



*Give Thanks to the
Lord*



Our Worship of God

November 20, 2016

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

Prelude

Hymn to Joy
Chancel Bells and Organ

arr. Keller

Call to Worship (responsive)

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully!

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors.

Thank you, God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the companionship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.

Thank you, God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures.

Thank you, God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness.

Thank you, God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows.

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing.

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our ills; for preserving us in temptation and danger.

Thank you, God.

For the community into which we have been called and for our life together.

Thank you, God.

For your Spirit who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship.

Thank you, God.

We praise and thank you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. God's love is everlasting!

†Proclamation Hymn 60

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Thanksgiving Confession (unison)

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

Time of silent prayer

God is a gracious Giver.

God is gracious in forgiveness.

God calls us to new patterns and new life.

We are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Music

God of the Universe
Bria Jones, Conductor

arr. Christopherson

*God of the universe, Mighty Creator,
Maker of all things good, thank you for life!
God, holy Three-in-One, Spirit, Creator, Son,
Breathe into us your love, breathe into us your love.*

*Jesus the Saving One, born in a stable,
Born to be God-with-us, You are the Light.
God, holy Three-in-One, Spirit, Creator, Son.
Breathe into us your love, fill us with your love.*

Scripture Reading

Kee Groshong

Philippians 4:4-20

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

What do you wish you could be thankful for?

Is there anything in those situations that you can be thankful for?

†Hymn 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Anthem

How Excellent Thy Name

Handel

Deb Carr and Colleen Ostercamp, pianists

How excellent, how excellent Thy name, O Lord,

In all the world is known!

Above all heav'ns, O King ador'd,

How hast Thou set Thy glorious throne.

Message

Gratitude as an Act of Worship

Carol McEntyre

Giving Thanks

Hymn 53

Let All Things Now Living

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Fantasy on English Folksongs

arr. Milford

Psalm Players

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Karg-Elert

Worship Notes

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 20

10:15 and 12:15 Christmas Tree Setup

Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

10 am-Noon Advent Setup

Sanctuary – use Waugh St. door

1:30-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

6-8 pm Advent Setup

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 23

9 am-Noon Advent Setup

Fellowship Hall

No rehearsals for Psalm Players,

Chancel Bells or Chancel Choir

No Youth Meeting Tonight

Thursday-Friday,

November 24-25

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent –

Hanging of the Green

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music

Sanctuary

5:30-7 pm College/Young Adult

Bible Study

3rd Floor Youth Suite

Announcements

Reserve Your Spot for the Ski Trip

If you hope to go on the ski trip to Winter Park the last week of March, reservations are due now; please turn your deposit of \$50 per person. Details for the trip, including activities, costs and dates, are in the October 26th Spire on our website (fbc-columbia.org), or you can call the office.

Support the American Baptist World Mission Offering

This is the final week to partner with American Baptist Churches-USA in support of missions work and relief efforts around the world. Our gifts to the World Mission Offering are multiplied – First Baptist will match the first \$1000 given dollar for dollar; and through a matching grant given to American Baptist, the World Mission Offering will double the total amount raised at First Baptist – so your \$25 gift may become a \$100 blessing! To give: make checks out to First Baptist Church with “ABC Missions Offering” in the memo line.

Residency Dinner

On Tuesday, November 29, 5:30 pm, you are invited to come hear more about the proposed Pastoral Residency, which First Baptist’s Serving Team is hoping to launch in 2017. We will hear from George Mason, the pastor at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, who has shepherded a residency program at Wilshire for 20 years; and from Jason Edwards, the pastor at 2nd Baptist Liberty, MO, who was a resident at Wilshire. Make your reservations for dinner by calling the church office at (573) 442-1149 or emailing Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org. Cost is \$5.

Holiday Parade

The Child Development Center will be participating in the Holiday Parade Sunday, November 20. The parade starts at 3 pm. Join us on the front lawn to cheer them on.

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.

Advent Begins November 27

Sunday, November 29th, we celebrate the beginning of Advent with our annual Hanging of the Green. During both the 9:15 and 11:15 am worship services, we will decorate our worship spaces for the Advent/Christmas season. Plan now to be in worship for this wonderful and festive time.

Speaking of Advent...

Here is an abbreviated calendar of events, from preparation for Advent through Christmas worship.

- ♦ Tree Set -up – Today, immediately following both services
- ♦ Advent Set-up – Monday, November 21, 10-12 and 6 pm-8pm.
Wednesday, November 23, 9am-12
- ♦ Hanging of the Green – Sunday, November 27 during worship services
- ♦ Annual Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm
- ♦ Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 11 pm
- ♦ Christmas Day Worship – Sunday, December 25 – 11:15 am

For full details, please see the November 9th Spire, and watch future bulletin announcements.

Let Good Things Run Wild

“Let Good Things Run Wild” was our theme for Commitment Sunday on November 13, a day when, as an act of worship, individuals and families turned in commitment cards that represent their intended financial support to God’s mission and ministry through First Baptist Church for 2017. Our theme this year reminds us that when good things are done in the name of God, there is wonderful potential for goodness to run wild. If you didn’t get a chance to turn in your card, you can still do so by putting it in the offering plate or turning it in to the church office.

Voluntary Action Center Families

First Baptist Church will be participating in the VAC Holiday sponsor program this year. We have chosen to sponsor 3 families! Look for the First Baptist Church giving tree on the bulletin board outside the CDC hallway beginning Sunday, November 20th. Choose an item you would like to donate, sign your name on the list then go shopping! You can return your presents any time before December 11th. We are also accepting gifts of money and wrapping paper. On Sunday evening, December 11th we will have a wrapping presents at the church Christmas party. Contact Janet Kieffer, jskieffer1969@gmail.com with any questions.

Women’s Circle Christmas Meeting

Members of the Circle and interested friends (women of the church) are invited to the annual Christmas meeting at Esther Rollins house, 4211 Fall River, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 for Christmas fellowship. Please bring one of your meaningful ornaments to share your story.

Enjoy a Child-Free Morning

As a fundraiser, the Child Development Center staff is excited to offer 3 hours for shopping, cleaning, baking, or just resting while your children enjoy activities, gym time, snacks, and lots of fun! Bring your children to the CDC on Saturday, December 3 from 8-11 am. Cost is \$10 for one child and \$5 for each additional child. If interested, please contact Debby Riley at cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org.

Christmas Cards to Lenoir Woods

Our Director of Children's Ministry, Yvette Chambers, has organized a delivery of Christmas cards from our children to residents of Lenoir Woods, 3710 S Lenoir Street. Parents and children, as well as anyone else who would like to participate, should meet in Lenoir Woods parking lot by 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Yvette at chambers@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.*

The flowers are given by Jim & Miriam Butt in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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

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