





First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

January 1, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

First Sunday after Christmas

Greeting

Ed Rollins

Invitation to Worship

Prelude

One Small Child

arr. Griffin

Call to Worship (responsive)

We thank you, O God, that you have not left us alone,

that you are always with us, that your Spirit resides within us.

We acknowledge that you have been our help in ages past,

that you are our constant guide with each new day.

that you are our hope for years to come.

In this new year, show us signs of your presence

as we talk to others,

as we meet new situations,

as we wrestle with problems,

as we encounter the outcasts;

And may the experiences we have add to our understanding of what it means to be loved by you.

Amen.

†Processional Hymn 78

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

(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.*

A New Year: Remembrances and Resolutions

Gospel Readings

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

John 4:1-15

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?”

(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to Christ.

Prayer (responsive)

God, Meet Us at the Wells

God:

meet us at the wells

where we are lonely

where we are forgotten

where we are hurt by others

and give us to drink

of the grace that brings life again

God:

speak to us in the hard places

where the sinners gather

where the prejudices are made known

where our histories are broadcast

and give us to drink

of the forgiveness that brings peace again

God:

renew all that we are and have been

fill us with a new future this year

inspire us with recreation

lead us into resurrection

and give us to drink

from the promise of heaven. Amen.

†Offertory Sentence (unison)

As you received the tears of Mary Magdalene, the hospitality of Zacchaeus, and small coins from the widow, accept our gifts and make them holy. Give us your heavenly food, and make us worthy to be your servants. Amen.

Offertory

Petite Noel

arr. Simone

Message

Open Your Hearts to Everyone

Ed Rollins

Gathering at the Table of Our Lord

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread Broken, the Cup Shared

Noël Languedogien (Communion) - Guilmont

Colleen Ostercamp, Organ

†Hymn of Commitment 437

Help Us Accept Each Other
Sung to LANCASHIRE

†Benediction

We Will Walk with God

We will walk with God, to - geth - er, we will walk with God,
we will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come,
we will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Postlude

Worship Notes

“God, Meet Us at the Wells” was written by Roddy Hamilton and is posted on Mucky Paws (<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>).

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Following worship there will be a time of undecorating the worship space. If you can spend a few minutes helping, please meet at the Christmas trees.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 1

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 4

**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, January 5

1-2 pm Circle Meeting

Parlor

Sunday, January 8

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4-4:50 pm Children’s Music

Sanctuary

Announcements

Teaching Team Book Discussions

Remember that fantastic book you read during the summer and have been waiting patiently to discuss? The Teaching Team is hosting discussion sessions in the coming year. The first is Saturday, January 14, 10 am-noon in the Parlor. Kim Siegenthaler will facilitate a discussion on “Daring Greatly” by Brene Brown. If you have already read the book, please take time to give it a quick review prior to the discussion session. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend, churchinto@fbc-columbia.org or 442-1149.

Sermon Discussion Group

We resume our small group discussion of recent sermons on Sunday, January 15th in the conference room following Traditional Worship.

Combined Worship and Business Meeting

Our next all-church business meeting will be Sunday, January 22. We will start the morning with a combined worship service at 9:15, followed by brunch and a business meeting.

Save the Date for Kids’ Night Out

Friday, January 27th from 6-8 pm. Kids aged 4-12 are invited to a night of music, movement, and lots of fun at Jabberwocky Studios.

We Gather Together Series

Fulfilling a long-time dream of having all ages studying the same topic for a time, on Sunday, January 29 we will begin a 5-week series on building up the church in worship. All Sunday morning small group sessions, including First Kids, as well as the sermons, will focus on this topic. If you aren’t currently participating in a Sunday Morning Small Group, we hope you will consider joining one for this series.

Room at the Inn

First Baptist is hosting Room at the Inn February 19 through March 1, 7 pm - 7 am. Volunteers should attend at least one training session – don’t wait until the last minute! See <http://www.roomattheinncomo.org/> for training times.



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

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