missions! Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church. Please be sure to put ABC Missions Offering in the memo line and/or place it in one of the special missions offering envelopes. We hope you will give generously to support the work of the American Baptist Church throughout the world and take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Thank you,
Ross Kasmann
Chair of the Serving Team

What's in a name?

Our Advent theme this year is "What's in a Name?" Isaiah 9.6 describes the coming Christ-child who will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Even as we examine Jesus' royal titles, we will consider our own names. How did you get your name? Is there a funny tale about your name? We would like to share your stories around the church; please send them, along with a photo of yourself, to Pastor Carol McEntyre at mcentyre@fbc-columbia.org.



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

*For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers
Awakening Contemporary Worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.*

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

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 which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

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.

Church Staff

Carol McEntyre, Senior Pastor † Ed Rollins, Associate Pastor

Michael McEntyre, Associate Pastor of Youth, College and young Adults, and Missions

Yvette Chambers, Director of Children's Ministry

Alex Bennett, Awakening Worship Coordinator † Colleen Ostercamp, Pianist and Organist

Janet Deneke, Admin. Assistant † Brenda Rice, Project Coordinator

†Bethany James, Nursery Director †Glenn Owings, Custodian