



First Baptist Church

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Our Worship of God

July 2, 2017

11:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

Greeting

Khaki Westerfield

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Walther

Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus said,
“Anyone who receives you, receives me,
and anyone who receives me,
receives the One who sent me.”

**We gather together in the presence of the God
who receives us with open arms,
who loves us unconditionally,
and who bids us do the same to one another.**

All are welcome here!

Let us worship God together!

†Proclamation Hymn 486

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(Please turn to face the cross as it enters)

†Prayer of Welcoming (unison)

Loving God, teach us to open our shuttered hearts
and our boarded up spirits
with bold generosity and with courageous hospitality.
Estranged and alienated so often and from so much,
sustain us in making circles of welcome out of gatherings of strangers.
Around the table of wonder, meet us in abundance,
drawing out our stories
and showing us how to weave together community
with steadfast love.
Teach us to welcome all people
with forbearance, forgiveness, gratitude, and rejoicing.
When we are cast out and wandering,
may we find welcome and compassion
that calls us back
into the ways of healing, into the ways of peace.
Help us to learn anew
how to welcome enemies, strangers, and exiles
into a life of transforming love. Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

John Adams

Matthew 10:34-42

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

†Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other
Sung to LANCASHIRE

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter’s healing art.**

**Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!**

†Offertory Sentence (unison)

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings,
that they may be used to extend your mercies to a world in need.
With these gifts we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be a part of your answer
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

Offertory

Air

Grieg/Thomas

Message

Rev. Dr. Larry Brown

Preparation for Communion (responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest;
if you are mourning and you long for comfort;
if you are struggling and you desire victory;
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior –

God welcomes you to the table in the name of Christ.

To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
and to whoever will come –

this congregation opens wide her doors

and welcomes all to the table in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The table is set, the meal prepared.
In the name of Christ,
welcome to this meal
of love, forgiveness, hope and mercy.

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

The Servant Song
Sung to BEACH SPRING

**We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey thro'.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

†Benediction

Postlude

Go Out with Joy!

McDonald

Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 2

12:15-1:30 pm Sermon Discussion Group

Conference Room

Monday, July 3

9:00 am – 10:30 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Library

Tuesday, July 4

Church office closed for holiday

Worship Notes

The Prayer of Welcoming was written by Rev. Naomi King.

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Bob Russell, our former Associate Pastor and Interim Pastor, is assisting in Communion today.

Many thanks to Khaki Westerfield for serving as liturgist during today's worship; and to Mary Beth Ming for her musical leadership this morning.

John Adams, today's scripture reader, joined First Baptist Church in early 2017 with his wife Melinda. John and Melinda were married in 2005 and have three sons, Joel, CJ and Emmett. John works for the University as a Technology Buyer and enjoys playing games in his spare time.

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Announcements

Welcome Today's Speaker – Rev. Dr. Larry Brown

In his own words:

“I am a retired Assistant Professor of Human Geography at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO and now devoting more time to storytelling. I have been storytelling for nearly thirty years. I am a co-founder and current co-president of the Mid-Missouri Organization for Storytelling (MOST) centered in Columbia, MO, former board member of the National Storytelling Network (NSN), former Chair of the Storytelling In Higher Education SIG of NSN, and a member of the National Organization of Biblical Storytellers. I tell to all ages and am known for my original Jack Tales and ghost stories, as well as personal, Christmas, and medieval stories. Oh yes, a few Chicken stories as well.

“I received a Ph.D. from the College of Education, Department of Education and Policy Analysis, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, majoring in Policy Studies. I conducted research on the radical racist religious right movement called Christian Identity. I am also a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in Sociology; received the Masters of Divinity from Christian Theology Seminary, Indianapolis; and the Masters of Arts in Geography from the University of Missouri, Columbia. In addition to teaching at MU, I taught at Stephens College and the Missouri School of Religion. I pastored congregations for thirty years in Nebraska, Indiana, and Missouri before becoming a full time professor.

“I certainly have a love of the oral tradition, storytelling, and folk music. When I am not teaching, you will find me entertaining in story and song. But whether teaching or entertaining or even preaching, the story always carries the message, and helps build the community.”

Announcements

Celebrating Glenn's Retirement July 30th

(Please note that the date has changed due to a schedule conflict.)

First Baptist's custodian for most of the last 35 years, Glenn Owings, is on his way to retirement at the end of July. To thank him for his years of service and to congratulate him on his retirement, we will recognize him in Awakening and Traditional worship services on Sunday, July 30 with a reception following Traditional worship. Expressions of thanks are welcome – if you would like to contribute to a monetary gift please send a check to First Baptist Church prior to Wednesday, July 26, or drop something in the church offering clearly labeled as “gift for Glenn.” Cards are also encouraged if you would like to say thanks in that manner.

Sunday Morning Small Group Offering: the Enneagram

Today is the first session of the summer Sunday Morning Small Group offering studying the Enneagram. Sessions run through August 27 at 10:15 am in the parlor. The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system that describes how people are wired both positively and negatively. Participants can learn about their own personalities as well as how they relate to others. Full details are in the Spire. It's not too late to join in!

Church-wide Mission Trip

Due to several conflicts in personal schedules, we have moved the Church-wide Mission Trip to the Lakota Reservation in Bridger, SD to July 29-Aug 3rd. This will also allow us to travel with 2nd Baptist in Liberty, MO once again. Projects will include some construction, fencing, and a possible video documentary project to help tell the story of the work happening in Bridger. Total cost for the trip will be \$100 per person. This fee pays for food at the site, transportation, project fees, and utilities/ accommodations. Reminder, we sleep in the church and fellowship hall on the floor. You will bring your own mattress and/or sleeping bag. Weather permitting, camping/ sleeping outside is possible. Participants are responsible for food while traveling. If this new date works for you, please contact Michael McEntyre at mmcentyre@fbc-columbia.org ASAP. Limited space is available. We look forward to what God has in store for us.

Announcements

Register now for First Kids Camp July 31st – August 2nd

Mornings at First Kids Camp will be filled with kid-friendly worship, Bible studies and games. In the afternoons, we will switch gears and have special activities and guest speakers.

Mornings are free. For children staying through the afternoon the cost is \$25 per child for all three days, payable by check (made out to First Baptist Church) or cash. Children staying for the afternoon should bring a sack lunch.

To register: You may now register on-line through First Baptist's website, fbc-columbia.org. If you prefer you may print and complete the registration form, and either mail it to the church or drop it in the box downstairs.

To volunteer: contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-Columbia.org.

Daily Schedule

- 7:30 am Early drop off for parents who work
- 9:00-Noon Worship, Bible Study, crafts, recreation
- 12:00-1:00 Sack lunch and quiet activities
- 1:30-5:30 Special activities (such as Jabberwocky Studios)

First Baptist Adventures

On Saturday, July 15th, we will enjoy a picnic at the castle at Bothwell Lodge Historic Site. Bring a dish to share and drinks for yourself. Utensils, plates, cups and ice will be provided. This is a family-friendly event with table games, three-legged races with prizes, and time to tour the castle. Please RSVP to our Fellowship Coordinator, Paula Thomas, at paulalou52@gmail.com by July 10.



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 the Zumwalts in honor of their grandchildren, Sophia & William

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.

Women's Small Group in the hospitality room off the sanctuary.

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