



Remembering Baptism





First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

January 8, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Greeting

Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Worship

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.

Prelude

Sing a New Song

Schutte/Wagner

Call to Worship (responsive)

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you

*come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.**”*

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

“This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Baptism is a visible sign of the forgiveness we have in Christ Jesus and how, in him, sins are washed away. As Acts 22:16 says, “And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.”

†Processional Hymn

In Christ Called to Worship

Text by Ruth Duck Sung to St. Denio

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

**In Christ called to worship, we offer our praise,
with thanks for the mercies that bless all our days.**

**The Spirit that searches the depth of our hearts
gives form to our longings, our hopes, and our arts.**

**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace,
and gather a people from each land and race.**

**In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.**

**Our members, one body, partake in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

**In Christ called to witness, we preach the good news
that God loves all people and frees us to choose.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

Remembering Our Baptism (unison)

The water of baptism signifies the washing away of our sin by the blood of Christ and the renewal of our lives by the Holy Spirit. It also signifies that we are buried with Christ. From this we learn that our sin has been condemned by God, that we are to hate it and to consider ourselves as having died to it. Moreover, the water of baptism signifies that we are raised with Christ. From this we learn that we are to walk with Christ in newness of life. All this tells us that God has adopted us as his children. Thus in baptism God seals the promises he gave when he made his covenant with us, calling us to put our trust for life and death in Christ our Savior, deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him in obedience and love.

Affirmation of Faith (responsive)

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
**The Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.**

In Christ's name and by his grace
**we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.**

We rejoice in God,
**maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love
which binds us to God and one another.**

Through baptism into Christ
**we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.**

In the communion of the Holy Spirit,
**we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.**

At the table of the Lord
**we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

Within the universal church,
**We receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.**

In the bonds of Christian faith
**we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.**

Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

*Baptism reminds of the new life we have in Jesus. As Romans 6:4 says,
‘Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we
too might walk in newness of life.’*

Anthem

I’ve Just Come from the Fountain

arr. Hobby

I’ve just come from the fountain, I’ve just come from the fountain,
Lord, I’ve just come from the fountain, his name’s so sweet.

O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Brother, do you love Jesus? His name’s so sweet.

(refrain)

O sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Sister, do you love Jesus? His name’s so sweet.

(refrain)

O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name’s so sweet.

(refrain)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-17

*In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

†Hymn

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Text by Ruth Duck Sung to BEACH SPRING

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.**

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

**God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Baptism symbolizes our being united with Jesus. Galatians 3:27 says, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Message

Carol McEntyre

Prayer of Remembrance

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.

In it we were buried with Christ in his death.

From it we were raised to share in his resurrection,

Through it we were reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We remember our baptism and we give thanks.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Baptism is a sign too that we are part of God's all-inclusive family, the church. Galatians 3:27 says, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

†Hymn of Commitment 477

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Young

Commission & Benediction (responsive)

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,
even when you are led into wild and hard places.
With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God.

And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love.
May Christ be beside you in times of struggle.
And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

If I Had a Thousand Voices

arr. Burkhardt

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 8

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

Monday, January 9

9-10:30 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting
Conference Room

5:30-7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Conference Room

Wednesday, January 11

6 pm The Calling for 6th-12th Grade
Lazer Lanes

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

All Rehearsals in Sanctuary

Thursday, January 12

1-2 pm Circle Meeting
Parlor

6:30-7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 14

10 am-Noon Book Discussion

1:30-3:30 pm Odyssey: Kids@Heart
Sanctuary

Sunday, January 15

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

4-4:50 pm Children's Music
Sanctuary

Announcements

The Calling @ Lazer Lanes

The Calling kicks off again Wednesday, Jan 11th with a trip to Lazer Lanes! We will meet at the church at 5:30pm to head to the facility (or you can meet us there at 6:00pm). We will start with bowling and a bit to eat before battling it out in the laser tag arena. The cost of the night is just \$5 (youth may want to bring extra money for arcade games). As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia to RSVP or sign up in the youth room.

Ann Judson Circle

The Circle meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 12 at 1 pm. Ed Rollins will give the program.

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.

Kids@Heart – A Children’s Concert: Kindness & Diversity

In collaboration with the Children’s Grove and the Columbia Youth Choir, the Odyssey Chamber Music series’ Kids@Heart concert takes a more thoughtful turn in touching upon two important issues in our society: Kindness and Diversity. Through a program featuring music, speech and visual arts, these three organizations bring awareness to our community. The concert begins at 3 pm on Saturday, January 14, and is preceded by 30 minutes of a visual storyboard featuring slides of CG Art and Photo Contest winners, and live music by pre-collegiate students.

Announcements

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.

Ski Trip Informational Meeting

For those going on the spring break ski trip, there will be an informational meeting following the combined worship and business meeting on January 22.

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.

Announcements

Games! Laser Tag! Chili Cook-off!

On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 4-6 pm, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and games, and home-made chili, well-seasoned with your competitive spirit.

Winter Weather

If snow, ice or other inclement weather occurs over the weekend and it is necessary to alter our Sunday morning worship schedule, notification will be made by email, on the First Baptist Facebook page, and at these local media stations:

- KFRU (1400 AM)
- KPLA (101.5 FM)
- KOMU-TV8
- KMIZ-TV17
- Zimmer Radio Groups

We will be listed as First Baptist Church-Columbia.

College/ Young Adult Retreat Feb. 10-12th

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. It's a pause from the hustle-and-bustle of life to find meaningful worship, engaging conversation, and new friends. Our theme is "Sharing our Stories: the art of life-giving conversations." Wanda Kidd, Collegiate Ministries Specialist for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, is the featured speaker for the event. William Jewell College Praise Team will provide worship leadership. The cost is \$20 for the weekend. Please contact Michael McEntyre (mmcentyre@fbc-columbia) to register

Sanctuary Flowers

A sign-up board for 2017 sanctuary flowers is available in the children's hallway, outside the sanctuary doors. Please indicate clearly the names of those providing the flowers, and the name(s) those in whose memory or honor the flowers are given. Our flowers are arranged by Allen's Flowers at a cost of \$40 per arrangement. Allen's will bill the giver directly. If you have a special request, please contact Allen's at 573-443-8719.



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